IRiSS Faculty Fellows Program: Call for Proposals for the Academic Year 2016–2017

IRiSS is pleased to invite applications for its 2016—2017 Faculty Fellows program. This program brings together Stanford faculty members from multiple departments to explore cutting-edge research questions, with the goal of creating and communicating new knowledge through research publications and in the classroom. Fellows can apply to work on an individual or small group project. We look favorably on projects that bring together faculty from different disciplines to take advantage of the interdisciplinary environment that IRiSS fosters.

It is our hope that the time as a fellow at IRiSS will lead to future successful collaborations among our fellows, other Stanford faculty and international scholars; additional external funding; and teaching initiatives that may transform social science teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. We can work with the VPUE and VPGE on these latter initiatives if additional resources for curriculum change would be helpful. Fellows may also want to use their time working within the context of IRiSS to initiate new project proposals, to further the work of ongoing research programs, or to complete important research efforts and bring them to fruition through publication.

Teaching load reductions are provided, as needed to promote faculty participation. On occasion faculty fellow appointments have been made in conjunction with partial sabbatical leave.

The 2016-2017 Fellows program will have a greater focus on the residential nature of the program than it has in earlier years. Most fellows will have access to office space at IRiSS facilities at 30 Alta Road, if they intend to use the space as their primary campus office. Monthly lunches will be provided so that Fellows can share intellectual interests.

To apply you need simply to describe your project in two pages or less, and include a list of those faculty affiliated with it (if appropriate). Please indicate the nature of the end product to be produced during the time as a fellow, and clearly identify how it will be furthered with access to the time and resources available through IRiSS and its affiliated centers and programs. We are open to joint faculty applications for collaborative projects. Applications should be emailed as attachments to Carolyn Ybarra at ybarra@stanford.edu. The deadline is Friday, January 22, 2016.

If selected by the IRiSS Fellows Review Committee, you may be asked to meet with the director for a brief interview about the project and the proposed fellowship period. Additionally, you will receive a request for details about your schedule for working on the project. This information is used for allocating space and will not influence the merit review of the proposal.

After the committee review, applicants will be contacted by mid-February. Support from the chair of the relevant department will be needed before the fellowship is awarded, in particular to assure that course release does not conflict with the instructional needs of the department.

We are open to affiliated fellows who may wish to spend part or all of their sabbatical leaves at IRiSS facilities. The same project application is required. Please contact Karen Cook, Director, if you wish to explore this option. For other questions, contact Chris Thomsen at 650-736-7569 or by e-mail at cthomsen@stanford.edu.