



Call for Proposals

Research Associate/Postdoctoral Scholar Position Funding Program

We are pleased to announce a seed-funding program to hire two research associates/postdoctoral scholars to encourage and execute new, collaborative research and generate visible public scholarship on trust. We are seeking proposals from University of Florida units, scholars and faculty members to support an 18- to 24-month research associate or postdoctoral scholar appointment. Funds will be provided for salary, fringe benefits and a small travel stipend.

BACKGROUND and PURPOSE

In October 2018, the University of Florida provided support for a startup phase to launch the **Consortium on Trust in Media and Technology**. Our mission is to foster a diverse community of scholars and thought leaders who will a) build an unparalleled ecosystem for the study of how media and technology can become more trustworthy, and b) develop programs for the application of new knowledge and tools and the creation of new policy and law.

Specifically, we invite proposals to hire research associates/postdoctoral scholars that look at trust through the lens of any of the themes below:

- 1) Media and Communication
- 2) Cognition and Behavior
- 3) Technology and Networks
- 4) Policy and Law

The goals of this funding program are to:

- Increase capacity for public scholarship and research synthesization.
- Provide staffing support for promising, collaborative research projects on trust with a well-defined major objective or theme.
- Increase capacity at UF for research efforts that will lead to impactful publications and stimulate collaborative grant applications for future federal or other peer-reviewed extramural research funding.



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APPLICATION CRITERIA

Applications are being sought from UF units, faculty, scholars or initiatives that are examining trust in one or more of the themes listed above.

The award period is 24 months. The positions may begin as soon as Jan. 1, 2020. The home department of winning proposals will coordinate all HR processes, management of the search and supervision of the hired position. Research associates/postdoctoral scholars may reside with home department, or office space is available within the office of the Consortium on Trust in Media and Technology in Weimer Hall. While the RA/scholar will report to the mentoring faculty member/department, each will have a dotted line of responsibility to the Consortium's leadership. Salary for the positions will be targeted to the mean for UF postdoctoral scholars (\$50,000) and the Consortium will cover that salary and fringe benefits, plus \$2,000 in travel support.

To apply for the funding, **send an enquiry letter to ctmt@ufl.edu** with 'RA-Postdoc' in the subject line. For best consideration, **please submit enquiry by 11:59 p.m. October 28, 2019**. Finalists will be notified the following week and additional information may be solicited.

The enquiry letter should be succinct and outline:

- A summary (one paragraph) of the proposed focus of the position and the rationale.
- Research area objectives or specific aims identifying the significance/intellectual merit
- Innovation and anticipated impact of the research associate/postdoc position
- Potential broader impacts
- Identification of faculty mentor(s) with name, title, department and links to bio/CV
- Indication from department administration that, if funded, RA/postdoc position will be accepted by the home department of the proposer

Questions may be addressed to the Consortium via e-mail at ctmt@ufl.edu.