

Postdoctoral Researcher - PARCC Activism & Advocacy
Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

Description

The Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC) at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs seeks to hire a postdoctoral researcher with expertise in democratic activism, advocacy, and social movements to work with an interdisciplinary team on the "Frontlines of Democracy Project." The Frontlines Project is a multi-method, interdisciplinary research effort focused on the global democracy and freedom ecosystem. Specifically, the project investigates the perspectives of democracy advocates and activists in terms of barriers, opportunities, and priorities, as well as the perspectives of philanthropists, foundations, and other funders in terms of how they understand giving and potential investments in democracy and freedom. Through this research, the project team seeks to develop data-driven strategies that strengthen democracy and freedom networks, connect advocates and funders, and direct targeted resources toward critical gaps in the ecosystem.

Qualifications & Duties

We seek to hire a postdoctoral researcher with expertise in democratic activism, advocacy, and/or social movements. The postdoctoral researcher will assist with the design and implementation of large-scale research designs, including the development of data collection instruments such as surveys and interview protocols, the construction of databases, the analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, and the production and dissemination of knowledge through reports, publications, and presentations. The post-doctoral scholar also may engage in the creation of teaching and educational resources, the organization and facilitation of workshops, and team management and oversight, among other duties.

Applicants must have a PhD in public administration, nonprofit management, public policy, political science, sociology, or other related area conferred by the time of appointment. Applicants must demonstrate strong interest in the global democracy movement and expertise in democratic advocacy, activism, and/or social movements. They also should demonstrate excellent research and data analysis skills, including proficiency with both quantitative and qualitative research approaches, and have outstanding communication skills, including the ability to write for and speak to different kinds of audiences. Applicants should be self-motivated and organized, with strong time management, communication, and team skills.

The postdoctoral researcher position is a one-year (12 month) appointment with the possibility of renewal for up to three years. Review of applications will begin on August 15, 2025, and appointments may begin as early as September 1, 2025.

About PARCC, Maxwell, and Syracuse

PARCC is an interdisciplinary research center in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs that seeks to advance theory, education, and practice in conflict analysis and resolution and collaboration and collaborative governance. The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs is home to the social science disciplines at Syracuse University and is ranked #1 in the nation for graduate education in public affairs, according to the 2025 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Graduate Schools. Syracuse University is a private international research university located in the geographic heart of New York State, with a global footprint, and nearly 150 years of history.

Application

To apply for the position, please complete an online application available at <https://www.sujobopps.com/postings/110129> and submit a curriculum vitae, a cover letter specifying qualifications for the position, and a writing sample.

Syracuse University is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.