



Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy

2016-2017 POLICY & SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP CALL FOR PROPOSALS Deadline: March 3, 2016

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 Policy and Social Engagement Fellowship (PSEF) provides funding to UIC faculty members who work with community organizations on community action projects related to race, ethnicity, and policy. Faculty and community partners identify a pressing community or organizational need and together they create a resource that helps address that need. Resources to be developed might include knowledge, networks, strategies, processes, or models; they may come in a variety of different forms (e.g., documents, publications, exhibitions, performances) as long as they can be documented for future use, review, or replication. In addition to funding, the PSEF provides an intensive, year-long faculty development program for scholars to meet and exchange ideas with a vibrant, interdisciplinary cohort, and the opportunity to join the Faculty WriteOut! retreat to strengthen their writing practice. **Applications are due Thursday, March 3, 2016.**

Award Description

The term of the fellowship is July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Up to \$10,000.00 per academic year to teams of faculty-community collaborators. Awards are made to faculty members; community partners are not considered IRRPP grantees. Award funds cannot be transferred to community partners. 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 not hold IRRPP's PSEF concurrently with its Faculty Fellowship, nor will PSEFs be awarded solely to support individual faculty members' research projects.

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 Policy & Social Engagement Fellowships is **Thursday, March 3, 2016**. You can learn more about the PSEF by reading about our current and former PSEF Fellows at IRRPP's website: irpp.uic.edu/funding.

Eligibility and Award Terms

The Policy & Social Engagement Fellowship is 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. Reviewers will favor applications from faculty members who have strong, stable relationships with community collaborators, and whose project outcomes appear likely to influence policy processes and debates.

Policy & Social Engagement Fellows are expected to:

1. Make their project resources 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 projects, and participate in the faculty development program. The program includes three components:

1. Financial Support: 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 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 Vilorio 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 **letter** from the community partner, explaining how this project meets their organization's needs
3. A 150-word **abstract**;
4. A 2-3 page, single-spaced **project summary** that details:
 - a. the faculty member's broad research agenda,
 - b. the community partner's mission, history, and program activities,
 - c. the problem or need to be addressed by the collaboration, and the goals of the project;
 - d. the activities through which these goals will be achieved
 - e. the strategies that will be used to preserve the resource(s) created by the project,
 - f. a timeline for completing the project,
 - g. the audiences who would be interested in and affected by the project outcomes;

5. A 1-page **budget and budget justification** (please refer to Award Description for limitations);
6. A 2-page, abbreviated **curriculum vitae** from the faculty member;
7. A 1-page **biography** from the faculty member.

Complete applications are reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee of IRRPP staff members 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 Vilorio, Office Manager, at rvilor1@uic.edu.