Science and Justice Research Center
Assistant Director of Research and Academic Programs
Job Description

The Science and Justice Research Center (SJRC), affiliated with the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), brings together faculty and graduate students from across all divisions of the University to address contemporary problems that entangle questions of science and knowledge with those of ethics and justice. The SJRC Assistant Director (AD) is expected to contribute to SJRC’s efforts to foster a new domain of research, teaching, and institution building in science and justice. Possible related areas of research and teaching include biodata and society, biotechnology and the environment, environmental modeling and environmental politics, technoscience and difference, and sustainability. The Assistant Director will:

1) **Develop the Center’s research profile through grant writing and building research programs that reflect the Center’s research foci.**

The Assistant Director will write at least one major grant a year, and at least one should be to the National Science Foundation. It is expected that these grants will integrate core SJRC methods and pedagogy into specific research projects that implement the Center’s current research goals. The AD will work with the Director and Center affiliated faculty to develop the thematic foci of ‘science and justice’ to identify and define Center research themes.

2) **Develop the Center’s public profile.**

Under the general direction of the Director, the Assistant Director will help formulate and implement short and long term Center plans to develop public forums, policy papers, social media platforms, and articles that translate Center research into the public sphere. They will liaise with other allied Centers to cultivate and organize public dialogues on issues of science and justice. The AD in collaboration with the Director also will play a central-role in fund-raising, budget planning, and the general promotion and organization of efforts to support the Center.

3) **Develop and teach up to two classes per academic year and help implement the Science and Justice Graduate Training program curriculum**

The Assistant Director will teach in the Science and Justice Training Program (SJTP). This will entail developing curriculum and may entail teaching the *Science and Justice: Experiments in Collaboration* course. The AD will advise Science and Justice Fellows and oversee the organization and implementation of SJTP events and programming. During an academic year, they may also teach one other course in the Sociology Department that contributes to the science and justice curriculum. Teaching duties will be determined on a yearly basis by the Director in collaboration with the Sociology Department.
4) Develop collaborations with affiliated researchers, Centers, and Institutes both on and off-campus

Under the general direction of the Director, the Assistant Director will help organize Science and Justice Working Group events, Science and Justice Training Program events, Center informal events such as reading groups and gatherings, as well as maintain and develop the SJRC Broader Impacts Support Program with affiliated faculty. The AD will liaise with directors of other relevant research groups on and off campus—including UCSC’s Affect Working Group, Center for Analytical Finance, Center for Biomolecular Sciences and Engineering, Center for Labor Studies, Genomics Institute, Institute for Science and Engineer Educators, and Urban Studies Research Cluster, and San Francisco State University’s Health Equity Institute, UC Berkeley’s Center for Science, Technology, Medicine and Society, and UC San Francisco’s Center for Transdisciplinary ELSI Research in Translational Genomics—to maintain and develop synergies and joint research programmatic collaborations.

Under the general direction of the Director, the AD will oversee the Visiting Scholar Program and help integrate visitors into Center programming.

5) Publish or present one academic article annually.

The Assistant Director will be expected to write scholarly articles that contribute to the field of science and justice and present their work at relevant association conferences and annual meetings.