

Submitter Institution: OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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Department: AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

Position Title: Postdoctoral Scholar to Tenure-Track

Institution is Seeking: The Department of African-American and African Studies (AAAS) at The Ohio State University seeks two scholars with a research focus in Humanities-based Racial and Social Justice for a Postdoctoral Scholar to Tenure-Track position. We seek two emerging scholars whose research engages with humanities-based racial and social justice. In keeping with the department's commitment to interdisciplinarity, we are especially interested in scholars who incorporate approaches and theoretical insights from multiple fields of study, including feminist and gender studies, critical theory, disability studies, carceal studies, Caribbean Studies, migration/immigration studies, literary studies, history, art history, philosophy, media studies, linguistics, or others. Area of geographic focus is open as are specific topics of research as long as they fall in the humanities. Experience in and/or commitment to public-facing or community engaged scholarship is preferred. The department greatly values diversity and inclusive pedagogy. The successful applicant will have opportunities to advance their research, teach one course annually, and be involved with AAAS's Community Extension Center's extensive programming. They will benefit from an expansive mentoring program and find mentors and conversation partners among faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students both within and outside the department who are engaged in research on topics relating to humanities-based racial and social justice. Following a two year Postdoctoral Scholar appointment, the Post-docs will then transfer to the rank of assistant professor within the Department of African-American and African Studies and the tenure clock will begin. The two

postdoctoral scholar positions are funded by the Mellon Foundation grant "Rebuilding Black Studies: The Department of African American and African Studies at Fifty" and with support from the Provost's Tenure-Track Fellow to Faculty hiring initiative. The Provost's Tenure-Track Fellow to Faculty Program is a two-year program that assists early career scholars as they transition to the tenure track. Mellon Post-docs will join the Provost Fellow cohort and participate in career development programs to support their transition to assistant professor and their long-term career success. In addition, Mellon Post-docs will focus time on research for up to two years allowing for an in-depth start on scholarship, teach one course per academic year, participate in the activities within the Department of African American and African Studies, and have a designated faculty mentor.

Qualifications:

This appointment will begin August 15, 2023, and the successful applicant must have PhD in hand by the start of employment. The PhD may be in any relevant field of study; ABDs welcome to apply. We seek candidates whose research, teaching, and/or community engagement focuses on humanities-based social and racial justice, whether in the United States or in other parts of the world. Demonstrated commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship and inclusive pedagogy preferred. Appointment is contingent on the university's verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to a criminal background check.

Application Procedures:

A complete application for initial consideration consists of a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and equity engagement statement. The cover letter should be no more than three pages and should address your strengths in research, teaching, service, and engagement. The equity engagement statement should offer evidence of your demonstrated commitments and capacities to contribute to diversity, equity, and inclusion through research, teaching, and/or outreach and engagement. Review of these materials will begin upon receipt. Applicants advancing to a

second round of consideration will be invited to submit a writing sample and three letters of recommendation. Review of applications will begin on February 23, 2023 and continue until the positions are filled. Inquiries may be directed to Adélékè Adèèkó, search committee chair, at adeeko.1@osu.edu. Submit applications to:

https://osu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/OSUCareers/job/Columbus-Campus/Post-Doctoral-Scholar_R68700-1?fbclid=IwAR0hTEOCkpqEN0egkZ52XNF4LYZObbjUtHWA0dUZnMYTaQA4gKSzrBFiOdo

- Other Information:** Application review will continue until filled
- Application Deadline:** February 23, 2023
- Do not post after:** May 5, 2023