



CREATIVE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (CRC) FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

The office of Research Services (ORS) and the University of Colorado Denver/Anschutz campus Graduate School are pleased to announce a call for applications involving 4 to 6 faculty research fellowships that create cross-disciplinary research teams from across the University of Colorado Denver Downtown campus.

The CRC is engaged in enhancing scholarly networks fostering unique, cutting edge, and broad-ranging research/creative activities that connect disciplines through collaborative research projects. Increasing awareness of emerging scholarship opportunities and the accomplishments of UCDenver faculty research and creative activities to both the university and greater community is a central priority and this fellowship is a key component of a strong faculty research and mentoring network on the downtown Denver campus.

In the upcoming academic year (2021-2022) the CRC and The Graduate School are again co-sponsoring the fellowship.

ABOUT THE CRC:

Located in the Office of Research Services (ORS), the Creative Research Collaborative (CRC) is a campus wide initiative to foster innovative and interdisciplinary research and creative activities that strengthen collaboration across academic units on the downtown campus. It provides support for various forums to discuss, deliberate, and investigate avenues cultivating a broader understanding and appreciation of how new forms of research and community outreach within the creative arts can emerge to support the university's mission of becoming "a leading public research university with a global reputation for excellence in learning, research and creativity, community engagement, and clinical care". Central to this goal is the exploration of questions involving what constitutes "research" within the arts, humanities, and social sciences, and how existing conventions can be transformed to enrich the campus academic environment. Such activities provide the foundation for strong interdisciplinary research on campus while simultaneously creating beneficial partnerships that positively engage our local, national, and global communities.

For more information, please visit: <https://research.ucdenver.edu/research-services>

ABOUT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

The Graduate School administers and serves Master's programs, Doctoral programs, Certificates, and non-degree courses throughout all thirteen schools and colleges across both the Denver and the Anschutz Medical Campuses. It offers resources and support for prospective/current graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty as well as providing services and personnel to meet their administrative, recruitment, and communication needs. It also sponsors academic and service awards, internships, travel, and networking opportunities that enable students to thrive beyond the classroom.

In addition, the Career Development Office (CDO) supplements graduate and postdoctoral training with the real-world skills and experiences needed to successfully transition into careers. Through seminars, workshops, and experiential opportunities the Graduate School offers a focus on the skills that will help students in their future careers: communication, leadership, management, and professionalism for use in exciting and challenging professions that expand the frontiers of science, healthcare, technology, commerce, and education for our society as a whole.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ucdenver.edu/schools/graduate/Pages/default.aspx>

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The CRC interdisciplinary fellowship will support several cross-disciplinary faculty for the 2021 - 2022 academic year. Successful applicants will form a collaborative group for a 12 month fellowship period (August 2021 to August 2022) that draws from various disciplines across the campus. Each fellow will receive \$5000 in faculty development funding to work on proposals for research grants, scholarly publications or creative endeavors such as exhibitions, texts, or similar. The fellowship supports the creation of cross disciplinary faculty teams that define a research project spanning two or more disciplines (from at least two different colleges) that can potentially submit 3 proposals to external funding agencies or create several scholarly articles or exhibitions during the fellowship year. Funds can be used as summer salary, for travel, towards course buyouts, or other research needs. In addition, each fellow will give a talk about their research at a brown bag lecture series for faculty and students sometime within the fellowship year. CRC fellow's talks provide a venue to learn about research being undertaken in other disciplines as well as serving as a platform to connect individuals from across the campus to engage the greater academic community and foster a stronger research identity for the campus.

Continued from last fellowship cycle: To assist the faculty fellows in the promotion of their research, the Graduate School is sponsoring (up to) two student research fellowships for UC Denver (downtown campus) graduate students (one research assistant per CRC research team) to assist the CRC Fellows in the development of their research strategies, methods, and projects. Prospective RA's should be recruited by each CRC applicant team utilizing the general criteria that the prospective student RA should be pursuing a PhD (preferred) or Masters level study (minimum) within a relevant discipline to the research project. Each applicant team will outline the collaborative role of the RA, the budgetary justification for their efforts, supervisory structure/schedule, and educational merit for the position. Please note: Applying for the RA position is not required and is at the discretion of each collaborative team.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible faculty members are those holding a full-time appointment on the CU Denver downtown campus at a tenure-track; tenured; research or clinical track rank. Faculty are encouraged either to apply individually (CRC will "match make" if possible) or as a team. Teams must have representatives from at least two colleges to be considered. An exception will be considered for departments from CLAS where the proposals and team member's disciplines clearly bridge the humanities and the sciences.

THE APPLICATION:

Applicants should use the formatted Word submission document found at <http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/WhoWeAre/Chancellor/ViceChancellors/Research/OAVCRCA/Pages/Research%20Services.aspx> Each application must include:

1) A cover sheet that includes a description (Maximum one-half page) clearly outlining the applicant team's research agenda. (Please be specific about each separate team member's research expertise as well as how this expertise will contribute to the team's research project proposal. If it is an individual applying please clearly outline expertise, interdisciplinary interests, and ideas that could become an interdisciplinary project.)

2) A description indicating each individual's potential contribution and research interest relating to the teams proposed research interests or creative activities agenda. In other words, a statement explaining the research/creative strengths each candidate feels they bring to the collaboration. (Maximum two pages).

3) Brief descriptions of several external interdisciplinary research or creative activity grants that the partnership feels are potential avenues to target in the fellowship year OR a proposal for an exhibition, text or similar. Descriptions should specify what interdisciplinary skill sets are necessary and include the following details:

(i) What specific outlets for the work accomplished in the project are likely (exhibits, journal articles, etc).

(ii) What other support might arise upon successful completion of the project (matching funds, in-kind support, etc.)

4) A clear statement indicating how the fellowship would advance the applicant(s)' career and what the potential broader impact of the project might be for the campus community. (Maximum one-half page)

5) A clear statement indicating the need for and role of a research assistant. Clearly describe the role this assistant would play on the project as a team member and how this collaboration would benefit the student RA's educational experience. (Maximum one-half page/Not required if no research assistant for the collaborative team is desired)

6) A short CV highlighting past interdisciplinary and collaborative research or creative activities (Maximum two pages)

7) Sign a pledge to report to the CRC a summary outlining the project's outcomes at the conclusion of the fellowship as well as providing updates on future developments related to initial funding (see form).

8) Agree to become an active member of the CRC campus wide research mentoring network.

9) Brief statement from dean, department chair, or program director agreeing to support the application. (please submit a separate statement for each team member)

The deadline for applications is Friday August 06, 2021. (5PM) The Fellowship year will begin mid-August of 2020. The application can be found on the ORS website at:

<http://www.ucdenver.edu/research/ors/Pages/default.aspx>

Please direct any specific questions about filling out the application to Carie Carroll: carie.carroll@ucdenver.edu. Please direct any questions about the application process or the fellowship in general to Michael Jenson: michael.jenson@ucdenver.edu.

Timeline

RFP announcement (released)	April 15, 2021
Proposal due date	August 06, 2021 (5:00 p.m.)
Award notice	Mid-August, 2021
Fellowship to begin	August 20, 2021 (approx..)
Fellowship ends	August 20, 2022 (approx..)
Report of activities and results (due)	September 03, 2022