POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW POSITION IN SCIENCE EDUCATION
SCIENCE IN SOCIETY, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Science in Society, a science education research center at Northwestern University, is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to join a dynamic team working on K-12 STEM education initiatives at the middle and high school level.

Applicants must have a PhD in a STEM field, with significant experience teaching and mentoring underserved students in grades 5-12. Preference will be given to applicants who have a record of successful collaborations with middle or high school teachers and/or community groups, program evaluation skills, outstanding interpersonal skills, and a strong work ethic.

The fellowship will provide the applicant with broad experience in the areas of program and curricular development, evaluation, forming internal and external partnerships, program administration, fundraising, and communicating science with public audiences.

The position includes two distinct areas of responsibility. First, the fellow will support the Center’s Science Club program, a mentor-based after school program developed in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago. Science Club received the Afterschool Alliance/Noyce Foundation 2013 STEM Impact Award, given for national excellence in informal STEM education.

Second, the fellow will provide support for a new, mentor-based STEM program for underserved ascending ninth grade students in Chicago Public Schools. The program will offer a combination of academic and social supports to keep high school students on track to graduate with the strong academic credentials and higher-level problem solving skills necessary for college. This project is funded by an ASPIRE award from the AT&T Foundation.

The initial appointment will be for eighteen months. Funding for a subsequent year is possible, contingent on performance and the availability of funds. Starting salary will be $42,000 per year with full University benefits (health, dental, 401K, etc.). Anticipated start date is July 2015.

To apply, please send a cover letter, CV, and arrange for letters from three references to be sent to Dr. Michael Kennedy (m-kennedy@northwestern.edu). Application review will begin immediately and continue until a finalist is selected. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Northwestern University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer. Women and members of historically underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.