

**Newkirk Graduate Student Fellowship in Community-based Research
Call for Applications
Community-based Research Initiative
Newkirk Center for Science & Society**

Deadline: Friday, August 7, 2020, 11:59 PM

Through a generous gift from Martha and Jim Newkirk, the UCI Newkirk Center for Science & Society is now soliciting applications from UCI graduate students from all disciplines for graduate student fellowships. Newkirk Graduate Student Fellows partner with community-based organizations to produce and analyze scientific knowledge for the benefit of society. An integral part of the Center's Community-based Research Initiative, the fellowship offers graduate students a year of training and experience in community-based research with the goal of spanning boundaries between the University and community organizations to collaboratively address urgent social and environmental problems including air and water quality, racial and ethnic inequality and exclusion, and their intersections.

We define community based research as a process of inquiry that centers those most impacted by social and environmental problems, promotes collaboration, challenges historical and on-going structural inequalities, disrupts extractive research practices, attends to relationships, and draws on anti-oppressive theories, methods, and movements to encode justice into knowledge production. We practice CbR as a way to bring community expertise and technical/scientific expertise together to respond to complex contemporary problems.

We invite applications from graduate students in [all academic units](#) across campus. Fellows will form a multidisciplinary cohort of 10 graduate students for the 2020-2021 year. Fellows will be awarded a \$7,000 fellowship and will be able to submit receipts for allowable research expenses (e.g. travel to local meetings, required books, etc.) up to \$300. Fellows will spend an average of 10 hours per week on project-related activities. Fellows are not employees.

Fellowship Details:

What?:

- A year-long fellowship that provides a cohort of graduate students from across disciplines with training and professional development in community-based research.
- In small teams, fellows will be assigned a local (i.e. southern California-based) community-based organization with whom to work and meet with regularly over the course of the fellowship. See fellowship project descriptions [here](#). (Approximately 5 hours per week.)
- Fellows will attend monthly lab meetings and bi-weekly project meetings with their project-based team and the co-directors, who are the Principal Investigators of the lab. Fellows complete tasks such as reading, writing, and reflecting for lab meetings. (Approximately 5 hours per week.)

Who?:

- All UC Irvine graduate students from any academic unit who are interested in or experienced in conducting community-based research may apply. We will create a cohort of fellows from diverse disciplinary backgrounds.
- Given this is a training fellowship, we anticipate applicants will be in their pre-dissertation phase (2nd - 4th year of graduate school during the 2020-2021 year).
- Applicants must be in good academic standing to receive the award.
- An email to the student's advisor to acknowledge and approve of the applicant's participation will be requested by NCBRI Co-directors as the final step before notification of award. (This fellowship does not require faculty involvement.)

When/How long?:

1 year: September 15, 2020 - September 30, 2021

Fellowship Requirements:

General:

1. Fellows will register for Directed Study in Social Ecology. (Code provided after selection).
2. All activities will be held remotely in the fall quarter. Plans for winter, spring, and summer 2021 are to be determined.
3. Participation in all activities is expected except for in cases of extenuating circumstances.

Summer 2020

4. Attend Fellow Meet & Greet and Orientation on **Monday September 28th from 10 am - 4 pm via Zoom.**

Academic Year (September 28, 2020 - June 11, 2021):

5. Participate in Research Justice Workshop series. (See schedule below.)
6. Attend regular lab and project-based team meetings (to be scheduled).
7. Meet with local community-based organization partners and your lab members as needed.*
8. Write at least 1 blog post for the [NCbRI website](#) about an aspect of your fellowship experience.
9. Each fellow will support design and coordination of at least 1 workshop in the 2020-21 workshop series.

Summer 2021 (June 21, 2021 - September 15, 2021)

10. Continue fellowship duties on Community-based Research project and prepare to transition out of the fellowship.
11. Work on final products, deliverables, blog posts and/or publications.
12. Prepare for and participate in an end-of-fellowship event to-be-scheduled for the first two weeks of September, 2021.
13. Attend and participate in Meet & Greet and Orientation for incoming 2021-2022 fellows.

Application Process:

1. Applications are due Friday, August 7, 2020, midnight.
2. A short list of finalists will be interviewed via zoom on August 25 and 26, 2020.
3. Awardees will be announced Friday August 28, 2020.
4. **To apply:** Fill out the on-line application [here](#) . Application questions are provided below for reference.

Selection process:

- Blind-review of applications.
- We seek disciplinary diversity for the cohort of fellows (see the Newkirk Center for Science & Society [mission statement](#)).
- Based on assessment of:
 - applicant's articulation of their interests and experience with CbRI goals to engage in research practices with community partners that foreground justice in the knowledge production process, and
 - applicant's articulation of their interests and experience with the priority of Newkirk Center for Science & Society to foster the development of science intended to serve the community's needs.
- Fellows must be able to attend the Research Justice Workshop Series (see dates below). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and physical distancing practices, we anticipate holding the workshops remotely for at least the fall quarter.

Research Justice Workshop Series:

The research justice workshop series is comprised of 9 workshops led by the CbRI co-directors with NCbRI graduate student fellow co-facilitators in the 2020-2021 academic year. In each workshop students will participate in experiential learning activities to gain exposure to and abilities in Community-based Research methods. Participants will also build community, develop research practice commitments, and experiment with meta-principles for Community-based Research and pedagogy.

Each quarter has a theme.

- The fall will focus on *setting up a relationship with a community partner*;
- The winter, *how to work with a community partner*, and
- The spring, *products and results of community-based research and closing out a research relationship with a community partner*.

Three of the 9 workshops, one-per-quarter, will focus on community building.

Research Justice Workshop Dates

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and physical distancing practices, we anticipate holding the workshops remotely for at least the fall quarter.

Fall

Friday, October 16th, 2020, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Friday, November 6th, 2020, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Friday, November 20th, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Winter

Friday, January 15th, 2021, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Friday, February 5th, 2021, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Friday, February 19th, 2021, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Spring

Friday April 9th, 2021, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Friday April 30th, 2021, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Friday May 21st, 2021, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

*Note that the workshop series is open to all graduate students and if students complete the series of workshops they are eligible to receive a certificate in Community-based Research, which will be awarded in September 2021.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE IN THE GOOGLE FORM APPLICATION:

Fields in the application.

- First name:
- Last name:
- UC Irvine Student ID:
- Year in Program as of Fall 2020: [preset options of 2+][other please describe]
- School: [Dropdown w Other]
- Department: Open Field
- Degree Program (choose highest degree if MA/PhD, etc): [Dropdown of all degrees] (MA, MS, MFA, MPP, MPH, MURP, PhD, JD, MD, MPAc, MBA, MFin, DNP, Plus OTHER, open field]
- Anticipated year of Graduation: [dropdown 2021-2030]
- Advisor First and Last Name:
- Advisor Email:
- How many hours a week are you in class next quarter?
 - none
 - 3 hours (1 class)
 - 6 hours (2 classes)
 - 9 hours (3 classes)
 - More than 9 hours
 - Other_____
- How many hours a week do you estimate spending in the lab or doing research next quarter?
 - None
 - Less than 5 hours
 - 5-9 hours
 - 10 -14-hours

15-20 hours
20-30 hours
More than 30 hours
Other_____

- How many hours a week do you estimate you will spend teaching or assistant teaching next quarter?

None, I am not teaching
5-10 hours
11-15 hours
16-20 hours
More than 20 hours

- Does your advisor approve of you participating in this fellowship and certificate program?

Yes
No
Haven't asked

- Why are you interested in Community-based Research? Please describe with examples. (100 words)
- Why are you interested in this Fellowship? Please describe. (100 word limit)
- Please describe any training you have in community based research?
Multiple Choice: select all that apply and please describe.
 - Community based-research training [check] Please describe. (50 word limit)
 - Undergraduate Courses [check] Please describe. (50 word limit)
 - Graduate Courses [check] Please describe. (50 word limit)
 - Other [check] Please describe. (50 word limit)
 - Not applicable
- Please describe your relevant experience working with community-based organizations or groups. (50 words)
- What perspective, skills or abilities would you bring to the Fellowship Program? This could be related to your discipline or to past work or volunteer experience. (limit 100 words)

- Have you attended any Research Justice workshops put on by the Community-based Research Initiative in the 2019-2020 academic year?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Other
 - If yes, which workshops: Check all that apply.
 - Workshop 1: Building Community through Community-based Research, Friday October 18, 2019
 - Workshop 2: Building a Relationship with your Community Partner: Strategies for Listening, Friday November 1, 2019
 - Workshop 3: Creating Conditions for Community Research: Establishing Agreements with Community Partners, Friday November 22, 2019
 - Workshop 4: On Being and Doing Community-based Research, Friday January 10, 2020
 - Workshop 5: Documenting to Produce Shared Knowledge, Friday February 7, 2020
 - Workshop 6: Reflecting to Support Community-based Research, Friday February 28, 2020
 - Workshop 7: Dilemmas in Community-based Research (on-line)
 - Workshop 8: Producing and Communicating Knowledge in Community-based Research (on-line)
 - Workshop 9: Transitioning and Closing Out in Community-based Research (on-line)
 - I attended workshop(s) held by NCbRI in the Spring of 2019.
 - Other _____.

- Please indicate which projects you would be interested in working on. Each project will have a team of 2 fellows. For detailed project descriptions see [here](#).
 - COVID-19 Community Narratives Participatory Action Research Project
 - Community-Based Organization Sustainability and Capacity Project
 - Community-campus collaborative for Community Air Monitoring Project
 - Environmental Justice Water Quality Photovoice Project
 - Community Project: Community Science Organizing Case Study Project

- Please upload your 1-2 page resume here. Special instructions: anonymize your resume for blind review by using the “find and replace” function to replace your name with “***” throughout the document, and if applicable, include a section in your resume focused on Community-based Research related experience such as activities (research, teaching, service), written products such as publications, presentations, reports, or other mediums, and highlights academic, practitioner, and community-based experience.

Optional demographics questions: As a part of our efforts, to ensure, track, and improve our recruiting and selection process in terms of diversity and inclusion, please consider answering the following optional questions:

- Are you a first generation college student?
 - Yes
 - No
- What is your gender?
 - Female
 - Male
 - Non-binary/ third gender
 - Transgender
 - Prefer to self-describe _____
 - Prefer not to say
- Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Prefer not to say
- How do you describe your race/ethnicity?
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Asian
 - Black or African American
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - White
 - Unknown
 - Other/Prefer to self-describe
 - Do not wish to answer