



**PRIVATE SECTOR POSTDOC PROGRAM – FAQ October 2022**

*When will the position start and end?*

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025.

*What if I graduated a year ago or two years ago? Am I still eligible to apply for this postdoc?*

Yes. PhD alumni who have received their PhD in 2019 or later are eligible for this postdoc.

*Can I work for another private firm for this postdoctoral fellowship?*

No, but SSD hopes to expand this postdoctoral fellowship to other companies and sectors in future years.

*How will my faculty mentor at UChicago be selected?*

Upon acceptance of the fellowship, the post-doctoral fellow will work with the Social Science Division to find a faculty mentor at UChicago. The faculty mentor can be the post-doctoral fellow's dissertation advisor.

*Who will be my mentor at Morningstar?*

The postdoctoral fellow will be assigned a mentor at Morningstar, but the selection of the mentor will depend on the fellow's interests and expertise. Mentorship selection will not happen until the postdoctoral fellow position is filled.

*What responsibilities does the postdoctoral fellow have to the University?*

A Postdoctoral Researcher is an individual who has received a doctoral degree (or equivalent) and is engaged in a temporary and defined period of mentored advanced training to enhance the professional and research independence needed to pursue his or her chosen career path. The Postdoctoral Researcher is responsible for conducting research under the general oversight of a faculty or other mentor in preparation for a career in academe, industry, government, or the nonprofit sector.

*What responsibilities does the postdoctoral fellow have to Morningstar?*

The postdoctoral fellow will work with the designated person(s) at Morningstar on a regular basis to check in on progress on research goals and attend meetings relevant to the research. For any research published jointly with Morningstar employees, we expect the postdoctoral fellow to abide by Morningstar's editorial policies and editing processes.

*Will the postdoctoral fellow be required to be in-person at Morningstar headquarters full-time? Is remote work possible?*

The postdoctoral fellow is free to be at Morningstar headquarters full-time, but we only expect a minimum of 1-2 days in the office per week.

*Is the postdoctoral fellow expected to work at Morningstar or the private sector at the end of the two-year post-doc?*

No. The post-doctoral fellow is free to pursue any employment of their choice in any sector after completing the post-doc.