Frequently Asked Questions: LDEO Postdoctoral Fellowships 2014-15

1. When is the deadline for application?
The deadline for completed applications is December 2, 2013

2. What materials do I need to submit?
Applicants must submit a CV (including a list of publications), research statement, cover letter, and a list of 3 referees. A valid email address must be provided for each referee. LDEO will contact referees for letters of recommendation.

3. Where do I submit my application?
Applications must be submitted on the Columbia University online application system (RAPS). The application quick-link is: https://academicjobs.columbia.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=58399

4. What should I include in my research statement, and how long should it be?
The research statement (also called the “research abstract” on the RAPS application website) should describe your particular research interests and goals, and what research you propose to conduct at Lamont. The research statement is typically 3-5 pages long.

5. Where can I learn more about the research conducted at LDEO?
Applicants are encouraged to visit our research page to know more about our research: http://www.ldeo.columbia.edu/research

6. Do I need to contact any Lamont scientists prior to applying?
While it is not a strict requirement, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact potential mentors at Lamont to discuss the possibility of working with them. Our scientists’ contact information is available on the LDEO website http://www.ldeo.columbia.edu under the “People & Contacts” tab.

7. What are the selection criteria?
The principal selection criteria are scientific excellence and a clearly expressed plan to investigate problems at the forefront of Earth science.

8. How many fellowships are awarded?
The number of fellowships awarded can vary from year to year, and could range from 2 to 4 fellowships per year.

9. What do the fellowships carry?
Fellowships carry an annual salary of $60,000 and a $5,000 research allowance. A portion of the research allowance may be used to cover moving costs, subject to the Director’s approval.

10. If I get selected, will I receive Columbia housing?
Fellowship recipients are eligible to apply for Columbia University housing; however, housing slots are limited and often involve a significant wait period.

11. What is the expected start date?
The expected start date would be in the Fall of 2014 or Spring of 2015.

12. Who can I contact if I still have questions about the fellowship?
Applicants can email director@ldeo.columbia.edu