

Request for Proposals

Note: deadline extended to January 4, 2021

The **McAllister Climate Education, Engagement and Design (CEED) Fellowships** are designed to support early-career faculty and teaching staff at Northern Arizona University in developing high-impact scholarship or programming in the areas of **climate change, climate justice, and climate-related science communication**. Preference will be given to programming and scholarship that addresses and engages communities of the Colorado Plateau, and to scholars from backgrounds underrepresented in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities. As part of the collaboration between the McAllister Program on Community, Culture and the Environment and the Center for Ecosystem Science and Society (EcoSS), this award seeks to nurture new partnerships and collaborations across campus; therefore, EcoSS faculty, staff, and affiliates are not eligible. Two fellowships of \$10,000 each will be awarded.

Qualification:

Applicant must be a lecturer, instructor, professor of practice, assistant professor, research assistant professor, or non-tenured faculty, teaching, or research staff employed by Northern Arizona University as of October 1, 2020.

Application:

Applicants must include a current CV, a proposal of 5-8 pages describing the project or scholarship, a letter of support from supervisor or department chair, and a 1-page budget with narrative budget justification explaining how the proposed work requires resources beyond those available as part of the applicant's academic appointment and existing support. Budget categories may include summer salary for the applicant (or academic year salary, if uncovered), materials and supplies, wages, and travel (as allowed under current COVID-related restrictions).

Successful proposals will describe a community need or research gap, and offer a rigorous, well-designed, visionary response or project that addresses it.

- For proposals involving programming, successful applicants will describe any existing and projected collaborators or community partners, as well as a proposed mechanism by which programming may be sustained beyond the funding year.
- For scholarship-based proposals, successful applicants will describe the urgency, rigor, and saliency of the proposed project to the current moment, as well as a plan for engaging relevant communities and extending the project's impact and reach.

Review:

Applications should be sent to climatefellows@nau.edu and must be received by **January 4, 2021, 11:59 PM Mountain**. All applications will be reviewed by a cross-disciplinary committee chaired by the McAllister Chair in Community, Culture, and the Environment.

Francis B. McAllister Endowed Chair in
Community, Culture, and Environment

Award notifications:

Awards will begin January 2021 and extend through Dec 30, 2021.

The mission of the McAllister program in Community, Culture, and the Environment (CC&E) is to “enable the arts, cultural, scientific, and environmental institutions of the Colorado Plateau to meet the long-term needs of the communities they serve.” The McAllister program is housed in partnership with the Center for Ecosystem Science and Society (EcoSS), and enables EcoSS to better and more imaginatively serve communities of the region.

Through this partnership, EcoSS seeks opportunities to communicate about science and climate-based concerns with frontline communities and diverse stakeholders. We also work to expand the spaces in and beyond the university that make such conversations both possible and productive.

As stewards of the McAllister Program in Community, Culture, and the Environment, EcoSS aims to:

- *Support work that serves communities in and around the university engaged in a spirit of inquiry around environmental science and associated cultural questions and challenges, including climate change;*
- *Foster conversations among diverse stakeholders around ecology and climate science, aiming especially to include and amplify voices not traditionally invited to participate in these conversations;*
- *Strengthen and nurture existing bridges between NAU and its neighbor communities around environmental questions and challenges;*
- *Seek and build new bridges among Colorado Plateau communities that will allow us to more collaboratively and therefore meaningfully address environmental questions and challenges; and*
- *Develop and foster cultural opportunities that illumine these questions and extend their luminance and lasting power beyond the campus community.*