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## **HIRING: Postdoctoral Associate MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative**

The MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative (ESI) is hiring a postdoctoral associate to deepen the scholarship of our climate change journalism activities and facilitate our climate journalism fellowship program.

Founded in 2014, ESI is MIT's institute-wide and primary effort to enlist and mobilize the substantial scientific, engineering, policy, and design capacity of our community to contribute to addressing climate change and other environmental challenges. ESI pursues multidisciplinary research, education, events, and partnerships to help move society toward an environmentally and socially sustainable future.

Public communication and engagement on climate change is a programmatic area of the ESI, and the Postdoctoral Associate will play a key role in advancing ESI's climate communications research agenda. The Associate will lead ESI's scholarly work around local climate journalism, resulting in peer reviewed publications. Areas of study include but are not limited to local journalism's effects on climate change beliefs, attitudes, policy support, consumer behaviors and political behaviors; and the current and future roles of local climate journalism.

The position also includes facilitating ESI's Journalism Fellowship (<https://environmentalsolutions.mit.edu/esi-journalism-fellowships/>), in collaboration with a diverse set of MIT researchers and staff, external partners and a cohort of U.S. journalists. The fellowship enables localized reporting on climate change, with a 2021-2022 focus on regions of the United States where climate change impacts or solutions are controversial or underreported. The fellowship offers itself to the Postdoctoral Associate as an opportunity to advance U.S. climate journalism as well as a case study for both examining effects and implementing learnings.

### **REQUIRED:**

- A PhD in communication, journalism studies, mass media, media studies, or related field
- Published peer-reviewed research in a related field of study
- Demonstrated experience with both qualitative and quantitative research methods

- Is a self-motivated, strategic thinker who possesses excellent organizational and communication skills, thrives working both independently and collaboratively, can deliver high quality results while managing multiple priorities, and can manage research projects from start to publication on a deadline
- Excellent written, communication, and relationship management skills that promote collaboration and cooperation

DESIRABLE:

- Knowledge of climate change science, impacts, and solutions

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