Call for Applications: James R. Soles Graduate Student Fellow
Department of Political Science and International Relations
University of Delaware

The University of Delaware Department of Political Science and International Relations is recruiting for a graduate student fellow in civic engagement and public service named for the late Prof. James R. Soles, in honor of his legacy of public service. We are currently seeking applicants for 2019-2020. The fellowship includes a 9-month stipend (anticipated to be $20,000) and full tuition. Following the fellowship year, the Soles Fellow may either be renewed in this position for one year, or will be funded from other sources, assuming adequate progress toward the Ph.D. degree.

The fellowship will be awarded to one incoming Ph.D. student whose research or teaching interests include civic engagement and public service. This can include (but is not limited to) interests in examining how citizens become engaged in politics, the effects of such engagement (or the lack thereof) on democracy, or the disparate engagement of non-majority citizens in the political system, among other topics. Interest in engaged teaching, involving students in related experiences outside of the classroom, is also encouraged.

The Soles Fellow will work under the direction of department chair Dr. David Redlawsk to organize and facilitate departmental activities aimed at public service and civic engagement, while studying toward the Ph.D. in political science.

The successful applicant will hold at least a bachelor’s degree in an appropriate discipline and will meet all requirements for admission to the University of Delaware and the Department of Political Science and International Relations as Ph.D. student. Applicants for the Soles Fellowship should include an expression of interest and description of how the Fellowship relates to their planned course of study as part of the required Statement of Purpose, in addition to all other application requirements. Applications must be received no later than January 15, 2019. Information on the graduate program and the application process is available at https://www.poscir.udel.edu/grad/

The Department of Political Science and International Relations has 26 faculty, more than 900 undergraduate majors and minors, and about 40 graduate (mostly doctoral) students. The department faculty covers four primary subfields of political science: American politics (including public law), comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. The faculty is a methodologically diverse and collegial group of research-intensive and nationally and internationally known scholars. They are outstanding teachers, mentors, advisers and public servants. The graduate program is enhanced by its broadly diverse group of U.S. and international students.

The University of Delaware and the Department of Political Science and International Relations are committed to assuring equal opportunity to all persons and do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, sexual preference, age, religion, national origin, disability or veteran status.

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