

## University of South Florida Postdoctoral Scholars Sustainable Societies

The University of South Florida has embarked on an ambitious program to enhance its rising stature as a pre-eminent research university with state, national and global impact, and position itself for membership in the Association of American Universities through: (1) Expanding world-class interdisciplinary research, creative and scholarly endeavors; (2) promoting globally competitive programs in teaching and research; (3) expanding local and global engagement initiatives to strengthen sustainable and healthy communities; and (4) enhancing revenue through external support. Details are available in the USF Strategic Plan (<http://www.ods.usf.edu/plans/strategic/>).

As part of this initiative, the University of South Florida is pleased to announce the second year of its Postdoctoral Scholars program in the social sciences and humanities. The over-arching theme for this year's scholars is **Sustainable Societies: Building social, cultural, and environmental capital in a globalized world**. Potential themes include (but are not limited to) population movements; communication, technology, and information issues; cultural diasporas; health, economic, educational, and environmental disparities; ethnicity, gender, aging; cultural heritage and identity; sustainable development; ethics; or security issues. Specific research and geographical areas are open, and applicants may be considering both past and contemporary questions.

Postdoctoral Scholars will: (i) contribute to one or more of the priority goals of the strategic plan; (ii) work closely with distinguished faculty; (iii) participate in interdisciplinary and programmatic seminar series; (iv) teach one course each semester; (v) continue to build an independent research record and engage in publishing refereed articles and creative scholarship; and (vi) seek external funding.

### Postdoctoral Scholars

Postdoctoral scholarship(s) will be awarded in the 2010-11 academic year with appointments beginning August 7<sup>th</sup> 2010. Appointments are for full time employment (40 hours per week) and are renewable for an additional academic year subject to satisfactory progress. The salary is \$40,000 per year and the University contributes to a health insurance program for postdoctoral scholars and their dependents (up to \$5,000). Support for travel to academic conferences will also be available. Scholars will be responsible for relocation and housing expenses.

### Eligibility

Applicants must have a doctoral degree in Sociology or an affiliated program, earned no earlier than 2007. Candidates who will have successfully defended their dissertations by May 1, 2010 will also be considered, however the doctoral degree must have been conferred prior to the first day of employment. Note: applicants must have received their doctoral degree from an institution other than the University of South Florida.

### Application

Letters of application and supporting material should include the following:

1. A cover letter stating your interest in the Postdoctoral Scholarship. Provide details on (i) how your research and teaching expertise would contribute to the theme of **Sustainable Societies: Building social, cultural, and environmental capital in a globalized world** and the goals and aspirations of the USF Strategic Plan; (ii) teaching experience and courses that you would like to offer; and (iii) your long-term goals.

2. *A curriculum vitae*.
3. Two letters of reference.
4. Scanned copies of up to three of your published papers/scholarly works or book chapters (maximum of 3).
5. Scanned copies of current academic transcript from all degree awarding institutions.\*\*

**Send all application materials by November 15<sup>th</sup> to:**

The USF Graduate School at [postdoc@grad.usf.edu](mailto:postdoc@grad.usf.edu)

\*\*Original transcripts will need to be mailed by those individuals who receive formal offers.

The University of South Florida is one of the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of 39 community engaged public universities as designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF was awarded more than \$380 million in research contracts and grants last year. The university is authorized to provide 224 degrees at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. The University has a \$1.6 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves more than 47,000 students on campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and at USF Polytechnic. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.

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**Departmental Website:**

Department of Sociology: <http://sociology.usf.edu/>

**Selection Criteria**

1. Strength of research/creative scholarship record and demonstrated promise of a successful academic career.
2. Research and teaching experience in **Sustainable Societies: Building social, cultural, and environmental capital in a globalized world** aligned with the goals of the USF Strategic Plan especially interdisciplinary inquiry, global initiatives and community engagement.
3. Teaching experience and contributions that fit within USF programs.