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Description

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The [Media & Democracy program](#) at the SSRC encourages academic research, practitioner reflection, and public debate on all aspects of the close relationship between media and democracy. Media & Democracy asks, for example, how recent transformations in journalism have affected democratic discourse and participation. Conversely, the program also examines how changes in the political landscape, such as increasing polarization, have affected the media. The program takes a wide definition of media (including but not limited to news and journalism) and looks at various aspects of democracy.

The Media & Democracy program now seeks a Program Officer whose principal responsibility will be for a new initiative, the "Understanding Digital Mis- and

Disinformation” research mapping project. Disinformation, misinformation, and “fake news” are long-standing phenomena that, in the wake of the digital revolution, have become newly politicized and consequential. Now more than ever, citizens around the world have instant access to a vast variety of information—some of which is purposely misleading or manufactured, frequently to political ends. Research on these phenomena is rapidly accumulating in a diverse set of disciplines, sometimes resulting in parallel efforts.

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