Request for Proposals  
CBR Faculty Fellowships

The Tulane-Xavier Center for Bioenvironmental Research (CBR) intends to support collaborative interdisciplinary scholarship and/or teaching among Tulane University and Xavier University faculty by funding one-year fellowships beginning in March 2016.

Maximum Award Amount: $10,000
Award Period: March 2016-February 2017
Maximum Number of Awards: 5
Eligibility: Tenured and tenure-track faculty

Program Description
Advancing interdisciplinary collaboration is a key academic initiative of Tulane University. In line with the President’s Task Force on Academic Collaborations, the CBR aims to support work on Environment, Energy, and Resilience to promote further development of faculty expertise and capacity to address grand challenges requiring solutions that transcend traditional academic disciplines.

The CBR is offering annual fellowships to faculty at Tulane and Xavier Universities in support of collaborative scholarship and/or teaching. The goal of this program is to foster interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty. Each fellow will work on two projects during the yearlong fellowship: (1) Fellow Project: An individually-proposed project (proposal submission guidelines below); and (2) Collaborative Cohort Project: A collaborative project that fellows will develop and complete together as a cohort.

Fellow Projects
Prospective fellows are challenged to propose new and innovative interdisciplinary projects on Environment, Energy and Resilience. Projects are expected to address at least two of these elements. Applicants are expected to lead the proposed project, but projects can include collaborators preferably (but not exclusively) from Tulane or Xavier University. While engaging collaborators is encouraged, it is not required. Projects may instead employ interdisciplinary methods. Funding is intended to support project coordination and execution.

Fellow projects are expected to support at least one of the following:

- Interdisciplinary research that will yield one or more scholarly publications for peer review
- An interdisciplinary course for graduate or undergraduate students
- An interdisciplinary working group that will yield one or more scholarly publications, courses and/or research proposals submitted for extramural funding

Collaborative Cohort Project
In addition to proposed projects, fellows will form a cohort to work together in consultation with CBR faculty and staff in order to design and develop an interdisciplinary collaborative project. By working together, the fellows will gain experience working as an interdisciplinary team. Collaborative cohort projects will result in at least one of the products listed above for individual projects, but emphasis will be placed on developing one or more research proposals for extramural funding.
Criteria for Evaluation of Proposed Fellow Projects

Proposals for fellow projects will be evaluated on the basis of intellectual merit, demonstration of interdisciplinary collaboration or methodology, and either the potential for obtaining extramural funding, peer review publication, or undergraduate / graduate educational enrichment.

Fellow Project Proposal Submission

Cover Page: Please download the cover page and budget template and submit it with your application. All materials should be submitted as one PDF document via email to cbr@tulane.edu by 5:00PM on Monday, February 15, 2016

Proposal Narrative: 2 pages maximum, Times New Roman 11-point font. Please include the following sections:

1. Summary (100 words or less)
2. Background
3. Objectives
4. Approach
5. Expected Outcomes

References are allowed on additional pages.

Biosketch: Please submit an NSF format biosketch, 2 pages maximum, for the PI and each named collaborator.

Budget: A maximum of $10,000 for direct costs is allocated for each individual fellow project. Funds may be used for faculty salary and fringe (summer or academic year, depending on school and departmental policies), postdoc or student salary and fringe, supplies, equipment, travel, meeting expenses, or publication costs. Please contact cbr@tulane.edu with any questions about the budget or whether a particular cost is eligible. Budgets should be submitted in the budget template with a one-page justification.