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Summer 2018	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Project Title	Chicago Democracy Project 2.0
Project Description	<p>The Chicago Democracy Project (CDP) has completed its first phase of creating an interactive website that maps out various Chicago and Cook County election area results for the period 2000-2016. The phase was designed to enhance interest in local politics and to promote scholarly work and policy advocacy for scholars, community organizations and students. The second phase of the CDP is to collect and merge new census data to the website via the American Community Survey 2017. This includes but not limited to education, employment, income and housing indicators. We will then layer these data points onto districts at the county, state and congressional level. In addition, we are in the process of merging election data and results from the CDP 1.0 onto existing maps. The CDP includes data for the period 1975-2005. The CDP 2.0 will also build off existing content, commentary and analysis connected to important national and urban issues such as immigration, school choice and voting rights.</p>
Position Expectations	<p>The RA's will be collecting up-to-date elections returns including the 2017 midterm, aldermanic and gubernatorial races. The RA (s) must be willing to learn new research techniques including GIS, Stata as well as the coding of election data. They will be expected to write-up short analysis of specific policy trends at the national and state level but that also connect to the Chicagoland area. Training will be provided as necessary but one must have a high level of interest in city politics and policy analysis.</p>
Skills/Experience Required	<p>The RA (s) will be required to use various software products including Stata, Excel and GIS. Excellent writing skills are a must as well as the ability to synthesize scholarly texts and articles. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills as well as the ability to work in a team setting are required.</p>
What Will the FF Gain?	<p>The fellow will learn to work with diverse quantitative and qualitative data sets as a way to understand how urban policy decisions get made and how they directly impact communities. In addition, the experience in working with the CDP data will encourage he/she to explore political science topics that could lead to an independent study or perhaps writing a senior thesis project.</p>

And, possibly applying for a URG or other external awards including pursuing graduate school.

Time Requirement

Summer: 25-30hrs Academic year: 5-8hrs
