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PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM 

<b>Job Title:</b>	Program Manager
<b>Organization:</b>	World Justice Project
<b>Location:</b>	Washington, DC
<b>Stipend and Benefits:</b>	\$68,000 annually with health insurance for the fellow, professional development funds, and relocation allowance
<b>Start Date:</b>	August 1 or September 3, 2019

## ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The World Justice Project (WJP) is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to building knowledge, generating awareness, and stimulating action to advance the rule of law worldwide. It builds and supports a global, multidisciplinary movement for the rule of law through three pillars of work: collecting and analyzing original, independent rule of law data, including the WJP Rule of Law Index; supporting research, scholarship, and teaching about the importance of rule of law, its relationship to development, and effective strategies to strengthen it; and building an engaged global network of policy-makers and activists through strategic convenings, knowledge exchanges, coordinated campaigns, and locally-led initiatives to advance the rule of law. Learn more at [www.worldjusticeproject.org](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org).

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Program Manager will be part of the Rule of Law Solutions Initiative team—situated in the Engagement Department and reporting to the Chief Engagement Officer—surveying and documenting best practices for strengthening rule of law. With the heightened global attention to the rule of law sparked by its inclusion in the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, as well as diagnostic measures such as WJP’s Rule of Law Index, there is growing demand for information about effective approaches to strengthening rule of law, human rights, and governance. To meet this demand, WJP is launching the Rule of Law Solutions Initiative, drawing on and documenting the experience of the more than 2,000 organizations in its global network, and the lessons learned that can be shared among them.

The Program Manager will have lead responsibility for the research, writing, and dissemination of findings in one or more WJP priority areas of focus and will undertake a global, comparative investigation of established and emerging approaches to addressing these issues. Based on in-depth interviews with WJP network members, as well as review and analysis of program documentation and secondary sources, the manager will identify and document promising approaches and requisite conditions for their success. This research will build on lessons learned from WJP’s catalogue of practical, locally-led pilot programs, and through interviews captured in a Practitioner Insight series.

With support from the WJP communications team, the Program Manager also will develop and implement a communications strategy for highlighting successful solutions and promoting best practice adoption among network members, donors, policymakers, and development practitioners. The initiative will build on the findings of the WJP Rule of Law Index and serve as a complement to WJP’s quantitative work streams by contextualizing Index data, curating stories of success, and presenting narrative, story-focused reporting and qualitative case studies salient to opportunities for reform identified by the Index.

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Additionally, these efforts will build on WJP's April 2019 World Justice Forum, a strategic convening produced in collaboration with the Open Society Justice Initiative; Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies; the OECD; and others.

Key duties and responsibilities:

#### Project/Policy Identification

- Identify, investigate, and compile established and emerging approaches to addressing key rule of law challenges in target areas;
- Conduct desk research, literature reviews, and in-depth interviews with multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder respondents including those from government and civil society; and
- Develop and execute a research approach and methodology for the evaluation of established and emerging approaches in order to identify cross-cutting, adaptable best practices.

#### Communicate Meaning and Importance

- Develop a comprehensive communication plan that showcases best practices and highlights the human impact of rule of law deficiencies and the benefits of reform; and
- Package and communicate content in a variety of ways to reach a broad audience, including the media and public, as well as policymaking elites.

#### Promote Best Practices

- Promote best practices and lessons learned through a variety of channels including speaking engagements at WJP curated events and presentations at external forums and conferences; and
- Produce outputs such as a report on challenges and promising solutions, issue briefs on successful solutions, program profiles for WJP's Program Library, blog posts, and podcast interviews.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### *Required*

- PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences;
- Strong interest in access to justice, criminal justice reform, and government accountability;
- Excellent investigative and communication skills;
- Excellent research, analysis, writing, and oral presentation skills;
- Project management experience;
- Experience with qualitative research methodologies;
- Willingness to travel periodically, including overseas; and
- Ability to speak and write in a language other than English.

### *Preferred*

- Understanding of rule of law issues in global contexts;
- Familiarity with think tanks, civil society organizations, and/or government;
- Familiarity with program evaluation, including interviews and quantitative analysis;
- Experience with storytelling approaches; and
- Experience in digital communications and social media management.

## APPLICATIONS

- Information on the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows Program:  
[www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows](http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows)
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS online application system ([ofa.acls.org](http://ofa.acls.org))
- Application deadline: March 13, 2019, 9 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

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