Alabama Water Institute
Faculty Fellowship Program

The Alabama Water Institute (AWI) Faculty Fellowship program recognizes The University of Alabama (UA) faculty for outstanding research, extension, and education programs that significantly advance UA’s interdisciplinary water-related communities of science. Faculty at the assistant professor rank, including equivalent non-tenure-track faculty, are eligible for the Early Career Alabama Water Institute Faculty Fellowship. Faculty at the associate or full professor rank, including equivalent non-tenure-track faculty, are eligible for the Distinguished Alabama Water Institute Faculty Fellowship.

Terms

- A call for nominations is issued each spring semester, with Fellowships beginning at the start of the following fall semester.
- A maximum of three Faculty Fellowships are awarded by AWI each year (two early career fellowships and 1 distinguished fellowship).
- Fellowships are for three academic years.
- Fellows receive a $7,500 annual salary supplement during their Fellowship period.
- Full-time assistant, associate and full professors, as well as equivalent non-tenure-track faculty, are eligible.
- Department Chairs, Directors and Deans (all levels) are not eligible.
- Faculty members are eligible to be re-nominated two years after completion of a previous Fellowship term.

Criteria

Candidates must be an AWI Affiliate Faculty member. Selection criteria include a) evidence of a strong interdisciplinary water-related research, education and/or extension program, with an emphasis on the past three years; b) research, education and extension priorities aligned with the mission of the AWI; and c) the faculty member’s commitment to contribute to AWI initiatives during their 3-years as a Faculty Fellow.

Performance measures to be evaluated include:

- Publications in leading scholarly journals
- Monographs and other scholarly works
- Strong citation analyses
- University, national and international Awards
- Evidence of consistent external funding
- Evidence of interdisciplinary scholarship through participation in interdisciplinary research projects, formal courses, extension/outreach/service programs, and authorship of interdisciplinary peer-reviewed publications
Nominations

Candidates may be nominated by an AWI-affiliate faculty member or may self-nominate no later than March 1 of each year. The following documents must be submitted following the link below.

- An application letter from the candidate documenting her/his previous contributions to interdisciplinary water-related research, education, and extension programs and her/his proposed contributions during the 3-year Faculty Fellow term.
- A letter of support from an AWI Affiliate Faculty member or the candidate’s Department Chair documenting the candidate’s standing in her/his field.
- The candidate’s curriculum vitae.

Application form: https://uaawi.formstack.com/forms/awi_fellowship_program

Selection Process

The Alabama Water Institute will form a committee who reviews all applications and makes recommendations to the AWI Executive Director. Selected applicants will be notified no later than May 1 of each year.

Faculty Fellow Responsibilities

- Provide research, education and extension program and product information for inclusion in the Water Institute website and other Water Institute communications.
- Present at an AWI H.U.B. Talk and/or Webinar Series.
- Participate in at least two interdisciplinary Water Institute proposals during their 3-year tenure.
- Promote the AWI across campus and externally.
- Participate in an exit interview with the Alabama Water Institute at the end of the 3-year term to provide information regarding the Fellow’s highlights and achievements during the Fellowship term for use in public relations materials.

Benefits to Faculty

- Professional recognition and salary bonus for interdisciplinary water-related research, education and extension programs.
- Increased opportunities and support for interdisciplinary collaboration. Benefits to the Water Institute Expansion of the active Water Institute faculty network, and increased visibility and impact of the Institute.
- Faculty Fellows collectively provide a community of science on the UA campus that can mobilize to respond to opportunities that might not otherwise be possible.
- Increased portfolio of interdisciplinary projects and initiatives.