Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy

2016-2017 FACULTY FELLOWSHIP
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Deadline: October 15, 2015

Overview

The Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy (IRRPP) is committed to increasing society's understanding of the causes of racial and ethnic inequality and to providing the public, organizers, practitioners, and policymakers with research-based policy solutions. The Faculty Fellowship Program seeks to address a central need of faculty members who do research on race and ethnicity—namely, to develop an engaged research agenda by connecting with communities beyond the campus, exchanging ideas and knowledge, and contributing to one another's debates, decisions, and actions. To support UIC scholars in these efforts, the Faculty Fellowship provides research funding and an intensive, year-long faculty development program to scholars whose research on race and ethnicity has the potential to contribute to current policy conversations and actions. **Applications are due Thursday, October 15, 2015**.

Award Description

The fellowship runs for a full year (July 1 – June 30). This support can take one of two forms:

1. Course Release: Faculty members may apply for one course release in the amount of $7,000, or for two courses for a total of $14,000 per Fellowship year. Release funds are paid directly to the Fellow's department and may be taken one at a time and in a combination agreed upon by the Fellow and his or her department.
2. Research Grants: Faculty members are awarded up to $5,000 per fellowship year for individuals and up to $10,000 per year for teams. Funds may cover project costs such as travel, research assistant salaries, supplies, and equipment. Funds are not allowed to cover PI, co-PI, or staff salaries.

Faculty members may apply for one form of award or the other, that is, either a course release or a research grant. Faculty members may not hold IRRPP's Policy & Social Engagement Fellowship concurrently with its Faculty Fellowship. Previous award recipients are welcome to apply. All award funds must be spent by the end of the fellowship year (June 30). All reports must be submitted 30 days after the end of the award.

The deadline for the 2016-2017 Faculty Fellowships is **Thursday, October 15, 2015**. You can learn more about the Faculty Fellowship by reading about our current and former Faculty Fellows at IRRPP's website: irrpp.uic.edu/funding.

Eligibility & Award Terms

IRRPP Faculty Fellowships are open to all full time clinical, research, visiting, tenured, and tenure track faculty in *all* disciplines at UIC, regardless of how recently they have received IRRPP funding. Junior faculty, those from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, and scholars from the arts, humanities, and health sciences are especially encouraged to apply.

Faculty Fellows are expected to:
1. Make their project report available to IRRPP for posting on the IRRPP website.
2. Acknowledge IRRPP funding on all project outcomes, including publications and presentations.
3. Support IRRPP programs by attending events, presenting research, contributing publications to the website, or serving on committees (e.g. funding selection or professional development committees).
4. Submit a project report 30 days after the end of the funding period (June 30).
5. Participate in the program's evaluation survey at the end of the year for feedback

Fellowship Activities
The fellowship runs for a full year (July 1 – June 30), during which time Fellows are expected to be on campus, work on their own research projects, and participate in the faculty development program. The program includes three components:

1. Financial Support for Research: Funding may be used for course release or for project costs, but not both. For more details, please see the Awards Description above.
2. Engaged Research: Throughout the year, Fellows can attend training sessions to develop their capacity for engaged research in the following areas:
   a. *Working in Community Partnership*: Fellows will be invited to attend a Participatory Research workshop in order to learn and refine best practices for developing strong, collaborative community partnerships with practitioners and advocates outside the university. Fellows will also have the opportunity to meet individually with the Associate Director for Community Partnerships to further develop strong, collaborative community partnerships.
   b. *Funding Engaged Research*: Fellows can meet with the Associate Director for Research to improve their funding strategies. They will choose between attending an introductory workshop on applying for grants at UIC or individual meetings for pre-award support for their particular projects.
   c. *Developing a Writing Practice*: Fellows will have the opportunity to attend one or more Faculty WriteOut! retreats to strengthen their writing practice and learn strategies for framing and presenting research in ways that connect with and influence non-academic audiences.
3. Intellectual Community & Exchange: Faculty Fellows will have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with a vibrant, interdisciplinary cohort of race and ethnicity scholars during opening and final receptions as well as at Faculty Development events throughout the year.

Fellowship Outcomes
By the end of the fellowship term, fellows will have developed a portfolio that reflects their enhanced capacity to engage communities and policy debates outside the university. The portfolio will include the following documents of one page each:

1. *A Final Report* on the fellow's research project written for a non-scholarly audience.

And a choice of either:

2. *A Funding Plan* with a list of funding sources for the current or future project;
   -or-
3. *An Engaged Research Plan* developed with a community partner that identifies common interests, a possible project question, plans for dissemination, and a tentative timeline for collaboration.

Submission Guidelines
Application materials should be submitted electronically as a single PDF document to Ryan Viloria at rvilor1@uic.edu. Applications should be written with 1" margins and 12pt font. The PDF file should include, in the following order:
1. A completed **cover sheet**, including all necessary signatures
2. A 150-word **abstract**
3. A 2-3 page, single-spaced **project summary** that details:
   a. the purpose and nature of the activity, including the specific tasks to be conducted, and the location and timeline for their completion;
   b. the research design, including data collection method with instruments, recruitment strategies, sampling criteria, data analysis method, and up to 2 pages for appendices with references, tables, and figures;
   c. the policy relevance of the project: that is the manner in *and* extent to which the research findings could contribute to a particular policy debate, mobilization, or decision-making process;

      d. the project's contribution to the applicant's professional progress;
4. A 1-page **budget and budget justification**, if applying for a research grant (please refer to Award Description for budget limitations);
5. A 2-page, abbreviated **curriculum vitae** of the applicant and co-PI (if any);
6. A 1-page **biography** of the applicant and co-PI (if any)

Complete applications are reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee of IRRPP staff members and UIC faculty and should be written clearly enough to be understood by scholars who are not specialists in the applicant's field.

For More Information
To learn more about IRRPP and its former award recipients, visit us at www.irrpp.uic.edu. For questions about the application process, email Ryan Viloria, Office Manager, at rvilor1@uic.edu.