

Amherst College

Racial History of Amherst College Research Fellow

Amherst has taken a leadership role among highly selective liberal arts colleges and universities in successfully diversifying the racial, socio-economic, and geographic profile of its student body. The College is similarly committed to enriching its educational experience and its culture through the diversity of its faculty, administration and staff.

Job Description:

Amherst College invites applications for the Racial History of Amherst College Research Fellow position. The Racial History of Amherst College Research Fellow is a full-time, two-year term position, starting at \$54,250 per year – commensurate with experience. Given Amherst's distinction as one of the most diverse liberal arts colleges in the country, the successful candidate will demonstrate the ways in which they bring value to and will work towards supporting a broadly diverse community.

The goal of this postdoctoral position is to investigate and analyze the College's history in relationship to slavery and to make this history visible to members of our campus community, alumni, and the larger public. Acknowledging, documenting, and disseminating this history is an important aspect of the College's wider <https://www.amherst.edu/news/antiracism/anti-racism-plan-new>. In addition to the historical and archival scholarship, the postdoctoral fellow will add content to the <https://rhac.wordpress.amherst.edu> and produce resources that will allow faculty and staff to incorporate this history into the curriculum and other College programs and events. The fellow will serve as a member of the Steering Committee on a Racial History of Amherst and act as the College's liaison to the Universities Studying Slavery consortium. The postdoctoral fellow will not have any formal teaching duties, but is expected to work with a diverse group of students and faculty to share their research methodology and findings; at least one formal public presentation of research findings is required in the second year. The postdoctoral fellow will collaborate with other members of the Steering Committee to produce a final report on their findings at the end of year two.

Summary of Responsibilities:

- Conduct original research into the founders, Trustees, and early donors of Amherst College, as well as the early students and faculty, in search of any connections to slavery and the enslaved economy.



<https://www.aaihs.org/resources/af-am-job-openings/>

- Organize and deliver public presentations, disseminate research findings via the web and social media, and create other resources to communicate findings to the campus community and public at large.
- Direct the work of up to three undergraduate research assistants.

Qualifications:

Required

- Ph.D. (either completed or in-process) in American Studies, History, African American studies, or relevant academic field.
- Experience with archival research and primary sources from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.
- Commitment to working with a diverse community.

Preferred

- Ph.D. with a focus on the history of slavery, particularly as it relates to higher education.

Amherst College offers many opportunities for professional growth and development, continued learning, and career advancement.

Amherst College is pleased to provide a comprehensive, highly competitive benefits package that meets the needs of staff and faculty and their families. Benefits are an important part of our overall compensation, so it is critical that you review all of the options to ensure it meets your total compensation requirements. Click here for https://www.amherst.edu/offices/human_resources/benefits.

Interested candidates are asked to submit a resume and cover letter online at https://amherst.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/Amherst_Jobs. Please be sure to upload all requested documents prior to clicking Submit. Applications cannot be revised once submitted. (Current employees and students should apply by clicking on the Career icon from their Workday home screen) Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. https://www.amherst.edu/offices/human_resources/JCCRProject1

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