

Collaborative Research with SESYNC Postdocs

Deadline:

Sep 15, 2014

The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) seeks Research Collaborators (PhD required) interested in mentoring incoming SESYNC Postdoctoral Fellows and co-developing socio-environmental synthesis research projects with them. Collaborators must have:

1. demonstrated expertise in the social, natural, or computational sciences,
2. sufficient research experience to provide substantive intellectual and methodological mentoring to Postdoctoral Fellows, and
3. ideas suitable for research collaborations using synthesis methods (e.g., data integration, quantitative or qualitative analysis, modeling, etc.).

We welcome Collaborators from universities, NGOs, government agencies, and other research institutions.

Collaborators will be selected through an application process. Following selection, SESYNC will share contact information, preliminary project ideas, and short bios of Collaborators with pre-screened potential Postdoctoral Fellowship applicants who will then initiate contact. At their discretion, Collaborators will work with suitable applicants to co-develop final project ideas that will form the basis of the Postdoctoral Fellowship application. This is an opportunity to develop a project of mutual interest together rather than to bring a postdoc onto a project already developed; therefore, the preliminary project idea submitted via the Collaborator application should not be especially rigid or fully developed. Successful Postdoctoral Fellowship applications, which are primarily the responsibility of the prospective Postdoctoral Fellow, will clearly delineate the roles of the Fellow and the Collaborator in the proposed project.

This is **an ideal opportunity for collaborations across disciplines**, as our competitive Postdoctoral Fellowship program receives applications from scholars across the social, natural, and computational sciences. Many project ideas would benefit from a collaborative team in which the mentor and mentee are from different but complementary fields.

Collaborators are expected to work closely with the Postdoctoral Fellow on the proposed project for a period of two years beginning June 2015 and to provide mentorship on the synthesis research. However, the Fellow is expected to take the lead on the proposed project. Postdoctoral Fellows will be funded by SESYNC and located in Annapolis, Maryland. They are expected to meet in person with their Collaborator at least twice per year; funds will be provided for Fellows to visit Collaborators at their home institutions and vice versa. SESYNC will provide a month of summer salary each year for the Collaborator via a sub-award to the Collaborator's home institution.

Applying to be a Collaborator

Potential Collaborators should submit:

- A brief description of ideas for a collaborative socio-environmental synthesis project associated with the 2015–16 Postdoctoral Fellowship Program focus on “Ecological Systems, Social Systems, and Environmental Change” (1 page max),
- A CV,
- A short bio, and
- A brief statement (500 words) on expectations for the proposed collaboration, including expectations of the Postdoctoral Fellow and thoughts on facilitating a productive mentoring relationship.

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Please submit the required documents as a single PDF using the form at www.sesync.org/forms/postdoc-collab ^[1] by September 15, 2014, 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Successful applicants will be notified within approximately one week of this deadline.

Questions should be emailed to: postdoc.application@sesync.org ^[2]

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