

The University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment (IonE) is discovering solutions to Earth's biggest problems through cutting-edge research, partnerships and leadership development. Resident Fellows serve as the intellectual core of the IonE. Our Fellows community is the source of much inspiration as we make strategy decisions and we regularly call on Resident Fellows as we develop new activities and initiatives.

### ***New Resident Fellows***

**IonE is recruiting a new cohort of Resident Fellows** from across the full span of University; faculty members from all campuses are eligible to apply, especially outstanding early-to mid-career candidates. Our goal with this program is to support creative faculty members from a range of backgrounds and to generate a new cadre of world-class environmental leaders and problem solvers.

The Institute seeks **outstanding scholars who are working to transcend disciplinary boundaries and/or to extend their scholarly work into communities and institutions beyond academia.** Successful applicants must have a record of outstanding research and teaching (appropriate for their level of experience). Applicants should also indicate how the fellowship would make a significant difference to their interdisciplinary research or teaching, leadership at the national and international level, and/or engagement with real-world partners.

**IonE Resident Fellows are ongoing appointments. New Fellows are provided an initial award of \$10,000 in flexible funds to support their new research, teaching, outreach or leadership activities.** In addition to the initial award, the Institute maintains a discretionary fund that is available only to the community of Resident Fellows and designed to encourage new partnerships and innovative initiatives originating from the Fellows (**see below**).

We expect that IonE Resident Fellows will be heavily involved in the Institute's programs and spend at least some time at the Institute (on a regular basis for Twin Cities' faculty, or periodic basis for colleagues from coordinate campuses). We believe that these fellowships will provide faculty the chance to interact and work with other creative leaders and to make a difference in solving the world's greatest environmental problems.

Please read the application guidelines below. Applications should be emailed as a PDF to April Snyder at [aprilsnyder@umn.edu](mailto:aprilsnyder@umn.edu) with the subject line *RFellow: PILastName* by **15 December 2013**. We expect that decisions will be announced in February 2014 with Fellowships beginning in the Spring semester.

For additional information, please contact Jonathan Foley ([jfoley@umn.edu](mailto:jfoley@umn.edu)), Director, Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota.

### ***IonE Resident Fellows Program: Application Guidelines***

Please prepare your application as a single PDF document as outlined below. Use a font and style format of choice, but ensure the total application package does not exceed 5 pages.

## Background

Please provide an abbreviated CV (~2 pages), including a list of your most important scholarly or professional works. Highlight any leadership roles you have taken, or interdisciplinary efforts you have been involved with. Also, please write a short (~1 page) statement that includes:

- Professional background and current career trajectory.
- What are your greatest accomplishments so far, and what are your goals for the next 5 years?
- What have you done so far to transcend disciplinary boundaries, or to extend your work outside the academic world?

## Plans for Fellowship

Please outline your plans (~1 page) for your initial work in IonE Resident Fellows program. What activities would you undertake as a Resident Fellow? Please explain how the Fellowship resources (i.e. \$10k in flexible funds, plus in-kind support from the Institute) will be used to engage in a truly new activity, not simply support something you are already doing. Also, please write a short statement (~1 page) on how this fellowship, and your broader participation in IonE, would make a critical difference in your work. Why is this an important opportunity for you, and why is it needed now? How would this experience make you a stronger faculty leader, and how would this benefit your home department and college in the long run?

## Review Process

Applications will be evaluated by a team of independent, external peer reviewers. After the review process, the Institute leadership team will make the final selections, based on the peer reviews, the strategic alignment of each application to the Institute's wider goals, and funding availability. Selections will be solely based on merit and strategic alignment; no other formula (e.g., based on campus / college / department / disciplinary affiliations) will be used.

## Resident Fellow Project Grants

Groups of Fellows representing more than one department can propose small projects, workshops, meetings, etc. to generate new cross-disciplinary education, research and engagement projects. Single awards will not be more than \$10K; and the distribution of award size will reflect a balance between need and available funds. Awards will be based on short (1-2 pages) proposals, which will be evaluated starting on 4 November 2013. Funds will be available in January 2014.

The Resident Fellows Program is an important engine of creativity and innovation in the Institute. Any idea that appeals to two or more of you from more than one department is welcome.

Applications will be accepted and processed on a rolling basis; however we will begin to review proposals on **15 December 2013** and proposals received by that date will be given priority. Responses to this opportunity should be emailed as a PDF to April Snyder at [aprilsnyder@umn.edu](mailto:aprilsnyder@umn.edu) with the subject line *RFGGrant: PILastName*. Proposals should not be more than 2 pages and should include:

- the idea;
- the action;
- a budget;
- the personnel; and
- the expected outcomes.

## ***Resident Fellow Travel Funds***

Small amounts of funding (up to \$2,000 every 2 years) are available to Fellows who need travel support to jump-start a new project, new collaboration, etc. If you have an idea for travel that will advance a new research or education area, simply write to Lewis Gilbert ([legilber@umn.edu](mailto:legilber@umn.edu)) and Jon Foley ([jfoley@umn.edu](mailto:jfoley@umn.edu)) (with a copy to April Snyder ([aprilsnyder@umn.edu](mailto:aprilsnyder@umn.edu))), and we will respond to your request as quickly as possible.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact Lewis ([legilber@umn.edu](mailto:legilber@umn.edu)) for more information.