CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

UDALL CENTER FELLOWS PROGRAM

Academic Year 2023-24

in association with the

Arizona Institute for Resilience (AIR)

– Environment and Public Policy –

The Arizona Institute for Resilience (AIR) and the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy are pleased to announce the AIR component of the 2023-24 Udall Center Faculty Fellows Program. These fellowships are made possible with support from the TRIF Water, Environmental and Energy Solutions (WEES) Initiative, administered by the Arizona Institute for Resilience (AIR). Up to two fellowships will be available. Since the Program’s inception in 1990, the Center has hosted 165 fellows representing 43 departments or centers at the UA. To date, 106 members of the SBS faculty, representing 21 departments and units, have been awarded fellowships.

The primary purpose of the fellowship is to support development of a research project with relevance to environment and public policy. Topics may span the range of themes in environmental policy and need not relate to Udall Center activities. During the term of the fellowship, fellows are required to develop at least one proposal for external support to further the research agenda. External support may consist of a grant, contract, or fellowship from any source outside of the University of Arizona. Over the course of the Udall fellowship, the fellow will work with Research Development Services (RDS) in RII to target, develop, and submit the proposal. By the end of the fellowship term, the Fellow will either have submitted a proposal or prepared a complete proposal draft (depending on submission due date).

Eligibility. The 2023-24 competition is open to tenured/tenure eligible or continuing/continuing eligible faculty who will not be taking a sabbatical or other leave during the same academic year. Udall fellowships are not intended to precede or extend normal research leaves funded by other colleges, including sabbaticals and junior professional development leaves.

Terms of the Fellowship. AIR will provide the successful fellow’s home department with $12,500 to help replace the fellow’s teaching responsibilities for one semester. We expect the fellow to be fully released from teaching for the semester of the fellowship; the funds are made available to units as compensation for the release time and to cover related critical teaching needs. The fellowship 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 their department head or director prior to applying and should submit a signed form indicating departmental approval. The director will also 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 directors of both AIR and 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 AIR, in grants 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 and the AIR director (attached). Electronic copies of the full packet should be submitted to Molli Bryson at mollic@arizona.edu by April 14, 2023. For more information, you may contact Robert Varady at rvarady@arizona.edu.
Selection. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of former fellows and a representative of the AIR director. The Center expects to announce the results of the competition by late April 2023.

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Each application must include this signed cover sheet, which indicates that the candidate’s home department head or unit director and the AIR director have 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

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Signature, Director, AIR / Date