

**David E. Shi Center for Sustainability
Request for Proposals
Faculty Sustainability Research Fellowships 2019**

Application Deadline: Friday, February 1st, 2019

Description: Faculty Sustainability Research Fellowships are available through the David E. Shi Center for Sustainability (Shi Center). These faculty fellowships are intended to facilitate and support transdisciplinary research for Summer 2019. Furman faculty members interested in exploring sustainability-related topics, particularly the relationship between sustainability and the faculty members' disciplines, are encouraged to apply. **Each grant application must be a joint project proposed by at least two faculty members from different academic departments, and each proposal must include an opportunity for at least one student to work with the associated faculty members.** Funding for the student may be provided by the Office of Undergraduate Research Summer Research Fellow Program. In an effort to simplify the application process, we ask that you submit your application through the Office of Undergraduate Research's Summer Research Fellow application (details below).

Funding Period: The funding period is summer 2019 and will begin May 15th, 2019. The fellowships are intended to support summer research work that results in a deliverable (e.g., journal article submission and/or conference presentation) within one year of completion research. The Shi Center may request infrequent updates on the project's progress throughout the summer, as well as a copy of any publication/s about the project. An end-of-fellowship report will be requested in September of 2019.

Applications: To apply for this grant program, please submit your application through the online system provided by the Office of Undergraduate Research. The application process can be started here: <http://www.furman.edu/sites/ur/Pages/summer-research-fellows.aspx>. A downloadable Word document of the application questions will be available here as well to help you draft your responses. Additional information about this process will be sent to the current_faculty_cloud Nov 19th or 20th.

You will not need to fill out an additional application for our program. We will obtain the Summer Research Fellow Application from the Office of Undergraduate Research. To be considered for our grant program please:

- a) Complete the Summer Research Fellow application through the Office of Undergraduate Research before the February 1st deadline.
- b) On your application, please respond "yes" to the question that reads: "Is this application part of your application to be a Fellow with the Shi Center?"
- c) Send an email to Kelly Grant Purvis (kellygrant.purvis@furman.edu) stating that you have applied and naming both faculty and student/s in your application. (This application system will only allow one faculty member to serve as a PI, so please include the CV and any other relevant materials for additional faculty members in this email.)
- d) In the email to Kelly Grant, we ask that you include the following information:
 - (1) a brief explanation of how the proposed project relates to sustainability
 - (2) a short overview of how the proposed research will impact your own personal research development and the scholarly community
 - (3) a description of how the research will be used in your courses in semesters following the fellowship using the **teacher-scholar model**.
 - (4) a timeline for the project

(5) a budget that includes a list of materials/expenses.

Faculty members from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Please note that this project should be a primary endeavor in the summer of 2019. Please note other projects or plans for the summer in your application.

Evaluation: Proposals will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary faculty committee of past Faculty Sustainability Research Fellowship recipients for project originality/innovation, transdisciplinary approach, scholarship contribution, relevance to sustainability, connection to pedagogy, and likelihood for success. Proposals which examine specific campus, Greenville, or upstate South Carolina projects will be of particular interest. To date, this program has supported 29 Furman faculty members representing 12 academic departments.

Funding Amount: This program has a total allocation of \$15,000. Decisions about how many projects to support will be made based on the quality of the proposal and the value of the transdisciplinary research resulting from the work. Faculty stipends are set at \$3,000 per faculty member. This stipend is in lieu of, not in addition to, the \$1250 stipend offered by the Office of Undergraduate Research, with the exception of \$250 stipend bumps for additional students. Funding can be used for stipends and materials or other expenses necessary to complete the project. Please outline the use of funds in the proposal budget. **Please note that faculty fellowships are intended to support transdisciplinary faculty and student research.**

Proposal Submission: Please send proposals via email to Shi Center Associate Director of Sustainability Programs, Kelly Grant Purvis, at kellygrant.purvis@furman.edu. Faculty members should cc their department chair on their emailed proposal submission.

Additional Responsibilities of Faculty Fellows: Furman faculty members awarded a fellowship are required to submit an application for the Shi Center's Faculty Affiliate Program if they are not already an affiliate. Additionally, all Faculty Fellows will be asked to present their work at a gathering of the Shi Center's Faculty Affiliate Program in the spring semester of the 2019-2020 academic year. All fellows must submit a copy of the deliverable produced during their fellowship to the Shi Center for archiving within one year of the summer research completion.

Contact Kelly Grant Purvis for additional information: ext. 2517 or kellygrant.purvis@furman.edu.