

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Postdoctoral Research Associate in
Biocultural Anthropology

The Biocultural Anthropology Lab, within the Department of Anthropology at Washington State University (WSU), has a Postdoctoral Scholar position available. At the intersection of social and biological sciences The Biocultural Anthropology Lab (<https://labs.wsu.edu/meehan>), under the direction of Dr. Courtney Meehan, is currently studying relationships between maternal-infant microbiomes, human milk composition, maternal-infant behavior, and health.

The postdoctoral scholar will work closely with Dr. Courtney Meehan and will also engage with an interdisciplinary research group centered on human milk composition, maternal-infant microbiomes and global maternal-infant health. The position is located in Pullman, WA.

The successful candidate, under the direction of Dr. Meehan, will take a lead role implementing projects and analyses, including managing research teams and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students. The postdoctoral scholar will work with Dr. Meehan to analyze data, write grants, and co-write papers. The successful candidate will also have some opportunity to develop their own research foci in ways that complement the lab's research.

Required Qualifications: PhD at time of hire. The candidate must have demonstrable skills in oral and written communication (including a strong publication record). A background in one of the following is required: 1) evolutionary social science, 2) milk composition, 3) microbiome, 4) quantitative analyses, and 5) infant and child development. Highly desired skills include strong analytical skills (especially in R).

Preferred Qualifications: The ideal candidate will be skilled at working both as an independent researcher and as part of a research team. Engagement in interdisciplinary research and bioinformatics skills are also desirable.

This will be a one-year appointment with the possibility to extend, should both parties agree. This position requires a background check. Applicant screening will begin on May 15, 2021 and remain ongoing until a successful candidate has been identified. Starting salary is commensurate with education and experience. To apply, visit wsu.edu/jobs, select your appropriate employment status, and search for R-784. Please upload the following documents:

- Detailed curriculum vitae
- Cover letter explicitly addressing the qualification for this position
- Research statement
- Contact information for three professional references

Inquiries can be addressed by contacting Dr. Courtney Meehan at cmeehan@wsu.edu. The Department of Anthropology website can be accessed at <https://anthro.wsu.edu/>. For more information on WSU, please visit <https://wsu.edu/>

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