

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

UDALL CENTER FELLOWS PROGRAM Academic Year 2025–26

-Public Policy Research-



The Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy and the Office of Research, Innovation and Impact (RII) are pleased to announce the 2025-26 campus-wide Udall Center Fellows Program. Up to two fellowships will be available to qualified faculty members anywhere at the University. Since the Program's inception in 1990, the Center has hosted 184 fellows from over 51 schools, departments or centers, representing 13 different colleges at the University of Arizona.

The primary purpose of the fellowship is to support development of a research project with public policy relevance. Topics may span the range of public policy and need not relate to Udall Center activities. External support may consist of grants and/or fellowships from any external source (outside of the University of Arizona) that would provide resources to further the fellow's research agenda. Proposals may be major, such as to NSF—or more modest, such as funding requests for visits to archives or other research sites. Over the course of the fellowship, fellows will work with Research Development Services at 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. 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 any subject or theme.

Terms of the Fellowship. RII and the Udall Center will provide the successful fellow's home department with funds to help replace the fellow's 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 Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation (at RII) 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 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 Carolina Pineda at carolinapineda@arizona.edu by **January 31, 2025**. For more information, you may contact Laura Lopez Hoffman at lauralh@arizona.edu.

Selection. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of former Fellows. The Center expects to announce the results of the competition by February 2025.

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The Udall Center and Research, Innovation and Impact (RII) will provide the successful Fellow's department with up to \$12,500 + ERE to help cover the cost of 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

Applicant's rank

Applicant's home department or unit

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

Signature, Department Head or Director / Date