



Tishman Environment and Design Center

Position Availability:	03/15/2022
Title:	Postdoctoral Research Fellowship for Climate Justice
Requisition Number:	
Location	New York City
Position Type:	Full Time Faculty
Position Status:	Full-Time
Department:	SPE/Dean's Office

The [Tishman Environment and Design Center](#) invites applicants for an appointment as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Climate Justice.

The [Tishman Environment and Design Center](#) is a university-wide center housed at The New School in New York City that brings an interdisciplinary and environmental justice (EJ) approach to contemporary environmental challenges. The Center's mission is to integrate bold design, policy, and social justice approaches to tackle the climate crisis and advance environmental justice. The Center provides technical, research, and movement building support to the climate and environmental justice movements. We do this through collaborative partnerships grounded in the Jemez Principles for Democratic Organizing using community-based participatory research and critical action-oriented research methods

We are seeking a collaborative, creative scholar-activist with expertise in climate and environmental justice, policy analysis, domestic and global energy systems, and technologies. We are seeking a candidate with a deep understanding of the principles of just transition, energy democracy, environmental justice, and climate justice. The Postdoctoral Fellowship will be housed at the Tishman Center and will work directly with Principal Investigator, Dr. Ana Isabel Baptista along with a team of researchers, graduate students, faculty, and external partners. The fellow will contribute to projects with a wide range of Center partners including members of the Equitable and Just National Climate Platform, Environmental Justice Movement Fellows, and EJ organizations. This is a unique opportunity for a fellow to help shape and seed a research agenda specifically focused on the needs of our partners in the climate and environmental justice movements at a growing action-based center. This is a fast-paced work environment and we are looking for a scholar who is adaptive and responsive to the needs of our partners.

Specific activities of the Post-doctoral fellow will include: conducting research, project design, relationship building with partners, and project management. Outputs will include white papers, public presentations, analysis reports, and journal publications. The Post-doctoral fellow appointment will have no teaching responsibilities.

The 24-month postdoctoral position will be housed at The New School's Tishman Environment and Design Center. The Postdoc will be a part of a hybrid team made up of staff and faculty located in New York City and remotely



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nationwide and should be comfortable working with a diverse range of working and communication styles. This person should be comfortable and prepared to work at home with a remote team.

The New School, a private university in New York City's Greenwich Village, serves undergraduate and graduate students across a range of fields with a commitment to bringing practices in design and social research to studying issues of our time and challenging students to become engaged citizens dedicated to solving programs and contributing to the public good.

Primary Job Responsibilities

- Create evaluation criteria that can be used for examining the equity implications of a variety of energy and climate mitigation policies (federal and state-level policies)
- Create equity-oriented metrics to guide and inform environmental justice movement leaders and policy makers' decisions on climate and energy policies.
- Identify potential scale, scope, and impact (economic, environmental, cost, etc) of regenerative, community-based energy justice projects in the US
- Examine the equity implications of 'False Solutions' to climate mitigation and energy sources (i.e. carbon offsets, carbon capture and sequestration, etc.) in proposed or existing policies
- Collaborating with and guide graduate research assistants to ensure projects run smoothly and milestones are being met
- Summarize findings and publish results that are accessible to a wide audience of community members, EJ leaders, activists, and scholars, and policymakers
- Support the development of actionable recommendations based on research findings
- Develop detailed project plans to monitor and track progress. Work closely with our team members to ensure successful completion and dissemination of research findings, particularly our finance and communications teams
- Assisting Center team on diverse research focus areas including issue areas identified by EJ movement fellows and Center partners

Minimum Qualifications

- PhD in an area with expertise in energy systems and technology, climate and energy policies, environmental and climate justice, or related disciplines, with the degree completed by the start date
- Research experience at the nexus of environmental justice, climate change, energy systems, and social justice
- Collaborative, community based or action-oriented research experience

Preferred Qualifications

- Mixed methods (qualitative and quantitative) research and data analysis skills
- Demonstrated ability to translate academic or technical research into useable tools, metrics, and publications for EJ movement and policymakers
- Program design and management experience
- Prior work experience with environmental justice or climate justice organizations
- Experience working on interdisciplinary teams and/or on community-based research projects



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- Experience working with diverse stakeholder groups including community groups, government officials, policymakers, non-profit groups, etc.

Special Instructions to the Applicant

Review of applications will begin immediately and may continue until the position is filled. If interested, please send an email to Adrienne Perovich at perovica@newschool.edu with the following information:

- 1) cover letter that highlights the applicant's skills and abilities and describes the applicant's suitability for the position
- 2) curriculum vitae
- 3) short research statement related to the position
- 4) up to three representative publications (i.e. white papers, reports, articles, etc)
- 5) names and contact information of three references

Applicants may be contacted at the discretion of the search committee for additional materials.

Other Details

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Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and Queer candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

This position is grant funded and would be a 24-month position. New York Benefits and tuition waiver eligible.

For information on the University benefits package including health and retirement plans, please visit <http://www.newschool.edu/human-resources/benefits/>

Salary: \$60,000