

Subject: PhD Assistantship and Postdoctoral Position available

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I have two openings in my research group and would like to ask you to consider whether you know of any promising candidates.

The first position is a PhD Assistantship (funding for a minimum of 3 years) in "Responsible Innovation and the Governance of Emerging Biotechnologies." The chosen applicant will participate in two interdisciplinary projects (with an emphasis on social science methodologies): 1) exploring responsible innovation in the field of genetically modified trees, including the GM American chestnut tree; and 2) conducting and analyzing ethnographic research of do-it-yourself (DIY) biology laboratories around the world. The student will simultaneously pursue a minor degree in Genetic Engineering and Society (<http://research.ncsu.edu/ges>) and work with affiliated faculty and graduate students.

The second position is a Postdoctoral Research Scholar (funding for up to 4 years) in "Synthesizing Engagement for Synthetic Biology: Ethical and Social Considerations Surrounding the Environmental

Impact of Synthetic Biology.” This project, funded by the Engineer Research and Development Center Environmental Laboratory of the Army Corps of Engineers, investigates ethical and social considerations surrounding the environmental impacts of synthetic biology. Work in Year 1 is focused on 1) literature reviews of public perception and stakeholder engagement; 2) interviews of stakeholders and risk assessment experts; 3) planning a stakeholder workshop (scheduled for Year 2); and 4) finalizing proposed activities for Years 2-4 of the project.

Full descriptions are attached, and I would appreciate you helping me distribute these opportunities to relevant networks.

Cheers,

Jason

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