

Call for Spring 2025

CHASS Faculty Fellows on “Humans, Futures, Sustainabilities”

Why¹: In an increasingly globalized and interconnected world, how can we imagine a place where humans in all of their diversity are able to thrive, maintain self-determination, and protect their cultural traditions and communities. At the same time, with the current climate crisis, how do humans who face challenges related to displacement, migration, loss of homeland, sense of place and belonging, continue to participate in new worldmaking? For example, how does climate change exacerbate other community pressures, like addiction, food insecurity, and disease? How does the evolving future of work influence individual purpose, meaning, and identity? How is this changing landscape being reflected in the arts, in the stories we tell? And how do we, as scholars, help our communities make sense of this totality of change?

Who & What: This fellowship program aims to invite applications from faculty at all ranks in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and to explore new worldmaking for humans and their ability to sustain positive cultural and climatic (planetary and social) change. This call aims to identify 4-6 thought leaders in CHASS who are working broadly on the themes of humans, futures, and sustainability and to bring them together for sustained interdisciplinary conversation and collaboration for an entire semester. Interdisciplinary Affairs and Partnerships (IDS-IAP) in CHASS will provide each fellow with the time and space to complete the semester-long program as well as travel and research funds (up to \$3000) to be used in the fiscal year (AY 25-26) following the fellowship.

Where & When: Spring Semester 2025 in IDS-IAP, meeting times to be determined

How: Fellows will meet regularly throughout the semester to read, think, discuss, and present to each other on this broad interdisciplinary theme. Each faculty fellow will propose a topic and short reading list or activities to the group. An outside speaker may also be invited to speak during the semester to the fellows and to the college-wide community. The primary goal is for the fellows to work together in a way that leads to sustained discussion and new interdisciplinary projects such as publications, grants, curriculum, community engagement, etc. Such projects could be undertaken by individual fellows in line with the criteria for success within their own discipline and home department or undertaken collaboratively by two or more fellows. By the end of the semester, the fellows will also report out to a broader audience in CHASS on what they have learned during the fellowship in the hopes of infusing the college with new research ideas, concepts, methodologies, and tools for interdisciplinarity. A secondary goal is to

¹ The “why”: to identify and assemble thought leaders on futures in CHASS and affiliates and to connect them to the broader landscape of scholars in conversation about “Urban Futures” at NC State.

connect CHASS with the broader landscape of scholars in conversation about “[Envisioning Urban Futures](#)” from the Office of University Interdisciplinary Programs (OUIP) at NC State. In that spirit, we will invite OUIP to any events organized related to this fellows program.

Final product: Series of presentations to CHASS and the NC State community with an eye on future interdisciplinary projects.

**Application Form for
CHASS Faculty Fellows on
“Humans, Futures, Sustainabilities”
Deadline: Oct 31, 2024**

Name:

Department:

Proposed research question:

Brief statement (150-200 words). How does the proposed fellowship complement your current scholarly, creative, and/or outreach agenda? What do you imagine as a possible outcome of this fellowship for yourself?

Proposed reading(s) or other activities for the group of 4-5 fellows:

Any suggestions for an outside/invited speaker:

List of recent publications, grants, creative activities, community engagement that may or may not be related to the theme of the fellowship:

Signature and date
Faculty Applicant

Signature and date
Department head

Please submit electronically to Dr Denis Provencher (dmproven@ncsu.edu) by 5 pm on October 31, 2024