WATER POLICY FELLOWS PROGRAM 2016-2017

The Center for Water Policy, a recently endowed research center in the UWM School of Freshwater Sciences, is excited to invite UWM researchers to become Water Policy Fellows for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The Center’s mission is to provide interdisciplinary solutions to resolve regional, national and international problems related to the protection, restoration and conservation of freshwater resources. The Center builds on the research and reputation of the School of Freshwater Sciences and the strength of freshwater science at UWM in general, in addition to working with top scholars, scientists and policy development centers across the country and around the world.

The Water Policy Fellows Program is designed to foster new and enhanced interactions among UWM colleagues working in the policy sciences who are interested in water-related research, with the explicit goal of expanding the reach and breadth of the Center. The Center works to bring together freshwater scientists—whose work identifies potential risks, unintended costs and consequences and gaps in current policy—with policy scientists who can use the context of these problems to frame policy questions and adapt tools to address water issues. Understanding the interactions between science and policy in the realm of water resources are among the greatest environmental and socio-economic challenges we face in the 21st century.

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A WATER POLICY FELLOW

The Center is seeking Water Policy Fellows to develop new initiatives at UWM in innovative research, collaboration and engagement. In addition to financial support, which may be used for any authorized UWM purpose, Fellows can expect many benefits from involvement in the Center, such as:

- New avenues for developing theoretical, methodological or practical applications of their established areas of research and expertise;
- Opportunities for funded research, working in collaboration with nationally and internationally recognized researchers in a variety of water-related research areas, including human and ecosystem health, freshwater system dynamics, freshwater technology, climate change and water resources sustainability;
- Developing expertise in the domain of social-ecological systems and exploring policy interventions to protect and strengthen these systems.

Examples of work by faculty at UWM and in the School of Freshwater Sciences with strong connections to public policy include:

- Sources of human fecal contamination in waterways;
- Potential risks associated with nanomaterials, pharmaceuticals and personal care products;
- Climate change impacts on water resources;
- Generation, control and regulation of excessive runoff pollution to the nation’s waterways.
EXPECTATIONS OF A FRESHWATER FELLOW

Fellows will be expected to:

- Present at a Water Policy Fellows seminar;
- Attend monthly Water Policy Fellows seminars/roundtable discussions;
- Produce a tangible deliverable, such as:
  - Preparing a collaborative grant proposal with one or more faculty/researchers at the School of Freshwater Sciences and UWM;
  - Developing a course outline for a new course that could be cross-listed or jointly offered between the School of Freshwater Sciences and the Fellow’s home department;
  - Co-advising on masters and doctoral thesis committees for students in the School of Freshwater Sciences;
  - Organizing a mini-conference or panel discussion that will attract policy scholars and practitioners from the Great Lakes region and beyond.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should include:

- A current curriculum vitae
- A short proposal (maximum 2 pages) describing:
  - Your interest in participating in the Water Policy Fellows Program;
  - How you anticipate advancing your own research or teaching through the Fellowship;
  - Specific deliverables you plan to produce, complete with an estimated budget;
  - How your contributions as a Water Policy Fellow will impact freshwater studies beyond the 2016-2017 academic year.

The Center has allocated a total of $40,000 to fund 2-4 Water Policy Fellows for the 2016-2017 academic year. We anticipate two rounds of applications with the following deadlines:

- **Round 1 Deadline** → 5 PM, May 23 (Decision by June 1)
- **Round 2 Deadline** → 5 PM, July 1 (Decision by July 8)

Please submit applications via email to Aaron Thiel (thiela@uwm.edu) in PDF format.