

Open Call for Fellowships
PRRI (Public Religion Research Institute)
Washington, D.C.
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PRRI (Public Religion Research Institute) has openings for a diverse cohort of 16 non-residential Public Fellows in sociology, political science, religious studies and related fields who are engaged in public scholarship at the intersection of religion, culture, and politics. **PRRI Public Fellows** will work alongside the organization's research and communications staff during the 2021-2022 academic year. This renewable, 10-month fellowship includes a stipend and access to microgrants to support collaborative work. It will benefit those who want to shape their work for broader public consumption, receive communications support for placing public-facing work in top-tier media outlets, and integrate quantitative data into their research and teaching.

As a part of PRRI's [Religion and Renewing Democracy Initiative](#), we are looking for applicants whose research agendas align with the four principal vectors of PRRI's ongoing work: 1) religious, racial and ethnic pluralism; 2) racial justice; 3) immigration; and 4) LGBTQ rights. In each of these areas of scholarship, PRRI will select four Public Fellows and encourage collaborative work through annual microgrants.

The ideal candidates are mid- or early-careers scholars who have an aptitude and track record of socially engaged or public scholarship. PRRI is seeking a diverse cohort in terms of academic disciplines (both humanities and the social sciences), types of institutions, and geographic location. PRRI encourages applications from women, people of color, and other members of under-represented groups who will contribute to the diversity of the cohort.

Fellowship Benefits:

- 10-month fellowship with a cohort of 16 diverse scholars (four from each area of PRRI's core areas of work) engaged in public scholarship.
- Annual fellowship stipend of \$5,000/year.
- Access to annual microgrants of \$12,000 in each area of PRRI's work for new interdisciplinary scholarly projects within the cohort.
- Quarterly virtual convenings.
- A two-day in-person convening in Washington, D.C., with travel expenses paid by PRRI. During the convening, Fellows will meet with writers from major media outlets and leaders of major advocacy groups, receive media training from PRRI in-house communications staff and external communications consultants, and dialogue with experts in writing for trade, crossover and non-academic book publishers.
- Advance access to PRRI data and archives
- Collaborative work with PRRI's research and communications teams
- For Fellows from non-quantitative backgrounds, PRRI will provide training, support, and advice on how to connect public-opinion survey research to their field of expertise.



Application Requirements:

Applicants for the PRRI Public Fellows program must meet the following requirements:

- Fellows must have a Ph.D. or comparable terminal degree plus a formal affiliation with an accredited college, university, seminary, or research institute in the United States.
- Fellows must have earned their terminal degree at least three years ago and no more than 10 years ago.
- Fellows should have demonstrable academic expertise in at least one of the four areas of PRRI's work (religious, racial and ethnic pluralism; racial justice; immigration; and LGBTQ rights).
- Fellows must be authorized to work in the United States.

Application Process:

To apply for a fellowship, please submit the following materials in a single Adobe PDF document to public.fellows@prri.org:

- **Statement of interest:** in 800 words or less, please explain your interest in pursuing this fellowship opportunity and why you would be a good candidate for the 2021-2022 PRRI Public Fellows.
- **Current *curriculum vitae***
- **Work samples:** please provide links to and PDF copies of three articles published within the last three years, preferably in publications or sites aimed at the general public. These samples should be your best recent work.

The application deadline is July 31, 2021.