

Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability
2026-2027 Faculty Research Fellowships
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Fellowship Goals: One of the primary goals of the [Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability](#) (CEJS) is to support the scholarship of faculty and students across campus engaged in EJS endeavors. Furthermore, we hope to foster collegiality of EJS scholars on campus and opportunities for interdisciplinary scholarship that spans the schools and colleges of Seattle University.

Faculty research fellowship program description: Proposals for faculty research fellowships are encouraged from all disciplines and for all types of scholarly research on topics related to environmental justice and/or sustainability. Projects that include collaboration across disciplines or schools/colleges are particularly encouraged. CEJS will award two fellowships for academic year 2026-2027. The fellowships may be awarded to two individual faculty working on different projects or to two faculty that are working within or across disciplines as part of a team-based project. The program provides support for new projects and for extending previous endeavors. CEJS Faculty fellows are expected to produce a tangible scholarly product, such as a grant proposal, a peer-reviewed article, a conference presentation, an artistic exhibit, or other product as a result of their participation in this program.

Anticipated Timeline, 2026-2027 Fellowships:

11/19/2025	Call for proposals is announced
03/02/2026	Proposals due by noon to cejs@seattleu.edu
Earth Day (04/22/26)	2026-2027 CEJS Student and Faculty Fellows announced
May 29, 2026	Attend the 2025-2026 CEJS Research Fellows Showcase (end-of-year presentation). Introduce your research project.
October 2026	2026-2027 Fellows start-of-year meeting: faculty fellows, student fellows, faculty mentors and CEJS staff
February 2027	- Fellows mid-year meeting: faculty fellows, student fellows, faculty mentors, CEJS staff - Mid-year research update is due
May 2027	Present your research at the CEJS Research Fellows Showcase
June 2027	Final report and product due

Eligibility:

- Full-time faculty member (T/TT and FTNTT)
- Must be able to commit to a year-long scholarly project and complete the project by June 2027
- Must be willing to meet the fellowship requirements outlined below
- Faculty members who hold endowed chairs are ineligible to apply for this fellowship if they receive research funding as part of their chair
- Prior CEJS faculty fellowship recipients are eligible. The project proposal may be an extension of previous work or may be for an entirely different research area.

Fellowship requirements:

- Attend 2025-2026 CEJS Research Fellows Showcase event on May 29, 2026, and introduce your research project

- Attend two CEJS fellowship meetings in academic year 2026-2027
- Submit a brief mid-year progress report (Winter quarter 2027)
- Present your work at the annual CEJS Research Fellows Showcase (Spring quarter 2027)
- Complete one tangible scholarly product (article manuscript, grant proposal, artistic presentation, peer-reviewed article, etc.)
- Submit a final report that outlines the results of the project by June 2027.

Compensation: \$7,500 stipend or course release to support your participation in the program during academic year 2026-2027.

Application Components (please complete the separate “2026-2027 CEJS Faculty Research Fellowship Application Form”):

1. Cover sheet
 - a. Applicant(s) information
 - b. Brief summary (250 words) of the proposed scholarly work/project
 - c. Signature(s)
2. Current resume(s)
3. Project proposal, minimum 11-point font, maximum 3 pages

Application Procedure: Submit the documents in PDF format. Send as email attachments in one message to cejs@seattleu.edu **by noon on March 2, 2026.**

Selection Criteria:

- Clarity of proposal—needs to be easily understood by readers not in your discipline
- Significance of project within the applicant’s academic discipline and/or significance for interdisciplinary scholarship
- Potential for advancing the scholarship of environmental justice and sustainability and opportunity for impact/continuity of the project beyond the one-year CEJS fellowship
- Contribution of the project to the fellow’s educational and career goals and to the university’s “[Laudato Si](#)” commitment to integral ecology
- Viability of project—realistic objectives, timeline, and estimate of required resources