

Postdoctoral Positions in Catastrophic Risk Research at the Wharton School

The Center for Risk Management and Decision Processes at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania is seeking applicants for one or two postdoctoral fellowship positions in the area of catastrophic risk, with a particular focus on natural hazards and environmental risks. Fellows will work on NSF and foundation-funded projects covering a range of topics related to catastrophic risk, including psychological studies of risk perception, adaptation to natural hazards, and the economic management of disasters.

Researchers from a broad range of disciplines are encouraged to apply, including experimental psychology, economics, geography, and environmental science. Fellows will work in the Wharton School under the supervision of the Center's co-directors Howard Kunreuther and Robert Meyer and managing director Erwann Michel-Kerjan. Positions will begin Fall of 2010 or sooner.

Please email your C.V. and 1-2 representative publications to the attention of Chioma Fitzgerald (ccf@wharton.upenn.edu).



Established in 1984, the Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center develops and promotes effective corporate and public policies for low-probability events with potentially catastrophic consequences through the integration of risk assessment and risk perception with risk management strategies. Natural disasters, technological hazards, and international security issues such as terrorism risk insurance and protection of critical infrastructure are among the extreme events that are the focus of the Center's research. The Center's neutrality allows it to undertake large-scale projects in conjunction with other researchers and organizations in the public and private sectors, as well as international organizations. The Center's research team – over 50 faculty, fellows and doctoral students – investigates the effectiveness of strategies such as risk communication, information sharing, incentive systems, insurance, regulation and public-private collaborations at a national and international level. For more information on the Wharton Risk Center, please visit <http://opim.wharton.upenn.edu/risk>.