

Mellon/ACLS   
PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM

<b>Job Title:</b>	Public Goods Policy Strategist
<b>Organization:</b>	Partnership for Working Families
<b>Location:</b>	Oakland, CA
<b>Start Date:</b>	September 1, 2020

## ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Partnership for Working Families, with 20 affiliate organizations, is driving an agenda to harness the power of cities and influence billions of public and private dollars to advance the public good. This network is building powerful governing coalitions with a grassroots base of leaders to advance a vision of just, sustainable, and democratic cities by:

- Restructuring the economy to advance economic, racial and gender justice,
- Reshaping the built environment to create healthier communities and slow climate change, and
- Remaking democracy by building power through civic engagement and leadership development.

The Partnership for Working Families brings together the power of our affiliates through National campaigns like “We Make the City,” “State Interference,” and “Athena”. These campaigns include various strategies like organizing, research and policy change to reach their goals.

Learn more at <https://www.forworkingfamilies.org/>

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Public Goods Policy Strategist is responsible for developing innovative policies regarding public goods as well as proposing local experiments to test those policies within the Partnership for Working Families national network. The focus of the position is three-fold: to identify and/or develop, via research and engagement with experts, legal thinkers, and the field, policies that will make public goods more accessible to city residents in ways that support community health and wealth and that will expand democratic governance of public goods; to collaborate with communications staff to develop methods to communicate these ideas to various audiences; and to develop experiments or pilots of one policy idea (or more) in collaboration with Partnership colleagues, Partnership affiliates, and other organizational partners.

The Public Goods Policy Strategist reports to the Partnership’s Deputy Director, and collaborates with staff across our equitable development, state preemption, economic equity, and climate justice work. The Public Goods Policy Strategist would advance the Partnership’s long term agenda of creating an economy and democracy that serves everyone, and collaborative, strategic processes for advancing that vision. Specific areas of research could include land and resource stewardship, housing, municipal utilities, public transportation and education, and/or social services.

Visit <http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellowscomp> to learn more about the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows program. This position is only available through this program; please do not contact the host organization directly.

### Key duties and responsibilities:

- Conduct research on public goods broadly and specifically, including
  - Sectoral and geographic analysis to identify needs, opportunities, and challenges to expanding access to and democratic governance of public goods;
  - Historical and contemporary approaches to public goods stewardship and governance inside and outside the United States, both broadly and in specific sectors;
  - The economic, social, civil, and cultural impacts of public goods access and governance on communities.
- Engage and convene Partnership affiliates and organizational allies to develop:
  - Strategy and policy priorities;
  - Policy concepts for one to two sectors;
  - Policy campaign pilots in two to three municipalities or regions.
- Collaborate with legal staff to develop policy language;
- Collaborate with Communications Director to disseminate the organization's research and proposals to diverse audiences.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences;
- Excellent research, analysis, and writing skills
- Experience facilitating creative and analytical processes with peers that move a group toward shared work and goals
- Track record of effectively applying racial and gender justice lenses to analytical and/or advocacy projects
- Ability to collaborate and share decision making with a range of stakeholders including staff, affiliates, and allies
- Excellent project management skills
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Alignment with the Partnership's organizational values and a demonstrated commitment to racial, economic and environmental justice
- Ability to travel on a monthly basis.

### STIPEND AND BENEFITS

Each 2020 Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow receives an annual stipend of \$70,000, as well as access to employer-based health insurance through the host organization. In addition, ACLS provides funds for relocation and professional development. Fellows receive professional mentoring and participate in career development programming, both in-person and virtually.

### APPLICATIONS

- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS online application system ([ofa.acls.org](http://ofa.acls.org))
- Application deadline: March 18, 2020, 9 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time