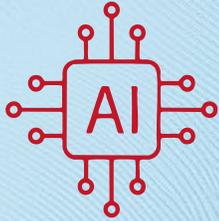# UDALL CENTER FELLOWS PROGRAM

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Office and Research Institute of the Chief AI Officer (CAIO)

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In line with the University of Arizona's new strategic priorities, the primary purpose of the fellowship is to support the development of two AI-related research projects: one focused on AI and health policy and one focused on AI and public policy. 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 ORP 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).

APPLICATION GUIDE

Eligibility

The 2026-27 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 the college, including sabbaticals and junior professional development leaves.

Terms of the Fellowship

ORP will provide the successful fellow's home department with the funds necessary 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 department heads or directors prior to applying and should submit a signed form indicating departmental approval. The dean will also be provided with 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 ORP Chief AI and Data Science Officer 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 participate in the peer-to-peer mentorship meetings in the fall semester and to present a colloquium on their work during the fellowship period. Additionally, acknowledge the institutional sources of support in grants and publications resulting from the award.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE
FEB 22, 2026

Application Procedure

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

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of former fellows and a representative of the Udall Center Director. ter expects to announce the selected researchers by March 2026.

Questions?

Please reach out for more information to the Udall Center's Dr. Laura Lopez Hoffman at lauralh@arizona.edu.

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 current curriculum vitae

5 A letter of reference

6 A signed cover sheet bearing the signature of the department head/ director and the ORP dean (see next page)

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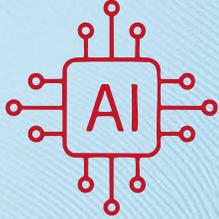**DEADLINE: FEB 22, 2026**

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The Office of the CAIO will provide the successful fellow's department with the funds necessary (no more than $12,500 + ERE) 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.

COVER SHEET

NAME OF APPLICANT

APPLICANT'S RANK

APPLICANT'S HOME DEPARTMENT OR UNIT

APPLICANT'S RESEARCH AREA

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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