Institute for the Advancement of Community Health
Request for Proposals
IACH Faculty Fellowship 2023

Application Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2023 (student materials due Friday March 3, 2023)

The Institute for the Advancement of Community Health announces a call for an IACH Faculty Fellowship. This fellowship is intended to support a collaborative scholarly project that involves Furman faculty, a Furman student, and a community health partner. Faculty from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

The award includes a $5,000 stipend for the Furman faculty member (which can be divided between multiple faculty), a $3,500 fellowship for a full-time summer research student, and $1,000 allocated for supplies.

Funding Period
The funding period is summer 2023, and can begin as early as May 10, 2023. One fellowship will be awarded this cycle.

Eligibility
Proposals must include an investigator from Furman and at least one other investigator from a community partner.

Expectations
These fellowships are intended to support summer scholarship that results in a deliverable (e.g., journal article submission, external grant application, conference presentation) within one year of completion. The IACH may request updates on the project’s progress throughout the summer, as well as a copy of any publication/s or presentations resulting from the project. The funded project is expected to be a primary focus of the award recipient during the funding period. Students are required to fulfill all requirements of the Furman Undergraduate Research Fellowship (e.g., presentation at Furman Engaged, and any training sessions during the summer).

Applicant Agreement
Furman faculty accepting an IACH Faculty Fellowship agree to:
- Secure Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or exemption before the initiation of project-related work, if applicable;
- Spend award dollars only on proposed research-related activities by May 31, 2024;
- Submit an interim report (October 2, 2023) and a final report (April 26, 2024);
- Share outcomes of research with IACH;
- Present work at an IACH event, if requested;
- Acknowledge funding support from IACH and notify IACH if project-related work is published or awarded extramural funds.

Selection Process
Proposals will be evaluated internally by IACH’s staff for relevance to the mission of the IACH, project feasibility, innovation, and potential impact. Award notifications will be made in late March or early April 2023.

Application, Formatting, and Submission Instructions
The application is a supplement to the Furman Summer Research Fellowship proposal, available on the Furman Undergraduate Research website. Application items specific to this fellowship are included on the following page. Applications that remain incomplete by, or received after February 17, 2023 will not be reviewed.

Please direct any questions to Rachael Bowers (rachael.bowers@furman.edu).
IACH Faculty Fellowship Application Items

1. Project description, including (a) objectives, (b) background and significance, and (c) activities in 750 words or less.

2. In what ways does this project align with the IACH’s mission to advance education and scholarship related to supporting and improving health?

3. Describe the collaborative relationship. Have you worked with this community partner before? If so, in what capacity? What role has your collaborator played in the conceptualization of the project? In what ways do you see them supporting the project when it is underway? A letter of support from your community partner should be emailed to Rachael Bowers (rachael.bowers@furman.edu) before the fellowship deadline.

4. If COVID were to seriously disrupt our day-to-day operations, e.g. a shutdown, would you be able to adapt the project (e.g., complete it remotely?).

5. Provide a timeline for the completion of the project.

6. What other commitments, besides this project, do you (Furman PI) have this summer?

7. The IACH fellowship includes a $5,000 faculty stipend and a $1,000 supplies fund. Include a budget narrative for the supplies fund and specify any proposed deviations from the standard award allocations.