



Inequality in the Provision of Access to Open Space DU IRISE Post-Doctorate Fellow

The University of Denver Interdisciplinary Research Incubator for the Study of (In) Equality or IRISE (www.du.edu/irise) is seeking a two-year postdoctoral research fellow beginning September 1, 2014. We are seeking candidates who are capable of bringing together insights from the disciplines of geography, environmental science, history, anthropology, law, or a related field to the interdisciplinary study of the relationship between racial, ethnic, and socio-economic inequality and decisions about location, funding, and protection of public open space in the metropolitan United States. The fellow will be housed in the Department Geography and the Environment, with co-supervision and mentorship by faculty in the History and Anthropology departments, as well as the Sturm College of Law's Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute. DU faculty members from these departments will provide guidance and support throughout the fellowship period.

The IRISE postdoctoral fellowship will provide opportunities to conduct spatial analysis using a fully-equipped Geographical Information Systems (GIS) laboratory, as well as access to robust documentary and archival collections, local government officials, community activists, and policy institutes, including the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy. Depending upon the fellow's interest and skills, the successful candidate might explore how open space legislation and its conservation partners have developed priorities for distributing funds around Colorado and the extent to which this funding has rectified, ameliorated, or aggravated inequity in the access to open space. A similar analysis might be conducted regarding bond measures or federal sources of funding, including the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In addition to post-dissertation research support, the postdoctoral fellow will have the opportunity to work with mentors toward providing a nucleus for a continued scholarly collaboration, interact with the faculty and graduate students in each of the sponsoring departments and divisions, and receive clerical and research support sufficient to allow the completion of a major research product during his or her time at DU.

The fellow will spend the majority of time engaged in independent research, scholarship, or creative work under the guidance of departmental faculty members. Fellows will also be expected to be active in the DU community of scholars engaged in research and teaching relating to the study of inequality locally and nationally. Fellows will teach one course in their specialty the first year and two courses in their specialty the second year. The successful candidate will also be expected to attend and contribute to a weekly seminar and support other initiatives of the IRISE, such as promotion of conferences and symposia.

The ideal candidate would have training or a strong interest in spatial analysis, historical methodology, qualitative data analysis, and local government and land use planning policy and law. Candidates should be committed to working with diverse student and community populations. We do not expect the candidate to have experience in all areas of the fellowship, as training will be provided by the mentors. In addition, because of the value of lived experiences in the investigation and understanding of inequality, we especially encourage applications from historically underrepresented groups.

Qualifications:

- PhD, SJD, or JD in Geography, Environmental Science, History, Anthropology, Urban Planning, American Studies, Law, or related field.
- Applicants must have completed all requirements for their terminal degree by June 30, 2014. Candidates must also be no more than 3 years from the awarding of their degree (i.e., September 2011).
- Interest in understanding spatial dimensions of inequality and environmental protection in metropolitan areas such as Denver, Colorado.
- Strong methodological training and a record of successful publication in the related field.

Responsibilities:

- The appointment term is September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015; however, the initial term may be renewed for an additional year.
- Teach one advanced undergraduate course in year one and two courses, including an interdisciplinary graduate class, in year two.
- Participate in a quarterly educational inequities research group and colloquiums for the DU campus as part of the IRISE lecture series.
- Participate in campus-wide forums exploring questions of compositional diversity and inclusive excellence at DU and the broader academy. Present research findings to interdisciplinary academic audiences and community partners.

The fellowship carries a stipend of \$39,264 for the first year and \$41,364 for the second year, a professional development and research account, and a comprehensive benefits package.

To apply, please complete the on-line application at <https://dujobs.silkroad.com/> and attach the following:

- a letter of application (including a statement of research and teaching interests);
- a curriculum vitae; and
- at least three letters of recommendation.

Candidates must apply online to be considered, only applications submitted online will be accepted. Once within the job description online, please click "New Resume/CV" at the bottom of the page to begin application.

The online application must be completed and submitted no later than 6:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on February 28, 2014. Inquiries about this position can be made to the search chair, Federico Cheever (fcheever@law.du.edu).

The University of Denver is committed to enhancing the diversity of its faculty and staff and encourages applications from women, minorities, members of the LBGT community, people with disabilities and veterans. The University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.