Center for Strategic Studies
Post-doctoral Fellows Program

The Center for Strategic Studies (CSS) at Tufts University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy invites applications for its postdoctoral fellowship program for the 2018-2019 academic year. Established in 2017, CSS is dedicated to producing policy-relevant research on strategy, international politics, and US foreign policy. CSS serves as a hub for students, faculty, scholars and practitioners to engage with one another in a supportive, collaborative, and collegial environment. Its mission is to educate future scholars and practitioners and generate cutting-edge scholarly analysis that broadens the U.S. foreign policy debate, exploring alternative strategies that: (1) enhances US security, sovereignty, prosperity, and territory; (2) respects the realities and complexities of international conflict; including human territoriality, legitimacy, and the ethnic, cultural, and religious differences of peoples; and (3) questions the utility of military intervention given its potential perils and long-term unintended consequences; including but not limited to, the loss of life, civil liberties, and resources. CSS works closely with the Security Studies Program.

CSS is interdisciplinary; it therefore welcomes applications from anthropology, economics, history, law, political science, natural sciences, and other related disciplines.

This is a residential fellowship—fellows are expected to be on campus for the entirety of the fellowship period, which is September 1, 2018–June 30, 2019. Applicants should be no more than 5 years from the awarding of their degree. While Fellows will spend most of their time on their own research, they are also expected to participate in the Center’s programming, including presenting in research seminars, writing for the blog, attending conferences, workshops, and center activities. By the end of their term fellows are expected to complete a significant piece of research for publication and a shorter policy-relevant paper that will be published as part of the CSS’s White Paper series.

Fellows will be provided with a $47,484 stipend, medical benefits, office space, and a computer. As members of the Tufts Fletcher community they will have access to library system and other facilities of the University. Although only a few full fellowships are available, CSS encourages applicants to apply for other sources of funding as CSS might be able to provide partial and non-stipendary appointments. Applicants should therefore indicate their needed level of support. Tufts University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our community. Members of under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications are due January 15, 2018, noon EST.

Application materials include: a cover letter, research proposal (no more than five pages), C.V., one writing sample (no more than 10,000 words); the names of three recommenders (who could be contacted for letters). These materials should be submitted to css-postdoc@tufts.edu