



Public Engagement Faculty Fellows Program

Important dates:

Applications open: 1/31/2023

Applications due: 2/20/2023

Fellows announced: April 2023

Fellowship dates: Fall and Spring Semesters 2023-2024 (starting August 2023)

We are pleased to announce the **2023-2024 College of Education Public Engagement Fellows Program**. Public Engagement Fellows will play an important role in helping the College of Education create a values framework for publicly engaged research, develop a strategic plan for public engagement, and engage their communities in ways consistent with the values framework defined by the committee of Fellows and Public Engagement staff. We are pleased to offer modest grants of \$6,500 to support fellows' community-engaged research work.

Fellows will work collaboratively at the college level, but successful candidates are also expected to have their own community-engaged research projects with an educational community partner. Educational community partners include schools, educational nonprofits, after school programs, summer camps, and community colleges located in Illinois. Projects will serve as case studies to inform the values framework and strategic plan.

The Public Engagement Fellows Program is open to full-time faculty with their primary appointment in the College of Education. A maximum of four faculty fellows will be selected for the 2022-2023 academic year. Faculty at the assistant professor level are especially encouraged to apply.

What will fellows work on?

Fellows are expected to engage in the following activities:

1. Collaboratively recommend values for public engagement and publicly engaged research for the College of Education.
2. Collaboratively develop a public engagement strategic plan for the College of Education together with educational community partners .
3. Work on community-engaged research projects that will serve as case studies to inform the values framework and strategic plan.



What type of funding is available?

Fellows will receive research funding of \$6,500 to support their community-engaged research work. Funds may be used to support:

- Undergraduate and graduate student hourly wages.
- Research expenses, including materials and supplies, participant incentives, data access expenses, programming costs, virtual meeting expenses, costs for community organizations to supply data.
- Honoraria for community partner participation.

Fringe benefits will be assessed on all student hourly salaries budgeted. Indirect costs (F&A) will not be assessed.

How will applicants be evaluated?

Applicants will be evaluated by the following criteria:

Strength of applicant

1. Experience: Does the applicant have experience with community-engaged scholarship?
2. Interest and intent: Does the applicant demonstrate interest and passion for supporting the college in creating values and strategy for public engagement?

Strength of project

1. Community impact: How does the proposed project benefit the community with whom it is being conducted? How will success be determined?
2. Strength of community-academic collaboration: Does this project represent a positive and authentic reciprocal collaboration between academic and community partners? Did the project arise from a community need?

What is the time commitment required of a fellow?

Fellows will participate in one two-hour meeting per month led by Emily Stone, Director of Public Engagement. Fellows will also be involved in additional strategic planning meetings and community listening sessions. Fellows will be expected to work collaboratively between meetings using Microsoft



Teams or other virtual collaboration tools, and meeting time will be used for discussion and decision making. Additional guests will be invited to meetings as needed. The fellowship will run from August 2023 until May 2024.

How to apply for fellowship

To submit an application and view the required application form, hosted through webtools, please visit: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1783914106>

Completed applications must be submitted by **Monday, February 20, 2023, at 11:59pm.**

- Applicants should be prepared to provide the following materials:
- Brief statement of interest in the fellowship (max. 300 words).
- Brief description of their experience with publicly engagement scholarship (max. 500 words) .
- Project description and budget (maximum \$6,500) for their publicly engaged project (max. 500 words, not including budget attachment in Excel) .
- Contact information for community partner.