UCLA Center for American Politics and Public Policy

2017-2018
Faculty Fellowship Competition

The Center for American Politics and Public Policy announces its faculty research fellowship competition for the 2017-2018 academic year. Fellows will be selected competitively on the basis of a proposal of approximately five pages stating the specific topic of the planned research, the phase of the research to be completed during the fellowship period (e.g., design and proposal development, field work or data collection, final analysis and writing), the relationship of the proposed work to one’s overall research agenda, and what the research will contribute to existing knowledge on the topic. Fellowships are open to any ladder faculty member on campus doing research on American politics and public policy fitting within the broad programmatic goals of the Center.

The document attached describes the fellowship program in full and lays out the obligations of the fellows. Fellowships provide $7,500 to hire a research assistant.

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 8, 2017

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Faculty Research Fellows

The Center for American Politics and Public Policy is committed to promoting significant research on American politics and public policy, to developing programs that educate students in the political processes of the United States, and to providing ideas, scholarship, and knowledge to policy makers and other interested publics in California and the nation.

As a part of its commitment to promoting significant research, the Center supports a Research Fellows program. The fellowships are awarded for one academic year in order to assist ladder faculty in initiating, conducting, or completing research on political and policy processes and institutions of the United States. Generally, fellowships will be awarded in support of research that has substantial empirical content. Applications are welcome from scholars in all disciplines.

Tenure and Terms of the Fellowship

The status of research fellow is awarded for an academic year. The fellowship provides $7,500 to hire a research assistant. Research fellows may use the award to initiate a new project, to assist in the field or analysis portion of an ongoing project, or to complete research already underway. Fellowship holders are not required to spend the year on campus and they may coordinate the fellowship with other awards or sabbatical leaves. Fellowship funds do not extend beyond the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year (June 30, 2018).

Specific Obligations

Beyond the general obligation to fulfill the proposal which served as the basis for selection, research fellows have four specific responsibilities:

1. On completion of the fellowship year, fellows must submit a written summary report on the progress of the research supported by the fellowship.

2. Fellows will permit the Center to publish any product, resulting from the fellowship, which would be appropriate for the Center’s Research Paper Series.
(3) Applications for sponsored research growing out of work done during the fellowship year should be submitted under the auspices of the Center.

(4) The Center expects fellows to acknowledge the Center’s assistance in any published work which results from the fellowship.

Selection

Application for the research fellowship is accomplished by submitting a proposal of approximately five pages and a curriculum vitae. The proposal should stipulate the specific topic of the planned research, the phase of the research to be completed during the fellowship period (e.g., design and proposal development, field work or data collection, final analysis and writing), the relationship of the proposed work to previous research and one’s overall research agenda, and what the research will contribute to existing knowledge on the topic.

A committee appointed by the Center Director in consultation with the Center’s Advisory Committee will evaluate each proposal and select as fellows those whose proposals are compatible with the general research agenda of the Center. The past record and future promise of the fellowship candidate shall be considered. The selection may also give weight to the fit of the proposed research with other proposals or with existing or planned research initiatives of the Center.