

Postdoctoral Fellow - Civics Education
Utah Valley University

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Job Title	Postdoctoral Fellow - Civics Education
Department	Center for Constitutional Studies
Institution	Utah Valley University Orem, Utah
Date Posted	Jul. 8, 2021
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	August 2021
Job Categories	Post-Doc
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Job Description

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Position Category: Faculty - Non Tenure Track (FT)

Summary:

The Center for Constitutional Studies (CCS) at Utah Valley University (UVU) seeks a Postdoctoral Fellow to play a leading role in the development of the Civic Thought and Leadership Initiative (CTLI), a program recently created within CCS by the Utah Legislature to facilitate nonpartisan political discussion and provide civic education and research. As stated in Utah House Bill 327, CTLI shall: a) provide courses in and related to philosophy, history, economics, and political science; b) provide resources to students, outside academic institutions, government agencies and other persons regarding civic affairs; and c) foster thoughtful civic engagement in Utah and the surrounding region.

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CTLI is funded by a one-time \$1,000,000 legislative appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, with the opportunity of future one-time or ongoing funding. In its first year of operation, CTLI will have three points of emphasis: 1) K-12 engagement, collaboration, and support; 2) campus and community engagement through conferences, lectures, and other events; 3) undergraduate curriculum development.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Working with CCS and the UVU School of Education, the Postdoctoral Fellow will be involved in all aspects of CTLI, including:

- * K-12 curriculum design and pedagogical training
- * Creation of K-12 professional development programs
- * Development of conferences, a lecture series, and other events for university and non-university audiences
- * Coordination of research activities among participating entities and the preparation of findings for presentation and publication
- * Teaching or co-teaching of an undergraduate course or courses related to civics or civics education

This is a full-time one-year appointment with a preferred start date in late August 2021. Pending renewal of funding by the Utah Legislature, the appointment could be extended for a second year. Established in September 2011, CCS is a nonpartisan academic institute that promotes the instruction, study, and research of constitutionalism. It employs a multidisciplinary approach to effectively equip a new generation of citizens and leaders with a broad understanding of political thought and economic and political practices critical to the perpetuation of constitutional government, ordered liberty, and the rule of law. UVU offers an excellent benefits package which includes a generous leave policy, 12 paid holidays, affordable medical and dental insurance options, life and AD&D insurance, tuition waiver (undergraduate resident) for employee and dependents and substantial employer contribution to a retirement plan. Benefits PT: You may be eligible for a 3 credit hour or 1 class tuition waiver after 6 consecutive months of employment and a minimum of 480 hours worked. Dependents do not qualify for a waiver.

Required Qualifications:

A doctoral degree in education, instructional design, political science, government, or a related field; experience developing curriculum or instructional materials; classroom teaching experience.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:



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Knowledge of the K-12 curriculum development and professional development processes
Knowledge of practices and trends in K-12 pedagogy
Knowledge of and experience in general analytical methods development and good analytical practices
Exceptional teaching skills at the K-12 and/or undergraduate level
Excellent interpersonal, initiative, teamwork, problem-solving, organization, communication (verbal and written), time management, project management, and presentation skills
Ability to engage individually and en masse varied collaborators and stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, teachers, and government officials.
Ability to handle multiple tasks or projects simultaneously to meet assigned deadlines

Preferred Qualifications:

Study of secondary curriculum development in civics or a related discipline; experience teaching secondary classes in civics or a related discipline

Physical Requirements:

The physical ability to perform work associated with the preparation for and execution of conferences and other events.

Benefits Summary:

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FLSA: Exempt

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Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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