



## Public Engagement Faculty Fellows Program

### Important dates:

Applications open: December 1, 2021

Applications due: January 9, 2022

Fellows announced: February 2022

Fellowship dates: Fall and Spring Semesters 2022-2023 (starting August 2022)

The new Public Engagement Faculty Fellows Program is open to full-time faculty (tenure-track and specialized) with their primary appointment in the College of Education. A maximum of **three faculty fellows** will be selected for the 2022-2023 academic year. All faculty at the assistant professor level (tenure-track, specialized, etc.) are especially encouraged to apply.

Public Engagement Fellows will play an important role in helping the College of Education create a values framework and definitions for publicly engaged research, outline indicators and metrics for publicly engaged scholars in the tenure process, and engage their communities in ways consistent with the values framework defined by the committee of Fellows and Office of Public Engagement staff.

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. The College is pleased to offer modest **grants of \$6,500** to support fellows' community-engaged research work. These projects will serve as case studies to inform the values framework, definitions, and metrics.

### What will fellows work on?

Fellows are expected to engage in the following activities:

1. Collaboratively recommend values and definitions around public engagement and publicly engaged research for the College of Education.
2. Collaboratively recommend a framework for measuring and evaluating public engagement in the College of Education promotion and tenure process.
3. Work on community-engaged research projects that will serve as case studies to inform the values framework, definitions, and metrics.

### 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:



1. Undergraduate and graduate student hourly wages.
2. Research expenses, including materials and supplies, participant incentives, data access expenses, programming costs, virtual meeting expenses, costs for community organizations to supply data.
3. 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 definitions, values, and frameworks 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 Director of Public Engagement Emily Stone. 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 2022 until May 2023.

### **How to apply for fellowship:**

Fully complete the [2022 Public Engagement Faculty Fellows Program application](#) and submit it by **Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 11:59pm.**

A university NetID is required. Please email Emily Stone, director of public engagement, at [ers@illinois.edu](mailto:ers@illinois.edu) with any questions.