

Two-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Ethics and Political & Social Philosophy

Position

The [Philosophy Department](#) at the [University of British Columbia](#) (UBC) in Vancouver invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Ethics and Political & Social Philosophy. The appointment is for two years, subject to a positive performance review after the first year. The salary is \$60,000 CAD plus [benefits](#), and a \$2,000 research budget. The fellow will have access to shared office space, library services, and IT services. The fellow may have the opportunity to teach at the UG level for additional pay as a sessional instructor (conditional on departmental teaching needs).

The fellowship is affiliated with the Canada Research Chair in Ethics and Political & Social Philosophy held by [Kimberley Brownlee](#). The fellow will undertake single-authored and collaborative research in normative theory pertaining to social connection and sociability, e.g. social human rights, freedom of association, social connectedness, belonging, loneliness, interactional ethics, or interspecies sociality. The fellow will co-organise project activities, will participate in departmental events, and will present work in progress at UBC seminars.

Application Deadline: June 15, 2023.

Start Date: September 1, 2023 (or as soon as possible thereafter).

Required Qualifications

- A PhD in Philosophy or a cognate discipline, obtained before the fellowship start date. The fellowship is an early career position intended for someone who is within five years of their PhD.
- Demonstrable research excellence with expertise in ethics or political and social philosophy
- Familiarity with debates about human rights or care ethics, or with work at the intersection of philosophy and social psychology
- Well-defined research plans for the period of the fellowship
- Capacity to work well independently and collaboratively
- Capacity to conduct research in a timely fashion and to meet appropriate deadlines
- Professional written and oral communication skills in English
- Willingness to engage in the organisation of project activities

UBC Diversity Statement: Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.

UBC Immigration Statement: All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however the Government of Canada requires that priority be given to Canadians and permanent residents of Canada.

Application Instructions

Applications are to be submitted through the [application portal](#). Applicants should submit the following materials as a single pdf by **June 15, 2023** (Maximum file upload size is 12MB):

- Cover letter (1-2 pages)
- CV including the year of PhD completion (max. 8 pages)
- Summary of the PhD thesis (1 page)
- Research proposal on some aspect of social connection or sociability, e.g. social-connection rights, interpersonal goods, family relationships, freedom of association, care ethics, interaction, loneliness, interspecies sociality, etc. (max. 4 pages)

References

Applicants should ask three referees to submit confidential letters of recommendation directly to phil.assistant@ubc.ca with “Postdoc search” in the subject line by **June 15, 2023**.

Contacts

For queries about the position, please contact Kimberley Brownlee at Kimberley.brownlee@ubc.ca. For technical assistance with the application portal, please contact Hei Yeung Sze at phil.assistant@ubc.ca.