



Postdoctoral fellowships in Social Science of Russia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Deadline to apply: February 15, 2017

The Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison invites applications for three post-doctoral research fellowships for social scientists, funded with a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The fellowships will commence in September 2017 and run through August 2018. Fellows are expected to conduct research about Russia in one or more of the five topic areas: 1) Education, labor markets, and inequality; 2) Law and society; 3) Political economy; 4) Identity, place, and migration; and 5) Demographic change. Fellows will be paired with UW-Madison faculty mentors with expertise in the appropriate topic. In addition to conducting research that will lead to scholarly publications, fellows will be expected to present their work in CREECA's lecture series, to participate actively in the intellectual life of the Center, and to participate in a social science workshop for US and Russian scholars that will take place in summer 2018 (dates TBD).

Eligibility: Applicants must have a PhD (or equivalent degree, such as the *kandidat*) in hand prior to September 2017, and they must have received the degree no earlier than January 1, 2012. Applicants who have not yet obtained their degree but plan to do so prior to September 2017 must furnish evidence (e.g. in their letters of reference) that they are well on track to have the degree in hand by that date. Doctoral candidates and those holding PhDs or other doctoral degrees from UW-Madison are ineligible.

Base rate (twelve-month salary): \$65,000. Fellows will also receive a modest stipend for travel to academic conferences. The fellowship covers and basic health insurance for all fellows. Fellows must be prepared to cover their travel expenses to arrive in Madison for the fellowship.

All applicants are required to submit the following materials:

- 1) A cover letter. The letter should describe the research the applicant will conduct during the fellowship (including topic, data and methodology, and expected output by the end of the fellowship period), should indicate which topic area(s) of the five listed above the project falls under, and should identify a UW faculty member who would be an appropriate mentor for the applicant;
- 2) A current curriculum vitae;
- 3) An article-length writing sample;
- 4) **Three** letters of recommendation from faculty members who can evaluate the applicant's work and proposal.

Applicants should combine the first three items listed above into a single PDF, name the file using the convention "Applicant's Last Name _CCNY Postdoc application" and email the PDF as an attachment to:

russiaproject@creeca.wisc.edu

The three letters of recommendation should come either directly from the recommenders or from a dossier service. They should **not** be submitted by the applicant. Recommenders should submit the letters as email attachments to: russiaproject@creeca.wisc.edu

If necessary, materials may be sent in hard copy to:

Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA)
Attention: Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition
210 Ingraham Hall, 1155 Observatory Drive
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI 53706-1397

We especially encourage applications from Russia-based scholars, particularly those from regions outside Moscow. Cover letters, CVs, and writing samples must be submitted in English. (Letters of recommendation may be in English or Russian.)

Deadline: for full consideration, all materials must be received by February 15, 2017.