PhD STUDENT SUMMER FUNDING FELLOWSHIPS
WORKING GROUP ON DATA ANALYTIC GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY
2019-2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS
DATE OF CALL: July 1, 2019
DEADLINE: September 25, 2019

ABOUT IPE. IPE seeks to promote research and multi-disciplinary deliberation about the social implications and ethics of science, technology and medicine. See ipe.ucsd.edu.

PURPOSE OF FELLOWSHIPS. The IPE fellowships allow PhD students engaged in social science or humanistic research to work on a project within the mission of IPE. The student’s dissertation need not be on this topic. While possibly used for dissertation research, we anticipate students working on a side project from their primary dissertation research that may result in a journal article. Fellowships are also intended to help foster a lively academic community at IPE, so fellows are expected to be participating members of the Data Analytic Governance and Accountability Working Group during the year 2019-2020. The Working Group is comprised of faculty and PhD students.

DATA ANALYTIC GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FELLOWSHIP. This fellowship is for those who are doing research on the topic of data analytics governance and accountability. The IPE is working collaboratively with the Halicioğlu Data Science Institute. In general, relevant projects are any concerning data analytics, governance and accountability where the results will have implications for how the ethics and policies of this field are envisioned. Examples of important issues in this domain include: data privacy and security, algorithmic fairness and discrimination, the replacement of human discussion and deliberation with narrowly focused algorithmic decision making, the masking of human decision making with data analytic operations, the lack of transparency and interpretability of algorithmic processes, and the various unintended consequences of the deployment of new information technology for social ends. To understand how these powerful tools work and to ensure that they are applied in ways that enhance rather than curtail human agency, social justice, democracy and economic development, we must articulate and investigate how data analytics govern and transform social life.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants must be a UC San Diego PhD student in good standing.
AWARD AMOUNT. A Data Analytics Governance and Accountability PhD fellow will receive a $5000 stipend in the summer of 2020.1 It is expected that the PhD fellow will participate in a monthly workshop for the 2019-2020 year.

APPLICATION PROCESS. Please submit an electronic application with the following information:

- **Project Description** (3 pages maximum). This should include theoretical framing, your research plan, and a paragraph of how the scholarly activity is consistent with the IPE vision.
- **CV**
- **Letter of recommendation from your primary faculty advisor**

Submit application via e-mail to [ipe@ucsd.edu](mailto:ipe@ucsd.edu), with the subject line, “IPE PhD Fellowship Program.”

For questions and clarifications regarding whether your intellectual idea fits with the purpose of the fellowship, contact Akos Rona-Tas ([aronatas@ucsd.edu](mailto:aronatas@ucsd.edu)). Funding questions can be sent to [ipe@ucsd.edu](mailto:ipe@ucsd.edu).

REPORTING PROCESS: Awardees will produce a one-page report by October 2, 2020 of the research progress. This report will be compiled as part of IPE’s annual submission to the Dean of Arts and Humanities, and the content may be used as part of the IPE Annual Report.

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1 The stipends are payable upon approval from the student’s home department to ensure that the stipend will not exceed the Graduate Division or departmental maximum earnings limit.