



Institute for a  
Sustainable Earth

### Faculty Fellows: 2020 Call for Applications

The [Institute for a Sustainable Earth \(ISE\)](#) seeks applications from Mason faculty for ISE's [Faculty Fellows](#) program. With the mission of making connections across the Mason community and with policymakers, businesses, and other organizations to put research and scholarship into action, ISE will develop the following [6 research themes](#):

- Human health, wellbeing, and capabilities
- Sustainable and resilient communities and ecosystems
- Harnessing the digital revolution for sustainability and education for all
- Clean energy, decarbonization, and climate action
- Enhancing equality, equity, and access to basic goods and services
- Peace, justice, and strong institutions to support thriving economies

ISE's Faculty Fellows will serve as community-building catalysts who support the development of transdisciplinary communities of research and practice around these focal areas. With the support of the ISE team, each Fellow will lead efforts to develop one of the research themes. ISE Faculty Fellows will also participate in and contribute to the strategic development of ISE. In a letter of interest, applicants should outline a creative plan for community development within their identified ISE research theme – including, for example, strategies for developing transdisciplinary teams, facilitating research and project development, and establishing community and stakeholder partnerships. Modest funds will be available to support community building activities.

While ISE aims to host six fellows, only two or three Fellows will be selected in this first competition. No preference regarding ISE research theme will be given this year. Following a successful pilot cohort and pending funding, future competitions will be held to establish and maintain a full cohort of fellows.

**Eligibility:** All Mason faculty affiliated with ISE may submit an application. Faculty not already affiliated with ISE should request affiliation at [mise@gmu.edu](mailto:mise@gmu.edu) prior to submitting an application.

**Appointment Term:** Two years. Successful fellows may be eligible for renewal.

**Stipend:** Fellows will receive a stipend of \$10,000 each year for approximately 15 to 20 hours per month of work throughout the academic year.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Broad knowledge of sustainability science and its role in policy and practice.
- Experience coordinating and/or leading interdisciplinary research teams – especially teams that partner with or include relevant non-academic stakeholders.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and experience building coalitions of broadly diverse constituents.
- Exceptional initiative, with a demonstrated capacity for creative, human-centered problem solving.

**Application:**

**Cover Letter:** In no more than 3 pages, the cover letter must:

- Clearly identify the ISE research theme to be developed by the applicant.
- Discuss the applicant's interest in and qualifications for serving as a Fellow for the identified research theme.
- Describe the strategy and methods the applicant will use to develop communities of research and practice if selected as a Fellow.

**Curriculum Vitae**

**Letter of Support:** Applicants must provide a brief letter from their Department Chair indicating their support of the applicant taking on the ISE Fellow role should the applicant be selected.

**Submit the above materials as PDF documents via email to [mise@gmu.edu](mailto:mise@gmu.edu) by October 16, 2020. Title your email "ISE Fellow Application – [your full name]".**