



**POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLAR**  
Race, Chemical Exposures, and Health  
(Environmental Health and Justice-Social Scientist)  
*Urban & Environmental Policy Department*

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**POSITION SUMMARY AND QUALIFICATIONS**

The Urban & Environmental Policy Department located at Occidental College in Los Angeles seeks a full time post-doctoral scholar for research related to race, chemical exposures from consumer products, and environmental health, with a focus on immigrant communities and communities of color. The postdoctoral scholar will join an interdisciplinary research team on the NSF supported project, "Race, Immigration, and the Public Understanding of Science: The Case of Skin Bleaching" as well as ongoing research projects on environmental justice and community health in fenceline communities. The position will work closely with interdisciplinary faculty and researchers across diverse institutions including community-based organizations and research institutes to collect and analyze data. The overall project is a multi-sited empirical study in three US cities to examine drivers of consumer product use in diverse immigrant communities. The postdoc will be involved in all aspects of the research process including: participation in research team meetings, designing and conducting qualitative data collection and analysis; securing institutional review board approvals; mentoring undergraduate students; supporting collaborative proposals for new funding; preparing manuscripts; and participating in external professional activities. The postdoc will help develop and teach one course over the academic year and receive professional development support, including participation in conferences, for their desired career trajectory.

The candidate must hold a PhD or equivalent in environmental studies, community health, environmental health, social and behavioral health, science and technology studies, ethnic studies, social psychology, sociology, medical anthropology, or related field. Degree must be conferred by position start date.

While we invite scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, applicants will be evaluated on their experience working in interdisciplinary teams; facility with synthesizing and analyzing scientific research in the context of social science research questions; demonstrated record of expertise with rigorous qualitative data collection and analysis; knowledge of community engaged research strategies; consideration of how postdoctoral training will help further the scholar's career trajectory; and letters of support. Experience in quantitative data analysis is a plus. The postdoctoral fellowship is initially for one year, with the option to renew for a second-year contingent on performance.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit your application to [resumes@oxy.edu](mailto:resumes@oxy.edu) and cc [uepsearch@oxy.edu](mailto:uepsearch@oxy.edu) with job title in the subject line. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled, with a preferred start date of August 2020.

1. Cover letter of interest
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. One relevant publication or working paper
4. Names and contact information of two references who will be willing to submit letters of recommendation upon request

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We strongly urge underrepresented candidates, particularly women and persons of color to apply. The College is committed to academic excellence in a diverse community and supporting interdisciplinary and multicultural academic programs that provide a gifted and diverse group of students with an educational experience that prepares them for leadership in a pluralistic world. Occidental College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not unlawfully discriminate against employees or applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, breastfeeding or related medical condition, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic characteristic or information, sexual orientation, military and veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by State or Federal Law.

*We will consider for employment all qualified Applicants, including those with Criminal Histories, in a manner consistent with the requirements of applicable state and local laws, including the City of Los Angeles' Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.*

Inquiries about the position or the department can be directed to Bhavna Shamasunder, Associate Professor, Urban & Environmental Policy Department at [bhavna@oxy.edu](mailto:bhavna@oxy.edu).