

COLLEGE FELLOW IN SOCIAL STUDIES

Harvard University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Committee on Degrees in Social Studies

Position Description: The Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, an interdisciplinary honors program in the social sciences at Harvard College, seeks applications for a College Fellow to join our intellectually vibrant undergraduate program. Our faculty are drawn from disciplines across the social sciences, history, and philosophy and share a commitment to the pedagogical goal of equipping our students with the critical capacity to investigate and analyze human action in social contexts. Central to this endeavor is the study of social theory. All of our students have a shared foundation in understanding how major thinkers over time have grappled with central questions of how societies are produced and transform. Additionally, all Social Studies students write a senior honors thesis and center their academic inquiries around a primary topic, idea, or social phenomenon that they explore through interdisciplinary coursework and develop in discussion with their academic adviser.

The College Fellow will teach one tutorial in Social Studies 10, our yearlong course for sophomores on social theory, and one Social Studies 98, a semester-long [junior seminar](#) ('junior tutorial') focused on a social scientific or historical topic that also provides instruction in primary source research. This is an open search, but we are especially interested in candidates who both have a strong background teaching social theory and can also teach and/or advise students on how to conduct empirical research on topical areas including education, social movements, AI, inequality, postcolonialism, climate and technology, or migration and diaspora. Candidates whose research covers transnational approaches or global perspectives are particularly welcome.

The appointment is expected to begin on July 1st, 2026. Besides teaching, the Fellow will supervise one senior thesis and serve as an academic adviser. Additional responsibilities include contributing to other academic needs of the program, such as attending faculty meetings and departmental events and participating in our thesis grading and oral examination processes. Twenty-five percent of the appointment will be reserved for the Fellow's own research.

College Fellow positions are for one year with the possibility of renewal for a second year after a successful first year review. For more information about Social Studies, please visit our [website](#).

Basic Qualifications: Doctorate in the Social Sciences, History, or Philosophy required by the time the appointment begins. The program is limited to applicants who have received their Ph.D. no earlier than 2022.

Additional Qualifications: Demonstrated excellence in teaching and advising undergraduate students is desirable.

Special Instructions: Please submit the following materials through the [ARIES portal](#) by March 5, 2026.

Salary Range: Starting salary is \$70,300

For positions in Social Studies, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Two or three junior tutorial (see above) course proposals, each of which should include a one-paragraph description of course themes and objectives as well as a list of ten assigned texts
4. Teaching and Advising Statement (2 pages maximum)
5. A full set of teaching evaluations for at least one course, including a summary page if available. Please limit total teaching evaluations to 10 pages.
6. Names and contact information of three references (three letters of recommendation are required, and the application is complete only when all three letters have been submitted)
7. *Applicable only for those candidates who have not yet received a Ph.D.:* A letter from your dissertation chair confirming that you will receive your Ph.D. by June 30th, 2026.

Keywords:

Faculty, instructor

Boston, Cambridge, Massachusetts, MA, Northeast, New England

Social theory, political theory, political science, sociology, anthropology, history, intellectual history, philosophy, economics

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Contact Information:

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