Short-Term Visitors

Deadline:
Dec 31, 2021

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

Please Note

Before applying, prospective applicants should first contact SESYNC at research@sesync.org[1] to express interest in this opportunity. Please make sure to include a C.V. and a brief summary of your proposed socio-environmental synthesis project.

Overview

Short-term visitors are scholars in residence at the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) from two weeks to two months who work on synthesis projects. They may be provided funds to travel to and work on-site at the Center, as well as technical support that will contribute to their scholarly efforts at SESYNC.

Short term visitors should either: 1) Propose a synthesis project that couples both social and environmental data, theories, or models; or, 2) Propose a collaborative synthesis project with someone in residence at SESYNC. Applicants should identify a SESYNC sponsor who has agreed to host them and submit a letter of support from the SESYNC sponsor (also signed by SESYNC’s Director) along with their application.

Components of a Short-Term Visitor Application

Include the following using single spacing, 12-pt type fonts, and 1-inch margins.

1) Cover sheet (1 page)

- Descriptive title (“SESYNC Short-Term Visitor: ....”)
- Short title (25 characters max)
- Name and contact information
- Project summary (250 words): appropriate for the public; posted on the SESYNC website
- Keywords (up to 5 keywords different from those used in the title)
- Proposed start dates and length of stay
- Potential conflicts of interest with members of the SESYNC External Advisory Board[2], Leadership Team[3], Researchers[4], or Fellows[5]
2) Main body (4 pages max including references)

- Problem statement: clear and concise statement of the project goals, including the social and/or environmental synthesis to be undertaken and how it will contribute to actionable science or policy.
- How the proposed project/activities will make use of SESYNC’s opportunities to enhance the scholar’s project, i.e., why SESYNC is the most appropriate place to undertake the work.
- Collaborative SESYNC interests to pursue while in residence.

3) Other Information (1 page)

- Budget request: please state what support you are requesting (travel assistance, number of nights of accommodation, etc)
- If applicable, briefly describe any anticipated needs for cyberinfrastructure (CI) support and any new data sets or software expected to result from the project. Applicants should review SESYNC's Cyberinfrastructure Support Information and Policies to familiarize themselves with the types of CI support SESYNC can provide and expectations regarding release of software and data upon project completion. Examples of supported CI needs include but are not limited to large data storage with collaborative access; assistance with database development, collaborative code development, and tool integration; use of SESYNC’s schedule cluster for large analyses; and advising/consulting on geospatial data processing and visualization. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to cyberhelp@sesync.org to discuss their proposed project prior to submission if the project’s CI needs are significant in scope.
- Name and contact information for a representative of the home institution who will be the primary contact regarding institutional arrangements for the fellowship (usually the applicant's Department Head or Dean).

4) Full CV of the Applicant

5) Letter of Support from SESYNC Sponsor

- A letter of support from someone in residence at SESYNC, agreeing to sponsor the applicant. The letter must also be signed by SESYNC’s Director.

To Apply

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Once a prospective applicant is approved, applications should be submitted as a single PDF using the webform at: www.sesync.org/forms/short-term-visitor-application

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The University of Maryland is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Minorities and Women Are Encouraged to Apply

Source URL: https://www.sesync.org/opportunities/short-term-visitors

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