

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### UDALL CENTER FELLOWS PROGRAM

Academic Year 2019–20

*in association with the*

### BIO5 Institute Team Scholars Program (BIO5 Scholars)

– Biosciences and Public Policy –



In 2018 the BIO5 Institute initiated a program to encourage interdisciplinary scholar teams to undertake research in new areas, with the aim of submitting program-level grant applications (<https://www.bio5.org/about/bio5-fellows>). In a similar vein, for 30 years, since 1990, the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy has hosted a fellows program intended to encourage research on aspects of public policy (<http://udallcenter.arizona.edu/news/articles/udall-center-fellows-programwhy-you-should-apply>).

For the 2019-20 academic year, the BIO5 Institute and the Udall Center—both University Research Institutes/Centers (URICs) within the UA’s Research, Discovery and Innovation (RDI)—are teaming up in an attempt to join research on topics within the BIO5/Translational Bioscience strategic areas (as spelled out in the BIO5 Team Scholars call) with appropriate public-policy inquiry (including ethics, financing, legislation, governance, public dialogue, and other germane subjects).

This joint initiative is an exciting new way to expand interdisciplinarity in the interest of producing meaningful, societally-relevant work in translational bioscience.

If you have an interest in either: (a) expanding your scientific team to include a policy dimension, or (b) applying your policy expertise to a scientific project, please contact Dr. Jennifer Barton of the BIO5 Institute ([barton@email.arizona.edu](mailto:barton@email.arizona.edu)) and Dr. Robert Varady of the Udall Center ([rvarady@email.arizona.edu](mailto:rvarady@email.arizona.edu)) by March 1, 2019. They will determine whether a collaboration is feasible, and where possible, suggest a partner. We encourage interested faculty to contact us.

**Eligibility.** This component of the competition will be open to tenured/tenure-track or continuing/continuing-eligible faculty members in any unit at the UA who will *not* be taking a sabbatical or other leave during the same academic year and who wish to carry out externally funded research on the public-policy dimensions of the BIO5 Institute’s strategic areas.

**Terms of the Fellowship.** RDI, BIO5, and the Udall Center will provide the successful fellow’s home department with \$15,000 to help cover the cost of teaching responsibilities for one semester. We expect fellows to be fully released from teaching for the semester of their fellowship; the funds are made available to units as compensation for the release time and to cover related critical teaching needs. Fellowships will be awarded only if the applicant’s home unit supports the application and the release of teaching time. Potential applicants must discuss the prospects of such support with department heads or directors prior to applying and should submit a signed form indicating departmental approval. The department head or director will be provided an opportunity to endorse an application (or not) and to provide relevant comments (see below). Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee that will make recommendations to the director of the BIO5 Institute and the director of the Udall Center, who will inform

applicants of awards following discussion with the units regarding funds and release time. Fellows are expected to present a colloquium on their work during the fellowship period and to acknowledge the institutional sources of support, including both the BIO5 Institute and the Udall Center, in grants, presentations, and publications resulting from the award.

***Application Procedure.*** Each applicant should submit via email with attachments in MS Word or Adobe PDF: (1) a brief statement describing policy research interests; (2) specific plans for activities to be undertaken during the fellowship term, including the mandatory external proposal development project (identifying specific prospective funding sources), and any other plans for original research and writing (up to five pages); (3) information on any related proposals already submitted for external support; (4) a curriculum vitae; (5) a letter of reference; and (6) a fully signed cover sheet bearing the signature of the department head/director. Electronic copies of the full packet should be submitted to Molli Bryson at [mollic@email.arizona.edu](mailto:mollic@email.arizona.edu) by **April 19, 2019**. For more information, you may contact Robert Varady at [rvarady@email.arizona.edu](mailto:rvarady@email.arizona.edu) or call at 626-4393.

***Selection.*** Applications will be reviewed by a panel of former Fellows. The Center expects to announce the results of the competition in early May 2019.

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The BIO5 Institute, the Udall Center, and Research, Discovery and Innovation (RDI) will provide the successful fellow's department with up to \$15,000 (to be determined) to help replace the fellow's teaching responsibilities for one semester.

Each application must include this signed cover sheet, which indicates that the candidate's department head has given prior approval regarding the applicant's eligibility and the arrangement for teaching replacement, should the applicant be successful.

Name of applicant

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Applicant's rank

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Applicant's home department or unit

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I hereby approve this application and accept the terms of the teaching replacement funds.

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Signature, Department Head or Director / Date