



Sustainability Fellows 2024 - Call for Applications

The [Sustainability Fellows program](#) is now accepting applications for the 2024-25 cohort. **The application deadline is 11:59pm Sunday April 21.** [Complete the application form](#)

About the Sustainability Fellows Program

The Sustainability Fellows program supports faculty in developing robust pedagogy for community-engaged learning and student research, as well as doing participatory action research (PAR). The program's definition of "sustainability" is expansive and welcomes faculty from a range of disciplines and specialties. The fellowship is a competitive award that provides modest financial and programmatic support. Fellows will connect with community partners and a network of colleagues across disciplines and rank. We are pleased to offer fellowships to up to 10 faculty this year: 8-9 from University of Oregon and 1-2 from Heritage University.

What the Fellowship Includes

- A three-day workshop focused on pedagogy, cohort engagement, and connections with potential community partners. The workshop is planned to be in person on the University of Oregon campus the week of June 17-21. (Exact dates for the three-day workshop are still being finalized; note that Monday June 17 is UO commencement/graduation.)
- \$3000 in funding (for faculty work and any needed partner engagement expenses).
- Other opportunities for engagement and community building.

Funding Guidelines and Expectations

The Sustainability Fellows program is funded as part of the Pacific Northwest Just Futures Institute, funded by a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant is concluding in calendar year 2024, which has resulted in changes to this program and its usual funding structure and timelines. For the 2024-25 Sustainability Fellows program: Faculty receive a larger sum (\$1,000) for participation in the June workshop and second larger sum in September (\$2,000) for preparatory work done over the summer in anticipation of work to be implemented in academic year 2024-25.

Historically, faculty received less money for participation in the program but could apply for additional funding to support community partnerships or student work. Due to the increase in funding directly to faculty, fellows are expected to cover any expenses related to teaching or partnerships (e.g., honoraria/stipends for community partners, support for student projects, etc.).

All payments must be processed as summer pay (UO) or contracts (Heritage) in summer 2024, with a written plan and commitment to complete work through classes, research projects, or other deliverables in academic year 2024-25. A final report and reflection on actions and impacts is due no later than June 2025.

Who is eligible to apply?

Faculty of any rank, including career or non-tenure track faculty, are welcome to apply, as well as faculty who were part of earlier cohorts of the program. Collaborative proposals involving one or more faculty members are also welcome. Projects may include but are not limited to:

- A course focused on project-based work for a community partner;
- A course providing at least one advanced student or student team to work on a project for/with a community partner;
- A course that includes community-engaged learning with students doing research and/or developing digital artifacts to showcase and share their work;
- Developing a new course or other student opportunity or revamping an existing course;
- Building a relationship with one or more community partners, including a concrete deliverable to the partner, with intentions for a longer-term engagement that will include students or research;
- Deepening an existing community partnership to further research and mutually-beneficial collaboration and knowledge creation.

Application Questions*

- Personal and contact information
- Provide a brief overview of how you would like to integrate community-engaged learning around just futures into your teaching or other work with students or your research. What course, courses, or other project do you have in mind?
- Part of the goal of the Fellowship is to support partnerships between faculty and community organizations. With which specific community partners, if any, would you like to work? If you do not have a specific community partner in mind, what kinds of partner organizations or focus areas interest you?
- What is your experience doing community-engaged learning and/or participatory action research? Note: previous experience with this kind of work is neither required nor preferred.
- The workshop is currently scheduled for the week of June 17-21, 2024 (exact dates for the three-day workshop are still being finalized) on the UO campus. If you have barriers to attending during that time, please share them below.

*For your planning purposes

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