2016 Fall
Request for Proposals for
Visiting Fellows Funding

The Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice (Haury Program) at the University of Arizona (University) is pleased to request proposals for visiting fellowships to promote collaboration, inspire sharing of ideas, and build bridges among communities. The Haury Program has $20,000 available in total for visiting fellow funding awards in fall 2016.

The Haury Program will determine the total number and dollar amounts of individual awards through a competitive review and selection process. The Haury Program expects to fund 2-4 grants at a $5,000/month stipend amount. The funding opportunities occur through the University of Arizona (UA) Foundation (UAF) as charitable grants.

Fellows may receive up to $5,000 per month. The minimum fellowship charitable grant is $2,500 for a two-week residency in Tucson; the maximum fellowship charitable grant is $20,000 for a four-month residency in Tucson. Fellows are expected to cover travel, accommodation and benefits from this stipend, which will usually be paid in a single installment.

What is the Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice?

The world faces twin challenges: delivering a decent standard of living for everyone, while living within environmental limits. The Haury Program was established at the University of Arizona to invest its funding in programs, projects and people working to create a safe, just and sustainable space for all humanity. We currently focus primarily on work in the Southwest region, including Arizona, border lands and northern Mexico, and expect that this immediate focus will develop programs that provide impact in this community and models for programs that may be replicated or have value in other regions nationally and internationally.

In 2012, Oxfam economist Kate Raworth introduced a new sustainable development model for Rio +20 conference called the “Doughnut Model” in a working paper entitled *A Safe and Just Space for Humanity*. Oxfam’s model integrates human development with planetary limitations. Oxfam’s Doughnut model visualizes a space between planetary boundaries and a social floor where it is environmentally safe and socially just for humanity to exist.

The Haury Program uses this construct to visualize the social and environmental issues on which we focus our funding. The Haury Program’s modified version highlights the areas of primary concern in the Southwest. Our program funds work that improves social justice (justice in terms of the distribution of capital (including financial, social, political and human), opportunities, and privileges within a society) within the limits of environmental constraints in areas highlighted on the modified “Southwest Doughnut.” For example, currently funded Haury projects aid indigenous peoples’ communities in developing resilience to climate change, support Hispanic community voices in discussions about water issues, work with community members to improve knowledge about and resilience to climate change, work to alleviate food injustice in underserved neighborhoods, and help university students working with communities to improve social justice through education.

In addition to funding specific projects, the Haury Program funds research and scholarship at the nexus of social justice and environment, including faculty chairs, faculty fellows, graduate scholars and visiting
fellows. The visiting fellowships, bring individuals working in common areas from beyond the southern Arizona area to visit the community and University of Arizona to encourage wide collaboration in tackling “wicked problems” challenging communities. To learn more about the 2015 fellows, visit http://haury.arizona.edu/visiting-fellows-program-0. To learn more about 2016 funding opportunities for UA faculty fellowships, see the call for nominations on the website.

What are the mission and goals of the Haury Program?

The mission of the Haury Program is to leverage the power of university-community partnerships to address environmental and social justice challenges.

Fellowships funded through this Request for Proposals (RFP) should have at least one of the following goals:

• Improve resilience of marginalized communities as they face the challenges posed by environmental constraints;
• Increase the diversity of voices in discussions of environmental issues and planning;
• Improve environmental health in marginalized communities;
• Advance opportunities for energy, food and water in marginalized communities;
• Improve gender equity in consideration of environmental challenges;
• Strengthen opportunities related to the nexus of social justice and the environment in the education pipeline (K-graduate school) for underserved youth;
• Strengthen organizations working on environmental justice issues;
• Improve networks for social justice and environment collaborations, resource identification and distribution.
All fellowships should include collaborations both within and external to the University of Arizona. As with project grants, these fellowship partnerships are expected to be authentic collaborations focused on tangible and measurable community and University participation with fellows. The Haury Program also expects that fellows will interact with other Haury Program visiting fellows and faculty fellows with the aid of the Haury Program.

Definitions

Visiting fellowships: Visiting fellowships are intended to generate new, additional and/or more profound collaboration among people working on social justice and environmental challenges. Visitors do not reside in the southern Arizona region but instead enrich work toward solutions to these challenges by bringing the perspective of other local areas, regions or countries to southern Arizona.

Community partners: Non-University of Arizona entities such as organizations working with underserved communities, school districts in underserved communities, Tribal nations, and other marginalized communities. Community colleges and school districts are also considered community partners. The Haury Program encourages additional partnerships with US federal, state, and local municipal (non-Tribal) governments programs and agencies.

Southwest: For purposes of this RFP, “Southwest” includes the state of Arizona, the Arizona-Mexico borderlands, and northern Mexico.

Authentic partnerships: The Haury Program uses several indicators of authenticity for partnerships including affirmative answers to the following questions:

- Is there evidence that the project is initiated, driven by community priorities as established by the community members;
- funding – do main partners (UA and community) receive similar amounts of the total funding;
- participation – do main partners participate in all aspects of the project or contribute substantively to critical components;
- are members of the community substantively involved in the project; and
- do the outcomes benefit the community – society – as well as provide educational and research opportunities to UA personnel – is this more than a research project.

Who is eligible to apply for these fellowships?

The Haury Program visiting fellows program encourages visiting fellows from both academia and other communities. Fellows can be university faculty (non-UA), researchers or staff members or community, non-profit, for-profit or government employees in areas relevant to the Haury Program. Additional eligibility requirements include:

- Applicants may apply from any country and fellows are responsible for obtaining an appropriate visa and completing appropriate paperwork that will allow them to receive the fellowship;
- Applicants based in academia should hold a PhD degree;
- Applicants based in community organizations, should have at least four years of professional experience;
• Preference will be given to those who will use the fellowship to develop new projects (i.e., with colleagues at the University of Arizona and Southwest communities) rather than write up past work – the more transformative the activities and research, the better;
• The fellowship should be for work in fields related to the nexus of environment and social justice and work focused on Southwest peoples and cultures, or marginalized communities is preferred;
• Applicants must be willing to spend the majority (75%) of their fellowship in residence in Tucson at the University of Arizona;
• Applicants must establish an agreement with a UA host/host department and community non-profit to provide collaborative opportunities, community outreach programming, administrative support, and office space and equipment as needed prior to submitting the proposal.

Scholars and community members at all stages of their careers, women and underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

What expectations in addition to collaboration are there?
Fellows will be asked to make at least one formal public presentation during their fellowship organized by their host department or community sponsor and to participate in other relevant events organized by the Haury Program.

Fellows are also expected to interact with UA students, faculty and staff (through guest lectures or workshops for example) and with the southern Arizona community to collaboratively produce work.

Fellows must comply with the UA’s requirements about human subjects’ research and political advocacy limitations.

Haury Program funding should be acknowledged in all presentation announcements, publications or reports emanating from the fellowship and fellows should file a report of their fellowship activities and achievements within one month of the end of the fellowship.

Further details will be provided in award letters.

What are the criteria for selection of candidates for the fellowship?
The Haury Program Visiting Fellowship Selection Committee will use the following criteria:
• An outstanding researcher, organizer or practitioner in environment and social justice issues;
• Excellent fellowship proposal with relevance to the Haury Program goals and Southwest issues;
• Strong proposed partnerships which have potential for societal impact;
• A person who extends research and activities across disciplinary boundaries and works across academic-community boundaries; and
• Significant potential for collaboration with faculty, students and community at the University of Arizona and in southern Arizona; and
• Production of transformational work.

Fellows will be evaluated through the three-step formal review process detailed below.
What does the Haury Program NOT fund under this fellowship program?

Haury Program fellowship funding does not fund:

- Residents of southern Arizona;
- Fellows without University of Arizona and community collaborations;
- Political campaigns and legislative lobbying efforts; or
- Projects that exclusively serve religious purposes.

How are proposals evaluated?

All proposals will undergo a formal review process in accordance with the following: The proposals that meet the requirements of this call for proposals will be reviewed and considered by review panels, which are made up of subject matter experts of both the University of Arizona and the larger community. The projects recommended by the review panels will be sent to the Haury Program Advisory Board and considered for funding. Submitted proposals will be evaluated as follows:

1. Initial review
   The Haury Program will review fellowship proposals to determine whether they comply with the following mandatory requirements:
   - Sufficiently justify the relevance of the project to the served community;
   - Develop socially just scholarship, research and solutions to environmental challenges identified in the Southwest Doughnut Model;
   - Include substantive participation by University of Arizona and community partners;
   - Clearly identify the focus, objectives and outputs of the fellowship; and
   - Include all required documents.

2. Review panel evaluation
   The review panel will judge the proposals that pass the initial review according to the following general criteria:
   - An excellent fellowship proposal with relevance to the Haury Program;
   - An outstanding researcher or practitioner in environment and/or social justice issues;
   - A person who extends work across disciplinary boundaries and through effective partnerships and collaborations;
   - A person whose work honors and extends Mrs. Haury’s concerns for people and the environment in the US Southwest and around the world and helps to achieve the Haury Program strategic goals; and
   - Significant potential for continuing collaboration with faculty, students and community at the University of Arizona and in southern Arizona.
   The Haury Program provides scoring templates based on these criteria for panel members.

3. Funding evaluation
   The Program Advisory Board and Director will evaluate the review panel’s recommendations (based on score ranking) on the basis of strategic goals and in light of the portfolio of the Haury Program for presentation to the Haury Program Donor-advised Fund (DAF) Board, which then recommends to the University of Arizona Foundation.

   The Haury Program encourages opportunities and collaborations for students and young faculty.
Use of Funds and Funding Allotments

Funds are granted in the form of a stipend to be used for residency and travel needs and field work items as determined by the fellow.

The University of Arizona Foundation (UAF) will disburse funds to the charitable grant recipients in accordance with Haury Program standard operating procedures and UAF requirements. Details will be provided to charitable grant recipients in the award letter.

What are the proposal requirements?

Proposal due date

Proposals are due on October 17, 2016, at 11:59 pm. Proposals received after this date will not be considered. The Haury program will open another opportunity for visiting fellowships in spring 2017 for funding starts in July 2017.

Funding Dates

The funding start date for visiting fellowships charitable grants is January 2017. Fellowships will run from January 2017 through December 2017, residency will occur at some point during that time.

Proposal content

All proposals must be written in English.

Fellowship charitable grants proposals must include the following information in order to be considered:

• Summary (250 words);
• Contact information (point of contact name, organization, email, phone, address);
• Résumé or curriculum vitae [no more than five pages];
• Proposed work plan including statement of need, research and/or project during residency, expected interactions (community, students, researchers), potential longer-term collaborative work with UA and community groups, any reports, publications or other outputs from the fellowship;
• Budget*;
• Statement by UA host‡;
• Statement by community organization host§; and

*The budget may be from very simple to more complex depending on your project specifications and duration. The simplest may be $5,000 for residency stipend, more complicated may be requests for funding to cover vehicle rental or other expenses for field work.

‡Statement by hosts: The Haury Program requires that the visiting fellow have local support for the visit. This support can be provided by long-standing collaborators or new associates working in the same field. The statement should include: support for the work of the fellow and its potential impact on UA capacity and community capacity, availability of work space, agreement to help in arranging public forum events and student and other connections.
What is the proposal format?

All proposals must be delivered electronically in portable document format (PDF) as described below.

Attached file and name

Proposals must be attached as a single portable document format (PDF) and titled as follows:

Proposer’s last name first name initial_Abbreviated Name of the Institution_MonthYearofDelivery_VFProposal

Examples:

Jane Smith of Community Solutions for Environmental Justice presents a proposal in October 2016 for a visiting fellowship, the file name should be: SmithJ_1016_VFProposal.pdf.

Pedro Sanchez of New York University presents a proposal in October 2016 for a visiting fellowship, the file name should be: SanchezP_1016_VFProposal.pdf.

Multiple Files

Proposals containing multiple files will not be accepted.

Electronic delivery

All proposals must be delivered electronically to aspitz@email.arizona.edu.

For information on delivering proposals or for questions:

• Information about the RFP:
  • Information session is scheduled for September 21, 2016; 4 pm to 5 pm, Environment and Natural Resources 2 (ENR2) Building, Room N595, 1064 E. Lowell Street, University of Arizona
  • http://haury.arizona.edu/grantsF2016/FAQF2016
  • Anna H. Spitz
    • aspitz@email.arizona.edu
    • 520-626-4584
    • Environment and Natural Resources 2 (ENR2) Building, 5th Floor, University of Arizona, 1064 E Lowell Street, Tucson, AZ 85721.
  • Information about the Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice: http://haury.arizona.edu.

What are the general reporting and outreach requirements?

Visiting fellowship recipients will be required to present the following:

• Public and professional presentations and publications as appropriate; and
• Final Report (including fellowship evaluation, summary of work, graphics, videos and photos, continued or proposed follow-on collaborations and work);
• Other requirements as specified in the award letter.
What are the key dates for the Fall 2016 charitable grants for visiting fellowships?

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Honesty, Transparency, Effectiveness, Economy and Efficiency

An obligation of this program is to manage the available financial resources with transparency, efficiency, effectiveness, economy and honesty, to meet the objectives for which they are intended. Beneficiaries must observe these principles as well, managing funds that are granted to them for the proper performance of the purposes. To do so, they must submit reports on the terms set out in the Agreement between the Haury Program and grantees.

Any breach of these principles shall be cause for cancellation of the support.

Equity and Non-Discrimination

The recipients of Haury Program charitable grants are selected through competitive, efficient, equitable, transparent and public procedures based on merit and quality; charitable grants that are awarded are subject to processes of evaluation, selection, formalization and follow-up, in terms of the regulatory framework that corresponds to each program, therefore, the Haury Program in the allocation of resources to beneficiaries, is obligated not to discriminate the proponents for any reason or social status.

Interpretation and Unforeseen Issues

The interpretation of this call and issues not covered herein will be resolved by the Haury Program, and its resolutions will be final.

Miscellaneous

The Haury Program does not provide office space or other facilities or equipment for grantees. All support, equipment and facilities must be provided by grantee and/or included in the budget.

The Haury Program reserves the right to forgo or postpone funding.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please email your questions to aspitz@email.arizona.edu. We will post answers to all questions on the frequently asked questions (FAQs) link on the website at haury.arizona.edu/grantsF2016/FAQF2016.