The Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS) is pleased to invite applications for its 2020-2021 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. 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.

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. Monthly lunches will be provided so that Fellows can share intellectual interests.

Teaching load reductions are provided, as needed to promote faculty participation. Faculty on sabbatical may also apply, following the same proposal process and deadline. We are open to joint faculty applications for collaborative projects.

To apply you will describe your project in two pages or less, in pdf or doc format. This will be uploaded when you apply. On the application form, you will be asked to: 1) include a list of affiliated faculty (if appropriate), 2) indicate the nature of the end product to be produced during the time as a fellow, and 3) clearly identify how it will be furthered with access to the time and resources available through IRiSS and its affiliated centers and programs. The deadline is Friday, February 7, 2020. The application link will be available January 6, from the IRiSS website:

https://iriss.stanford.edu/faculty/faculty-fellows

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 late March. Support from the chair of the relevant department will be needed before the fellowship is awarded, to assure that course release does not conflict with the instructional needs of the department.

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