CUMU IMPACT FELLOW, 2024
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Proposals due January 8, 2024

CUMU is pleased to announce a new fellowship opportunity for an individual at a CUMU member institution.

CUMU has long focused on the collaboration of urban and metropolitan campuses and their cities, working together to identify, implement, and evaluate innovative strategies to address regional opportunities and challenges. This fellow will lead key initiatives related to measuring and communicating the impact of institutional and/or regional efforts.

IMPACT FELLOW OPPORTUNITY
One CUMU Impact Fellow will be selected for 2024. During the year-long fellowship, the awardee will produce a report on the state of the field and provide leadership on behalf of CUMU membership on various initiatives related to impact, data, and metrics in community engagement and/or regional impact. Prospective fellows should bring their own expertise and experience to bear in order to propose a project that leverages their strengths.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Metrics for tracking a campus’ impact as an anchor institution
- How regional anchor collaborations measure, report, and improve impact
- Community engagement impact: how data is collected, maintained, analyzed, and communicated
- The role of data and analytics in advancing the urban mission in higher education

EXPECTED FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES
1. **Research and produce a state-of-the-field report on proposed topic**
   Disseminated as a public facing CUMU report (See examples - [Homelessness & Housing Insecurity](https://example.com) and [Building Community Capacity via Place-Based Hyperlocal Engagement](https://example.com)), this document is meant to provide an essential state-of-the-field overview to CUMU’s membership on a topic of high interest.

2. **Lead a CUMU Huddle on the theme of Impact**
   CUMU’s Huddles are informal, monthly virtual learning communities designed to build professional relationships across the CUMU membership around issues and topics that matter most to our campuses and our communities. In collaboration with CUMU’s Director of Learning and Engagement, the fellow will plan five virtual Huddle meetings over a five month period. Ideally, these meetings will inform and further refine the final report. The fellow will also lead the in-person Huddle meeting at the CUMU Conference in Minneapolis-Saint Paul, MN October 20-23, 2024.

3. **Serve on the 2024 ALN Action Summit Committee**
   The fellow will serve as a planning committee member and thought partner for this data and impact-focused event which takes place in June.
FUNDING & SUPPORT

Fellows will receive:

1) An award of $4,000, which consists of $2,000 at the initiation of the project and an additional $2,000 upon submission of the report which should occur no later than November 4, 2024. Funds may be used at the awardee's discretion.

2) 2024 CUMU Conference registration cost and $1000 towards conference travel.

Finally, the research fellow will count on planning and consultation support from CUMU and will work closely with CUMU personnel on the Huddle and ALN Action Summit planning.

APPLICATION PROCESS

In order to be eligible for this award, applications must be from faculty, staff, a post-doc, or a graduate student from a CUMU member institution. Fellows should have experience writing for audiences of non-specialists and scholar-administrators. We are open to a wide range of approaches and thematic focuses for this fellowship. Applicants who are familiar with previously published CUMU reports and with CUMU Huddles are encouraged to apply and to make their CUMU connections explicit in their application.

Submit your applications here: https://forms.gle/E5wHmmmZsAFHMyh38

We will require the following as part of your application.

- A resume/CV detailing your experience and expertise
- A proposal not to exceed 1,000 words that includes:
  - Proposed topic to be explored during the fellowship and significance of this topic to the field
  - How this topic fits into the interests, background, and prior research of the fellow
  - Description of the fellow's previous leadership roles related to this topic (whether in CUMU, in higher education, in the community, or in other settings), and how they prepared the fellow to do this work
  - Links to writing samples which may include public-facing websites, reports, or projects or PDFs of published works.

DECISION AND AWARD

- One Impact fellow will be selected by a panel of reviewers
- The selected fellow will be awarded $2,000 at the initiation of the project and an additional $2,000 upon acceptance for publication of the report. Use of funds is at the discretion of the awardee.
- The timeline for the Impact Fellowship is as follows:
  - Proposals accepted until January 8, 2024
  - Awardee will be notified by January 29, 2024
  - Research Fellowship announcement by February 15, 2024
  - ALN Action Summit June 3-4, 2024
  - CUMU Conference in Minneapolis-Saint Paul, MN October 20-23, 2024
  - Submission of report by November 4, 2024
CONTACT
For questions regarding the fellowship, contact us at info@cumuonline.org.