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The University of Washington Center for an Informed Public (CIP) invites applications for a Postdoctoral Scholar to work on a recent National Science Foundation funded project titled “Building Rapid-Response Frameworks to Support Multi-Stakeholder Collaborations for Mitigating Online Disinformation.” The postdoctoral scholar will be appointed in the Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering, College of Engineering at the University of Washington.

In collaboration with project PIs Drs. Kate Starbird, Emma Spiro, and Jevin West, the postdoctoral scholar will lead an ethnographic study of a multi-stakeholder, data science collaboration working to mitigate online mis- and disinformation. The work will include participant observation in collaborative data analysis as well as interviews with diverse stakeholders.

One goal of the broader project is to develop frameworks for building and deploying multi-stakeholder collaborations for “rapid response” to disinformation. This specific study (that the postdoctoral scholar will lead) aims to better understand some of the complexity of doing this kind of data science — i.e. the rapid analysis of “big” social data — in a highly collaborative and high-stakes environment. We are seeking someone with a strong qualitative/ethnographic background as well as some familiarity with analyzing social media data and with the context of online mis- and disinformation.

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