

## DeFi Fellowship 2022-23

The [Wharton Blockchain and Digital Asset Project](#) (BDAP), affiliated with the Wharton Initiative on Financial Policy and Regulation (WIFPR) and led by Professor Kevin Werbach, explores the implications of distributed ledger technology for organizations, governments, and individuals. It provides balanced, research-based perspectives on topics such as regulation of digital assets, governance of blockchain networks, emergent financial services, and prospects for a Web3 era.

We are seeking to hire a DeFi Fellow as a one-year full-time visiting researcher. The DeFi Fellow will lead BDAP activities related to decentralized finance, working with Professor Werbach and other BDAP affiliates and staff.

### Job Description

In 2021, BDAP and the World Economic Forum published [DeFi Beyond the Hype](#) and [The DeFi Policy-Maker Toolkit](#), two white papers that helped crystallize the potential and risks of decentralized finance. Since then, the DeFi world has experienced both dynamic innovation and prominent failures. The DeFi Fellow will spearhead our efforts to further understand the implications of DeFi, and to help stakeholders from both the private and public sector craft effective approaches to governance and legal challenges. This may include a combination of: developing policy-relevant research; organizing workshops and other events; commenting on or shaping regulatory proposals; and disseminating information via the Web and social media. Although this is a research-oriented position in an academic institution, we welcome applicants from a variety of backgrounds.

### Job Requirements

Graduate degree (MBA, JD, or PhD); relevant experience with blockchain, digital assets, and related technologies; excellent organizational and writing skills; and ability to work independently. This a postdoc-type position based in-person in Philadelphia, although some job requirements may be performed remotely.

### Application Procedure

Please submit a cover letter, CV, writing sample, and a 1–2 page project proposal to [whartonbdap@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:whartonbdap@wharton.upenn.edu). The proposal should describe a DeFi-related topic or initiative you would focus on during the year, and the proposed outputs (papers, events, online resources, etc.). We are looking for high-impact activities that advance the state of knowledge for researchers, industry participants, and/or policy-makers.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis beginning July 18, 2022.