The Climate Policy Lab (CPL) at the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy (CIERP), The Fletcher School, Tufts University, is seeking a postdoctoral scholar in China’s energy innovation policy.

Required Education, Experience, and Skills

Applications are invited from recent recipients of a Ph.D. or equivalent degree who also have experience conducting academic fieldwork and/or professional experience related to the research topics described below, and demonstrated proficiency in Chinese and English. The ideal candidate will have a highly independent research capacity, strong communication skills, and rich experiences in cross-country cooperation, preferably between China and western countries. Experience living and working in China is also highly desirable. Applications from political scientists, business experts, lawyers, economists, those in the natural sciences, and others of diverse disciplinary backgrounds are welcome. Please note that candidates holding only a Master’s degree will not be considered.

Qualifications

- Excellent analytical skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, experienced in working with multicultural and multidisciplinary research teams.
- Have initiative and capacity to work independently as well as in a team environments.
- Value the sharing of information and continuous improvement in a cooperative atmosphere of constructive evaluation and learning.

Position Description

CPL is seeking a postdoctoral fellow in China’s energy innovation policy. We are seeking a motivated Ph.D. in innovation and policy analysis with a background in innovation, energy, and climate change.

The postdoctoral fellow is expected to conduct research for a joint research project with Tsinghua University on China’s clean energy innovation system under the supervision of Professor Kelly Sims Gallagher, the Director of CPL. The aim of the project is to map the landscape of clean energy innovation in China, identify the good and the bad, determine major gaps and weakness, and draw policy recommendations. The postdoctoral fellow will be responsible for research and related activities for this project (e.g., conducting field work, engaging policy makers and other stakeholders, and coordinating with Chinese research partners), with assistance from Professor Gallagher and other CPL research fellows. In addition, when appropriate and requested, the postdoctoral fellow will be expected to represent CPL, and to contribute to CPL’s engagements with funders and policy makers.

Detailed responsibilities

- Conducting literature review and field work on China’s clean energy innovation system;
- Mapping the landscape of China’s clean energy innovation system and identifying major gaps;
- Contributing to the identification and development of good and bad practices;
- Interviewing stakeholders in China’s energy innovation system;
- Coordinating activities, including one workshop, between CPL and Chinese partners;
- Drafting conclusions and policy recommendations;
- Producing two publishable academic papers;
- Coordinating and attending research events in CPL.
She/he will work collaboratively with the CPL Director, Professor Kelly Sims Gallagher, as well as other members of the CPL research team, including faculty, research fellows and student research assistants.

This is a 12-month position with a potential start date in January 2018, with the possibility of renewal subject to performance and continuity of funding.

The mentoring, research program, and training will be under the direction of Professor Kelly Sims Gallagher, Director of the Climate Policy Lab and the Center with support from Professor Laura Kuhl of Northeastern University.

**The Climate Policy Lab & CIERP**

The Climate Policy Lab is an initiative of the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy at The Fletcher School, Tufts University.

Established in 1992 to meet the growing need for international environmental leaders, CIERP’s mission is to build sustainable prosperity in a changing global environment through rigorous, interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research and training of the next generation of leaders. CIERP’s work includes scholarly research for the international academic community; policy research that evaluates current programs or proposes new approaches; and applied policy development in collaboration with government agencies, the private sector, and international NGOs.

The main questions the Lab seeks to answer are: Which climate policies work in practice? Which don’t work? Why? Under what conditions would they work elsewhere? The scope of the Lab is global, with a particular emphasis on international comparative analysis. In-residence faculty and research fellows work with a global network of scholars, governmental policymakers and multilateral organizations on projects, which are attuned to state, national, and bi-lateral policy processes, responsive to policy needs, and academically rigorous. The Lab’s products include accessible publications, scholarly journal papers, policy briefings, workshops, and trainings, all of which are designed to facilitate two-way communication between scholars and practitioners.

**The Fletcher School**

Since 1933, The Fletcher School has prepared the world's leaders to become innovative problem-solvers in government, business, and non-governmental organizations with strategic cross-sector networks. Through our ongoing commitment and rigorous approach to advancing world knowledge through research and scholarship, we continue to inform and build bridges to meaningful global solutions. We seek to build partnerships between nations, government agencies and the public/private sector in order to be ready to shape international issues and events. The twenty-first century is being shaped by new realities worldwide, and global interdependence has become the accepted norm. From the reconstruction of post-conflict societies and the creation of markets in emerging economies to the analysis of terrorist threats and the promotion of human rights, today's issues transcend borders and disciplines. Common to all these challenges are the myriad connections between history, politics and culture that we must understand to respond effectively to them.

**Applications to include:**
1. Cover letter (maximum 2 pages);
2. Statement of research experience and interests;
3. CV including a list of publications;
4. Names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers for three people who can provide recommendations (or reference letters from these individuals, if available).
Applications should be sent by e-mail (one pdf file) with the subject heading “EIC Post-Doc Application” to Jillian DeMair (jillian.demair@tufts.edu).

Applications will be considered as they are received. Deadline for applications is November 30, 2017.