



**Faculty Fellowship for Social Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts
2017-18
Call for Applications**

This Atkinson Center fellowship supports Cornell faculty in the social sciences, humanities, and arts who are working in the sustainability arena. The in-residence fellowship provides faculty with teaching relief for one semester, research funding support and opportunities to engage with a broad, interdisciplinary audience on and off campus.

Program Timeline for academic year 2017-2018:

Call for Applications	Nov 17, 2016
Applications due (for either semester)	Jan16, 2017 at 5:00pm EST
Decisions announced	Feb 20, 2017

Whether future generations will inherit a livable planet – and what life on that planet will be like – is perhaps the most pressing issue of the 21st century. Scholars in the social sciences, humanities, and arts play a critical role in sustainability through their work on environmental history and philosophy, inequality, governance, material and symbolic culture, behavior, science and technology, production, communication, and social and institutional organization. Imagining and building a sustainable future in which humans and non-humans alike can thrive requires innovative ideas, practices, and relationships in and across these fields.

To promote this work on campus and beyond, the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future has created a pilot faculty-in-residence fellowship program to support research, teaching, outreach, and performance. The fellowship provides four to six current Cornell faculty with teaching leave (buy-out) for one semester to work on new or ongoing sustainability-related projects.

The fellowships will support fellows' research, writing, and teaching on topics related to sustainability. Fellows will engage in transdisciplinary dialogue and will be expected to reach beyond academia in their work, whether through writing for popular or nontraditional audiences or engaging in projects with external, nonacademic collaborators, including social movements, NGOs, or local communities.

Selected applicants will be given office space at Rice Hall, where they will participate in regular discussions with a range of faculty and organize topical lunches reflecting their research interests for faculty across campus working on related issues from different disciplinary or scientific perspectives.



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Fellows will be provided with research accounts of up to \$5,000 for travel or research during the semester.

The Center may also provide a small amount of funding for fellows who wish to organize multidisciplinary workshops or conferences on themes related to their projects. Fellows will decide on the workshops' format and content. These events should engage as broad a cross-section of scholars and practitioners as possible, with the goal of generating new approaches and new relationships for understanding and addressing sustainability issues.

Eligibility

All applicants must meet Cornell's principal investigator eligibility criteria; see <http://www.research.cornell.edu/VPR/Policies/PI-policy.html>.

Applications

- Applications must include a two-page project description that outlines the merit and broader impact of the project, a brief narrative budget for research funds up to \$5,000, a CV, and a signed letter from the chair of the applicant's unit stating that he/she supports the application and agrees to use the teaching relief funds provided by the Atkinson Center to find alternate teaching staff for the semester. **Note: Proposals that clearly identify the relevance of the project to a sustainable future and outline the applicant's interests in interdisciplinarity and in engaging with nontraditional audiences will be strongest.**
- Please explain how this fellowship would be an opportunity for intellectual and professional growth for you.
- Please specify if you would like to be considered for the fellowship for Fall 2017, Spring 2018, or both semesters--and if for both, whether you have a preference.
- Applications will be reviewed by a small advisory group of Cornell faculty and Atkinson Center directors. Fellows will be selected based on the merit of the proposed project and expected broader impacts, as well as the candidate's enthusiasm for collaborative engagement and the potential for intellectual and professional growth.
- Submit all application materials as a single attachment in MS Word or PDF format by email to Gladys Brangman at geb99@cornell.edu. The deadline for proposals is **Monday, January 16, 2017, by 5:00 p.m. EST.**
- The Atkinson Center will announce fellow selections by **Monday, February 20, 2017.**
- Direct all questions to Kieran Donaghy at kpd23@cornell.edu, Atkinson Center Faculty Director, Economic Development