Call for Research Faculty Fellowship
Applicants 2022-2023
Center for Housing and Community Studies

BACKGROUND:
The UNCG Center for Housing and Community Studies (CHCS) is a community-engaged and applied research institution founded in 2015 and specializing in geospatial research, multi-modal data collection, and mixed-method analysis. CHCS provides research, evaluation, and technical assistance in the development of community-informed solutions to social problems addressing housing and neighborhood issues for governments, nonprofits, foundations, and institutions of higher education. We have conducted HUD Fair Housing Assessments and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, as well as paired-testing studies. We are actively engaged in funded studies of impediments to fair housing, Continuum of Care for the homeless, housing market trends and market segmentation studies, municipal, county and regional community planning, and studies of the impact of housing on health.

CHCS relies on external funding and raises >$1.5 million in grants and contracted projects annually. Currently we have a staff of twenty-four researchers, research assistants, interns, and work-study students. Our full-time staff include: Director (PhD Sociology); Senior Research Scientist (PhD Psychology); Evaluation Specialist (PhD in Educational, Psychology, and Methodology); Economist (ABD Economics), a GIS Specialist (MGIST); Housing and Urban Policy Coordinator (JD/MPA); Eviction Mediator (JD); Housing Resources Navigator (BA Sociology); and Community Advocacy Coordinator. This year CHCS is also host to a Faculty Research Fellow from the UNCG Department of Public Health Education. CHCS is housed within the Office of Research and Engagement (ORE) under the direction of Dr. Terri Shelton, Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement. CHCS works with a 15-member Community Advisory Board which includes residents living in low-income and health impacted communities, non-profit and governmental leaders, and researchers at area institutions.

FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION:
The CHCS Faculty Research Fellowship is a yearlong position as a member of the CHCS Staff beginning the summer of 2022 and extending to the end of the spring semester of 2023. The goal of the fellowship is to encourage interdisciplinary, community-engaged, public scholarship and to bring additional academic expertise to pressing housing and community issues. The CHCS research fellowship will support one faculty member annually who is pursuing impactful and innovative public research and scholarly projects related to the mission of the Center. Fellows work collaboratively with the CHCS director and staff and as a member of the CHCS team assisting on applied projects, mentoring students, and engaging in developing grounded solutions to pressing
social issues. More importantly, Fellows propose and pursue research or applied projects that leverage the work of the Center in line with their own professional development. CHCS will provide the faculty member with GIS and analytical data support, assistance with grant development, assistance with data collection, and project mentorship. Additionally, Fellows will have opportunities to gain administrative expertise, mentor students, and work with a broad network of community partners and former Fellows.

EXPECTATIONS:
Faculty Fellows are expected to attend bi-monthly staff meetings with CHCS staff, contribute with expert advice on ongoing research and applied projects, develop a research project of their own and seek external funding in partnership with the Center for on-going collaboration, and produce a scholarly product of community-engaged research (e.g., whitepaper or journal article) co-authored with CHCS staff. Additionally, Faculty Fellows are expected to submit at least one conference paper/poster to a regional or national professional organization in collaboration with the Center Director and staff. Finally, the Fellow will host at least one “Housing Hangout” (an open forum panel on a housing-related topic) during their fellowship tenure.

COMPENSATION:
The Office of Research and Engagement (ORE) will provide Temporary Salary Reserves (TSR) for course releases in the amount of $4,000 for the Fall of 2022 and $4,000 for the Spring semester of 2023. The Center for Housing and Community Studies will provide a $6,000 summer stipend for May to Aug 2022.

QUALIFICATIONS:
✓ Tenured, tenure-track, or Professional track faculty.
✓ Demonstrated interest in community-engaged and applied research.
✓ Demonstrated interest in collaborative and interdisciplinary research.
✓ Open to all academic disciplines and all Schools and Colleges at UNCG.

SELECTION PROCESS
Each application will be reviewed and evaluated by a panel including the CHCS director, CHCS permanent staff, and alumni Faculty Fellows. The selection of the final candidate will be approved by the Vice Chancellor of Research and Engagement

TIMELINE:
• Announcement Date: 11/13/2021
• Applications Due: 12/20/2021
• Selection Announcement: 1/14/2022
• Establish MOU between Dept and ORE: 3/1/2022
• Fellowship Period: 5/9/2022-5/8/2023
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:
To apply, submit the following documents:

1. Completed Application Cover Sheet signed by candidate and department head.
2. A Statement of Research Interest:
   a. Your statement should explicitly explain how you would like to spend the fellowship period at CHCS. Avoid the temptation to write a literature review: The selection committee is interested in how you will contribute to understanding current housing and community-related issues as well as your anticipated scholarly products, dissemination, and potential for future funding.
   b. Situate this fellowship in a larger narrative of your career: What are your scholarly/intellectual interests? How does this fellowship fit (or not) within your previous work and your field? How will you leverage the fellowship moving forward to engage in public scholarship? How will you remain engaged with CHCS?
   c. Identify what specific areas of mentorship you are interested in or what skills you would like to further develop as an applied researcher.
   d. The statement should also address how your interests fit with the current work or expertise of the Center for Housing and Community Studies.
3. The statement should be no more than four (4) pages, formatted with double-spaced paragraphs, 1” margins, and Times New Roman or Calibri font, size 12.
5. Submit all application materials and additional questions to Dr. Stephen Sills at chcs@uncg.edu.
Research Faculty Fellowship Application Cover Sheet

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Preferred Pronouns: Click or tap here to enter text.

Rank (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of appointment to UNCG faculty: Click or tap here to enter text.

Academic Department: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature of applicant:

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faculty fellow applicant

Endorsement from the Department Chair is required for all fellowship applicants and represents acknowledgement that if selected the applicant will receive course releases for fall 2022 and spring 2023 with TSR funding of $4,000 each semester provided to the department.

Signature Department Chair:

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department chair