

SciComm Identities Project Fellowship Application

Informed Consent

You are being asked to take part in a research study. The purpose of the research study is to test a science communication training curriculum based on intercultural communication theory in order to support a more diverse and representative suite of academic science communicators. Please read the following before agreeing to be in the study. If you agree to be in this study, it will take you approximately 20-30 minutes to complete this survey. Questions will be asked about your science communication experiences, motivations, and styles. There are no known risks, benefits, or compensation for completing this application survey.

If you are selected to participate in the SciComm Identities Project Fellowship, you will receive a \$5,000 stipend. **You will receive the stipend whether or not you choose to participate in the study described here.**

Your responses will be strictly confidential. The responses may be used in published research papers and in practice guides. All responses will be anonymized and aggregated to remove potential identifiers prior to publication.

The decision to participate in this study is entirely up to you. You may refuse to take part in the study at any time without affecting your relationship with the investigators of this study or the University of Rhode Island (URI). Your decision will not result in any loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You have the right not to answer any single question, as well as to withdraw completely from the survey at any point during the process; additionally, you have the right to request that the researchers not use any of your responses.

You have the right to ask questions about this research study and to have those questions answered by the lead investigator before, during or after the research. If you have questions about the study, at any time feel free to contact Dr. Sunshine Menezes from the Department of Natural Resources Science, College of the Environment and Life Sciences at the University of Rhode Island, at 401-874-6499 or by email at sunshine@uri.edu.

Additionally, you may contact the URI Institutional Review Board (IRB) if you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant. Also contact the IRB if you have questions, complaints or concerns which you do not feel you can discuss with the investigator. The University of Rhode Island IRB may be reached by phone at (401) 874-4328 or by e-mail at researchintegrity@etal.uri.edu. You may also contact the URI Vice President for Research and Economic Development by phone at (401) 874-4576.

If you would like to keep a copy of this document for your records, please print or save this page now. You may also contact the researcher to request a copy.

* 1. By typing your full name below, you indicate that you have read and understood the above and volunteer to participate in this study.

Click "Next" to continue the survey.

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Fellowship Application Requirements

The SCIP Fellowship is a one-year professional development opportunity for pre-tenure faculty at U.S. institutions who identify as underrepresented racial or ethnic minorities. The Fellowship will have a different thematic focus in each of its three one-year cohorts. Each of these foci relates, broadly, to climate change. SCIP Fellows will gain science communication expertise and practice and build their professional networks in ways that may support new collaborations and research insights.

This application is for consideration in Cohort 1, which will focus on faculty members in natural or social science or engineering who study any aspect of energy as it relates to climate change. For more information about fellowship objectives, eligibility, or obligations, please visit <https://scicommentidentities.org/fellowship/>.

To be considered for the SCIP Fellowship, applicants must:

1. complete the following survey, including a 250-500 word essay describing your goals for the fellowship experience, and
2. submit their up to date CV.

Fellows will be selected based on their stated interests and goals for leveraging the training through, for example, their research, teaching, advising, and/or public engagement. Selections will maximize the diversity of each fellowship cohort concerning race and ethnicity, geography, discipline, and gender.

NOTE: In order to be able to go back and edit your application once you have begun, you must use the same device and web browser you used to start the survey. Also, responses in SurveyMonkey are saved and submitted when a respondent clicks the Next or Done button on each page of the survey. Responses don't automatically save as each question is answered—they are saved and submitted page by page as respondents progress through the survey.

2. Submit your CV here as a PDF file.

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen

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Section 1: Personal Information

3. First (given) name

4. Last (family) name

5. Email address

6. Mailing address

7. Telephone number (indicate if work or mobile)

8. Institutional affiliation

9. Name of College or School

10. Name of Department or Program

11. Job title

12. List the titles of courses you have taught or are teaching

13. Approximate number of students taught per year

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Section 2: Your Research

Please limit your answers to 150 words.

14. What do you study? Briefly describe your research goals and activities.

15. How does your work relate to this year's fellowship cohort theme?

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Section 3: Your Motivations and Identities

Please limit your answers to 250 words (1250 characters, including spaces).

16. What motivates you to practice or want to practice science communication?

17. How do your identities affect/influence your teaching practice or style in your classroom settings?

18. How do your identities affect/influence your scholarship?

19. Do you practice science communication outside of your classroom? If yes, how do your identities affect/influence your science communication practice or style outside the classroom? If no, leave blank.

20. If there are specific non-classroom audiences you already engage or would like to engage in your science communication, please describe them.

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Section 4: Your Science Communication Training

21. Have you previously participated in science communication training? If yes, be sure to include all of these events on your C/V.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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22. Briefly describe the training(s) and how it/they met or did not meet your needs. How, if at all, has your previous science communication training informed and/or changed your science communication practices? Please limit your response to 250 words/1250 characters (including spaces).

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23. Are there any specific reasons that you have not previously participated in science communication training? Your answer here will help us design training that will best meet cohort needs. Please limit your response to 250 words/1250 characters (including spaces).

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Section 5: Personal Impacts of Fellowship

Please limit your answers to 250 words (1250 characters, including spaces).

24. Why do you want to do the SciComm Identities Project (SCIP) Fellowship?

25. How will you apply the SCIP Fellowship experience in your work?

26. Describe the impact(s) you anticipate this experience will have on your research, teaching, science communication, and/or other professional pursuits.

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Section 6: Broader Impacts of SCIP Fellowship

Please limit your answer to 250 words (1250 characters, including spaces)

27. Identify a gap/problem in current science communication approaches. How do you think this training will enable you (and cohort members) to address that gap/problem?

28. Short Essay: Describe your goals for the fellowship experience in 250-500 words (max of 3000 characters, including spaces)

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Section 7: Demographic Information

29. Race and ethnicity. Select all that apply.

- Alaska Native, Native American, Indigenous, or First Nation
- Black or African American
- East Asian
- Hispanic or Latino/a/e/x
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Another Pacific Islander
- South Asian
- White
- Another option
- Please provide any additional information below to describe your racial or ethnic identities.

30. Gender

31. Do you have a disability and/or are you disabled?

32. Please feel free to share any other aspects of your identity.

Thank you for applying to the SCIP Fellowship!