

# UDALL CENTER FELLOWS PROGRAM

Presented by Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy in association with

**BIO5 Institute**



**ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**26/27**



## **BIOSCIENCES & PUBLIC POLICY TRACK**

Catalyzing interdisciplinary research activities that address major societal challenges, influence policy, and attract external funding is major priority for the University of Arizona. Academic obligations such as service and teaching, as well as lack of access to appropriate facilities and support often pose obstacles for faculty wishing to develop new collaborative research initiatives. The Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy and the BIO5 Institute have partnered to offer Udall Center Fellowships for pairs of faculty who wish to transform novel ideas in Biosciences and Public Policy into competitive proposals for external funding.

**We are seeking pairs of investigators from different disciplines who have an interest in incorporating a policy dimension or applying their policy expertise to a health-related scientific project.** Interested faculty members should consider applying for this one-of-a-kind opportunity.

## **PAIRED APPLICATION GUIDE**

### **Eligibility**

Applicants should be pairs of investigators who wish to catalyze a new research area or develop new skills, with a goal to develop and submit a program-level grant application in Biosciences and Public Policy. They should be tenure/tenure-track or continuing/continuing-track faculty members working in an area of public-policy inquiry including, but not limited to, ethics, financing, legislation, governance, public dialogue, Indigenous issues, and other germane subjects—relating to a biosciences, biotechnology, or bioengineering field.

### **Terms of the Fellowship**

The Fellowship offers monetary support to relieve each faculty member of teaching/administrative responsibilities for one semester (up to \$12,500 as standard in the Fellow's department) or support research staff or graduate student. The home department/unit must commit to releasing the faculty member from teaching and administrative responsibilities, as appropriate and, to the extent practicable, departmental service obligations for the supported semester. Monetary support for the faculty pair will be for one semester. Fellows will also have support for community engagement and professional development in science communication. Additionally, Fellows may be provided offices, cubicles, and/or limited lab space in the Keating or Biosciences Research Laboratories (BSRL) buildings in accordance with justified needs of the project.

Over the course of the fellowship, successful applicants shall work with Research Development Services at ORP to target, develop, and submit the proposal. By the end of the fellowship term, the Fellows will either have submitted a proposal or prepared a complete proposal draft (depending on submission due date). Fellows proposing projects with the potential to generate intellectual property will work with Tech Launch Arizona to develop a protection and promotion strategy.

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. They are encouraged to participate in BIO5 activities and Udall Center activities, and to serve on future proposal review committees. resulting from the award.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE  
**FEB 16, 2026**

## Application Procedure

Prepare the following five documents and combine into a one single Adobe PDF:

## Selection

Applications will undergo internal UA peer review, and final selection will be made by the directors of BIO5 and Udall Center. Specific award guidelines will be detailed in the Notice of Award and Letter of Acceptance. The Scholarship awardees will be announced by March 2026.

## Review Criteria

Proposals will be judged on the potential of the proposed work to produce meaningful, societally relevant work in translational bioscience. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate strong interdisciplinarity with a clear focus on policy and the societal aspects of the project. In addition, if appropriate, proposals are encouraged to develop synergy from using BIO5 Institute and ORP resources located in the Keating or BSRL buildings and [at this website](#).

The specific criteria for review are:

- Alignment of the proposed research with the strategic goals of the BIO5 Institute, the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, and the University of Arizona
- Strong policy significance and impact of the project or program
- Partnership between two researchers representing different disciplines
- Excellence of the research plan
- Strength and credibility of the plan for obtaining external support.

## Learn More

- [The research emphasis areas of the BIO5 Institute](#)
- [The Udall Center's general policy interests](#)
- [The Udall Center Fellows Program](#)

**1** A one-paragraph lay abstract describing the significance and impact of the proposed effort

**2** Research Strategy and Plan (up to six pages) including the following elements:

- a | specific plans for the project to be undertaken during the funding period, including identification of a specific funding source and mechanism (e.g., program announcement) for the subsequent proposal.
- b | information on the investigators to be involved, including any past relevant proposals submitted or funded, or joint publications, or if the collaboration is new.
- c | a brief project management plan detailing the team's approach to working collaboratively.
- d | a listing of the resources requested with justification, including fellowship support required by the department for teaching release of the faculty, office, laboratory space needed (specific type and quantity), student/post-doc support, and core facility use funds as applicable

**3** A brief CV or biosketch (maximum 5 pages) for all personnel involved in the project

**4** A letter of endorsement and commitment of teaching/service release (if applicable) from each team member's department head or director

**5** A fully signed cover sheet bearing the signature of the department head/director (see next page)

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## Questions?

Please reach out for more information to the Udall Center's Dr. Laura Lopez Hoffman at [lauralh@arizona.edu](mailto:lauralh@arizona.edu) and BIO5 Institute's Vignesh Subbian [vsubbian@arizona.edu](mailto:vsubbian@arizona.edu)

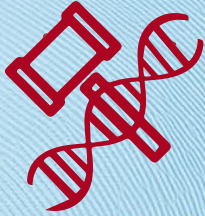
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The BIO5 Institute, the Udall Center, and Office of Research and Partnerships (ORP) will provide the successful fellow's department with a stipend (to be determined) to help replace the fellow's teaching, service, and/or administrative responsibilities 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.

### COVER SHEET

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