

The Office of Research and College of Graduate Studies Offers New Fellowships for 2019

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies is seeking 2-3 faculty fellows to recommend ways Research and the College of Graduate Studies can improve their operations.

The selected faculty will conduct an in-depth study of a specific research administration or graduate studies function. The goal is to find ways to improve services provided in research administration or graduate studies, which will also help the division reach its strategic goals by 2020. (Link to the Collective Impact).

The selected candidates may choose their topic focus. Ultimately a written report must be provided with recommendations and implementation strategies that will lead to more effective and efficient operations.

Faculty fellows may select topics including, but not limited to:

- Institutional Review Board operations
- Early career research awards
- Faculty communications
- Large proposal preparation
- Mentoring of graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and new faculty
- Collaboration technology tools
- Recruiting Latin American/Caribbean students into graduate programs

Sponsored research funding continues to grow exponentially at UCF; in 2018, it was 23% higher than 2017. To support our university as we continually reach new milestones toward our 2020 goal, the Office of Research has taken steps to streamline the process of conducting research.

Like the 2020 metrics for research, those associated with augmenting graduate student enrollment and postdoctoral scholar appointments are also on track. Since 2015, the number of graduate students and postdocs have grown by over 15% and 150%, respectively. UCF and the College of Graduate Studies are obligated to ensure that the needs of these thriving populations are met while developing new initiatives to attain additional university goals, e.g., increasing student diversity and raising reputation. Working with other units across campus, the College hopes to deploy resources/expertise to follow best practices that continue to improve academic quality.

The selected fellows will contribute to charting the future of our division, which in turn will enhance services that help faculty members conduct their work. The one-year, part-time positions begin in January 2019 and run through fall 2019 with an optional summer semester.

The Office of Research/College of Graduate Studies will provide to the college/department/school up to \$10,000 per Fellow for release in whole or part from

instructional duties during the academic year. In addition, we will provide to each Fellow \$5,000 as an optional summer stipend.

Faculty Fellow (tenured)

Eligibility: Open to all 1.0 FTE full-time, tenured research-active and graduate advising faculty members who have achieved the rank of associate professor or professor.

Faculty Fellow (non-tenure earning)

Eligibility: Open to all 1.0 FTE full-time non-tenure earning research-active and graduate-advising faculty (including instructor/lecturers, clinical, research, librarian, instructional designers) who have achieved the rank of associate (including titles such as associate instructor, research associate professor, assistant in instructional design, etc.) or professor (including titles such as senior lecturer, clinical professor, associate in instructional design, etc.).

Applicants will be evaluated based upon:

- Overall record of research and graduate teaching activities and products,
- Goals for the fellowship year and beyond, and
- Communication skills

Applications must include the following, as a single pdf document:

- Letter (no longer than two pages) describing the applicant's interest in a Fellowship, how their background and experiences align and support the fellowship, and their goals for the Fellowship period and beyond. Innovative ideas for initiatives that will strengthen faculty research or graduate teaching/recruitment (beyond what is listed in this call) will be considered.
- Current vita
- Brief endorsement letter or email from their department chair/school director

Complete applications must be electronically received by Debbie Reinhart (reinhart@ucf.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 14. Interviews will take place between Sept. 24 and Oct. 5. Selected candidates will be notified on or before Oct. 12.