

# MILLS COLLEGE

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW</b> <b>CIVIC ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH GROUP (CERG)</b> <b>Revised Posting</b> <b>Full-time, Exempt</b></p>
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**Reports to:** Joseph Kahne, Professor and Director of Research (Civic Engagement Research Group at Mills College)

### **Description**

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The Mapping Youth Participatory Politics (MYPP) project invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship funded by a grant from the MacArthur Foundation. The project is a partnership between Cathy J. Cohen from the University of Chicago's Department of Political Science and Joseph Kahne of the School of Education and Civic Engagement Research Group (CERG) at Mills College. The work of the post doc will be guided by both faculty members as well as by Ellen Middaugh, Associate Research Director at CERG. The research is part of a MacArthur Foundation funded Research Network involving faculty from multiple disciplines and campuses and focuses on the role of digital media in youth engagement with civic and political life. See [http://civicsurvey.org/CERG\\_Network.html](http://civicsurvey.org/CERG_Network.html) for more information.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will be responsible for statistical analyses, literature reviews, and collaborating with the research team to create reports on a national survey of young people's digital media use and civic/political engagement. The position offers opportunities for both conference presentations and scholarly publication. The appointment is 16 months (full-time) with a potential for renewal and is based at Mills College in Oakland, CA or Chicago, IL. Application review begins immediately and continues until the position is filled. The projected start date for the position is March 1, 2011 and an end date of July 1, 2012.

The Civic Engagement Research Group at Mills College (CERG), located in the School of Education, provides a research base that informs the design of policies and programs that promote the development of citizens for an effective, just, and humane democratic society.

Mills College is a nationally respected independent liberal arts college for women with graduate programs for both women and men. Located on 135 lush acres in the foothills of Oakland, California, the College enrolls approximately 960 undergraduate women and 635 graduate women and men. Consistently ranked one of the top colleges in the West by *U.S. News & World Report* and one of the "Best 373 Colleges" by *The Princeton Review*, Mills provides a dynamic liberal arts education fostering women's leadership, social responsibility, and creativity.

### **Representative Duties**

The responsibilities of the Postdoctoral Fellow include the following:

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- Conceptualize and carry out statistical analyses of cross-sectional and panel survey data from MYPP's nationally representative sample of youth engagement with new media and participatory politics,
- Prepare analytic/integrative summaries of findings
- Collaborate with the research team on analysis of findings
- Prepare literature reviews of digital media/new media and civic/political engagement literatures for journal articles and other reports and publications
- Collaborate on the development of a new research paradigm for understanding civic, public and political life in the digital age
- Collaborate on research design for projects coming out of the network including developing scales, survey instruments, and data collection strategies
- Collaborate with the research team on write-up of findings for publications
- Participate in conference presentations
- Perform related duties as needed.

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Ph.D. in Education, Political Science, Communications, Sociology, or Psychology
- Advanced knowledge of statistical methods and theory
- Expertise with Stata, R, or an equivalent statistical analysis software
- A solid grounding in the digital media and/or civic/political engagement literatures –especially as related to youth
- Capacity to work collaboratively and exercise independent judgment, based on understanding of overall goals of the research and relevant theory
- Ability to exhibit strong customer service orientation for all levels of College constituencies and members of the public
- Ability to take appropriate steps to promote and sustain effective working relationships within a diverse multicultural environment

**SALARY:** \$54,000-\$65,000 commensurate with experience, plus an excellent benefits package including medical/dental/vision/life/LTD insurance/403b retirement plan, 22 days vacation plus 13 paid holidays and 12 sick days annually. Staff also receives free admission to campus events, use of the pool, fitness center, and tennis courts. Tuition remission is also available after an introductory period.

### **Application Procedure**

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To apply, please go to:

<http://mills.interviewexchange.com/candapply.jsp?JOBID=23230>

Send cover letter that describes your qualifications for this position, CV, names and contact information for three references, 1-2 articles, chapters, or written work that align with our research focus, and a copy of your graduate school transcript.

For information on the Civic Engagement Research Group (CERG), see [www.civicsurvey.org](http://www.civicsurvey.org)

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