

## Bright Line Watch Research Fellow Application

[Bright Line Watch](#) conducts and disseminates research on the performance of, and threats to, democracy in the United States. The BLW research fellowship is designed for a scholar who:

- Has completed a bachelor's degree in political science (or a related social science);
- Intends to pursue graduate studies in political science or some other research-based track;
- Has already developed strong skills in data management, analysis, and visualization;
- Wants additional experience in research design, data analysis, and project management.

The fellow's responsibilities include:

- Support conduct of ongoing BLW expert and public surveys, including survey design, pre-testing, data collection, archiving, and analysis.
- Support for the development of public reports and scholarly papers based on BLW survey research, including basic research assistance, writing, editing and copy editing, and production of graphs and other materials.
- Support the planning and organization of BLW conferences and events planned in conjunction with partner scholars and institutions.
- Development and maintenance of administrative records and support for BLW communications with funding agencies.
- Outreach to other scholars and to instructors at universities and/or high schools to disseminate BLW materials.
- General design, administration, and maintenance of the BLW website.
- Other projects, as they might develop.

The fellowship requires a one-year commitment, from summer 2019 to summer 2020. Within that range, the specific start and end dates are flexible to accommodate the schedule of the fellow and the needs of BLW.

During the fellowship, the research fellow may be in residence at any of the four universities at which BLW [principals](#) are faculty: Dartmouth College, the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan, or the University of Rochester. The fellow will be provided with institutional affiliation (including library and computing resources), access to shared work space, and the opportunity to attend academic events at the host institution. Depending on the institution, the fellow may also be eligible to enroll in or audit one class per academic term.

***The fellowship requires a commitment to work 30 hours per week for BLW. Salary is: \$37,080.***

Applicants should provide the following information to Professor John Carey by email at: [john.carey@dartmouth.edu](mailto:john.carey@dartmouth.edu). BLW will begin reviewing application materials as of January 2, 2019 and will continue to consider applications until the position is filled.

- Name
- Email and phone/text contact
- Current position, or academic affiliation
- Date of (expected) undergraduate degree
- Academic concentration(s)
- List all academic classes (and final grades) you have completed that focus primarily on statistics, computer science, data visualization, applied mathematics, or other quantitative research methods.
- Briefly describe your data management and analysis skills. Include programming languages and/or software, and levels of proficiency.
- Briefly describe any experience in conducting or assisting original social science research. If you worked as a research assistant, include the name and contact information for the faculty member or your direct supervisor.
- Provide a brief personal statement (maximum 250 words) describing your educational and career goals, and how the BLW research fellowship would advance them.
- If you have produced original social science research yourself or in collaboration with another author, you may submit it as a writing sample. **Note: A writing sample is not required to complete your application.**