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WRC Faculty Fellow for Community Engagement

The ECU Water Resources Center seeks applications for a Faculty Fellow who will provide leadership and support for the Center's Community Engagement activities. It is expected that the Faculty Fellow will have experience working with external community partners at either a grass roots or institutional level, which may include programmatic, research, education, or outreach capacities. The Fellow will work with Center leadership and staff to define and implement a strategic framework, programs, and activities that advance the WRC's goals of enabling community-based research in Eastern North Carolina, with an emphasis on environmental justice and working with diverse and under-resourced communities. The Fellow will benefit from coordinating with and leveraging multiple existing initiatives within the WRC, particularly the NSF sponsored Coastlines and People project, Coastal Community and Environmental Data Scholars (CCEDS) NRT program, and Water Corps, which will provide the Fellow a large team of collaborators and resources to support their work.

Key responsibilities of the Faculty Fellow will include:

- Building strategic partnerships with communities and organizations external to ECU
- Collaborating with WRC staff, students, and faculty to design and implement initiatives with partners, including but not limited to meetings, trainings, and engagement events
- Providing vision and coordination of WRC staff and partners in implementation of the annual Tar River Community Science Festival
- Working with faculty, students, and staff to enable and coordinate opportunities for community-based research with external partners

It is anticipated that successful candidates for the position will have:

- a clear vision for advancing community-based research through the WRC
- the ability to create a supportive work environment emphasizing collaboration between partners, staff, and students
- a social science background and/or clear documentation of significant experience in effectively implementing community organizing and/or engagement activities
- a personal commitment to working with communities and sufficient time to effectively implement the above responsibilities

Compensation for this position is expected to fall in the range of \$15,000/yr, which will be split between a stipend and course buyouts subject to negotiation, administrative approvals, and ECU policy's regarding supplemental pay ([POL06.20.01](#)) and faculty reassignment ([REG06.60.01](#)). The position is subject to availability of funding.

For full consideration, applications should be received by January 15, 2023. This position is open all ECU faculty regardless of affiliation status with the Water Resources Center. The Fellowship is for a period of one year, but may potentially be renewed in additional years.

Applicants should prepare:

- A statement of interest that outlines qualifications and expected contributions, which should include:
 - an abstract of no more than 200 words,
 - a narrative of no more than 1500 words (excluding references) that provides:
 - a) a detailed description of the applicant's vision, motivation, and qualifications for advancing community-based research through the WRC,
 - b) an explanation of how the Fellowship would enhance the applicant's career goals and contributions to ECU,
 - c) specific examples (e.g., publications) illustrating how the Fellowship might enhance the faculty member's contributions to knowledge and scholarship,
 - d) expected outcomes that would be achieved through the Fellowship, and
 - e) an explanation of how you would balance your regular duties with this Faculty Fellow position (including requests for course buyout).
- A current CV that documents their experience in working with community-based organizations
- A letter of reference from a colleague or former community partner addressing your past experience and/or potential for enabling community-based research and programs (letters may be submitted directly to the WRC Director by the reviewer instead of as part of the application package)
- Contact information for two references (one may be the letter writer)

*All documents should be combined into a single PDF file and submitted by email to the WRC Director, Stephen Moysey (moyseys18@ecu.edu) with the subject line *FACULTY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION*.

*Note: These submission instructions may be updated or altered, so please check the WRC website prior to submitting your application.