The Tech, Law and Security Program at American University is looking to hire a project lead/senior researcher.

The project lead/researcher will support an ongoing project addressing the roles and responsibilities of players across the internet ecosystem in responding with malicious actors and content online. Specifically, the project seeks to map out and examine the roles, responsibilities and technical tools of infrastructure companies that enable the Internet to function and individuals to communicate online, thereby expanding the lens beyond the content curation layer (e.g., social media companies, search engines, messaging apps) that are always in the news.

Candidates should have strong writing, analytical, and communication skills; strong organizational skills; fluidity with the relevant technology; an awareness of key players in Internet ecosystem; relevant legal and policy expertise; and consensus and coalition-building skills.

RESPONSIBILITIES

As a project leader/senior researcher, you’ll join a small and dedicated team working to address some of the most pressing tech, law and security issues of today. The Project Lead/Senior Researcher’s primary responsibility will be to lead, manage, and perform in-depth research, writing, and convenings related to an ongoing project to identify the roles and responsibilities of players in the internet ecosystem in addressing harmful content online, which will: map the ecosystem, including the roles of the various players in the stack and the tools available to address harms; identify the particular regulatory considerations that apply at different levels of the stack; and work toward a broad set of principles that can guide both private and public sector decision-making. The researcher will also design, lead and manage and provide support to other TLS projects as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

We are open to applications from individuals with a broad range of types of experience and experience levels. The qualifications that we’re looking for are:

- One to five years’ cumulative work and/or internship experience in technology-related fields, with a preference for experience on law and policy issues;
Knowledge of and experience working across the Internet ecosystem
Proven ability to think strategically about and execute complex research with clear goals and a focus on outcomes;
Exceptional attention to detail, with the ability to find the key fact in a mountain of documents and place it into a larger context;
Success handling multiple projects in a fast-paced environment;
Strong writing skills and the ability to use documents to tell clear, compelling stories;
Self-motivation, collegiality, and the ability to work both collaboratively and independently
The highest degree of professional ethics and integrity.

If you think you’d be a great candidate for this position but do not fit every part of this description, please don’t hesitate to apply and tell us why you’d be a great fit for the job.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Tech, Law & Security Program and the American University Washington College of Law are proudly an equal opportunity employer and are committed to building a diverse team. People of color, women, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and/or veterans are encouraged to apply.

Competitive salary, commensurate with experience. Generous and comprehensive benefits package.

Also, we are biased, but we think Washington College of Law -- and in particular the Tech, Law & Security Program -- is a great place to work!

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted through AU Careers. Please also send a résumé and a cover letter describing relevant experience and interest, to techlawsec@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate in your email how you heard about this opening.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis and will complete our first round by September 11, 2020.