Please Note

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Overview

Policy & Practice Fellows propose short-term visits (<2 months) in which they interact with the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) community in Annapolis, Maryland. This program targets individuals from government, NGOs, corporations, and the media. Examples of activities include: organizing small-group discussions or workshops, working with SESYNC scholars to understand the needs of the policy/user community, assisting the SESYNC community in identifying opportunities to improve communication of the Center’s science, and leveraging practical applications of actionable science. SESYNC may provide funds for fellows to travel to and work on-site at the Center.

Components of a Policy & Practice Fellowship Application

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

1) Cover sheet (1 page)
   - Descriptive title (“SESYNC Policy & Practice Fellowship: ....”)
   - 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 visit
   - Potential conflicts of interest with members of the SESYNC External Advisory Board, Leadership Team, Researchers, or Fellows

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 socio-environmental synthesis 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 [7] 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 [8] 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

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/policy-practice-fellowship-application [9]

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

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Minorities and Women Are Encouraged to Apply

Source URL: https://www.sesync.org/opportunities/policy-practice-fellowships

Links
[1] mailto:research@sesync.org
[2] https://www.sesync.org/about/team-directory?field_role_tid_1=89
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[4] https://www.sesync.org/about/team-directory?field_role_tid_1=29
[5] https://www.sesync.org/about/team-directory?field_role_tid_1=84
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