

Request for Proposals
The McAllister Climate Education, Engagement and Design Fellowship
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The McAllister Climate Education, Engagement and Design (CEED) Fellowships are designed to support teaching staff and faculty at Northern Arizona University in developing collaborative, inclusive scholarship, programming, and creative activities in the areas of climate change, climate justice, and climate-related science communication. Preference will be given to proposals that meaningfully and responsively engage communities of the Colorado Plateau, and to scholars from backgrounds historically underrepresented in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities.

This award is open to all members of the NAU teaching community. Early career scholars and teaching practitioners without dedicated support for scholarship or programming are especially encouraged to apply. We anticipate awarding multiple two-year fellowships of up to \$20,000 each.

Qualification:

Eligible applicants are non-tenure track faculty (e.g., lecturer, instructor, professor of practice, etc.), tenured or tenure-track faculty of any rank, research faculty of any rank, or any other teaching or research staff employed by Northern Arizona University as of January 1, 2022.

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.
- For proposals focused on creative works, successful applicants will describe the creative vision and artistic merit, including how the work engages the community around climate change. Successful proposals must include a plan for sharing the work (display, reading, performance) with the public in an inclusive, responsive format.

Application:

Applicants must include:

1. a current CV
2. a proposal of 5 pages (12-pt font, single spaced, 1-inch margins) describing the project, scholarship, or creative activity, including ~½ page addressing how the project will assess successful engagement and impact
3. a letter of support from supervisor or department chair
4. 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 including student support, project-based invoices, and travel. We encourage the involvement of collaborators who are not affiliated with NAU (eg state/regional/federal agencies, tribes, NGOs, industry, and/or other academic institutions) but direct salary support for these individuals is not allowed.

5. a data management plan for proposals that involve data collection. You can find more information on writing a data management plan through [NAU libraries](#).

Review:

Complete applications should be sent to climatefellows@nau.edu. All applications will be reviewed by a cross-disciplinary committee chaired by the McAllister Chair in Community, Culture, and the Environment.

Award notifications:

Awards will be announced by Aug. 31, 2022, and will be available through June 30, 2024.

The mission of the McAllister program in Community, Culture, and 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 Environment, Ecross aims to:

- *Foster new and inclusive conversations about ecology and climate action, aiming especially to include and amplify voices not historically invited to these conversations;*
- *Strengthen bridges between NAU and its neighbor communities and build new ones that will allow us to collaboratively address environmental questions and challenges;*
- *Imagine and develop cultural opportunities that illumine the intersections of art, climate, and science, and extend their luminance and lasting power beyond the campus community;*
- *Support work that serves communities in and around NAU engaged in a spirit of inquiry around climate change, environmental science, and associated cultural questions and challenges*