Hope COLLEGE
FROST CENTER FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Frost Center Fellowship

The **Frost Center Fellowship** is a competitive funding fellowship that provides Hope College faculty members with support to carry out social science research, or interdisciplinary research connected with a social science department, while serving as a faculty expert at the Frost Center for Social Science Research. The end goal of the fellowship is to offer research support that results in the submission of an application for external funding. Fellowships can be requested or awarded for one or two concurrent semesters, and can be used to catalyze one's research program (early-career) or re-engage or re-direct one's ongoing program of scholarship (mid- to late-career).

The Fellowship provides the faculty member with:

1. **Course release(s)** commensurate with the plan of work, determined in collaboration with their department chair and divisional dean
2. **$2,000 in research funding** from the McGregor Fund for supplies and research costs
3. Mentorship and training on **grant-writing and development**, with the goal of submitting an application for external funding
4. Support from trained and experienced Frost Center undergraduate **research assistants**, such as survey administration, data cleaning, qualitative data coding, analysis in SPSS, and other research support needed for the faculty project
5. **Access to research tools**, including Qualtrics and Tableau
6. Partnership with the **Frost Center team** of basic and applied social scientists
7. For early-career and mid-career faculty, an opportunity to **expand their research** and research skills through the pursuit of external funding

Expectations of Frost Center Fellows:

1. The submission of an external grant application within the period of the fellowship term
2. Work on their identified research while supporting Frost Center research activities
3. Support for the Frost Center may include data analysis, research design, participation in Hope College and community-based research projects, or other data and research activities applicable to the fellow's skills and knowledge
4. Include in a significant way the involvement of a student researcher and/or trained Frost Center Research Assistants in the research project
5. Participate in bi-weekly staff meetings and have a physical presence at the Frost Center
6. Provide biographical and project information for the Frost Center website
7. Provide a written statement upon completion of the fellowship describing research accomplishments and contributions to the work of Frost Center
8. Present at Frost Center colloquia events on topics related to fellowship project
9. Provide acknowledgement in publications for work supported by the fellowship
10. Serve on a future fellowship selection committee

Funding for the Frost Center Fellowship is provided by Frost Center for Social Science Research and the Hope College McGregor Fund. Awards are contingent upon funding availability and must be spent in accordance with all applicable Hope College policies and constraints of the McGregor Fund endowment. Research to be completed should support the mission and vision of the Frost Center, including mentoring student researchers as they learn and develop their knowledge and skills.

When fellowship funding is used for a research collaboration with a student, the faculty-student partnership must present their findings at the annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity.

Fellows are expected to apply for external funding within the term of the fellowship; permission for an extension of this external application deadline may be granted for funding mechanism deadlines that do not align with the fellowship term (but a commitment to apply must be confirmed by the fellow).

Fellowships are for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two consecutive semesters. A faculty member may not hold a Frost Center Fellowship more than once in a five-year period. It is up to the candidate to obtain approval from their Chair and Dean to participate in the fellowship and the requested course release(s).

Eligible applicants include Hope College tenured or tenure-track faculty members (except during their first year), as well as faculty not on a tenure-track with at least two consecutive years in a (non-visiting) faculty contract. Emeriti faculty are not eligible. **Early-career faculty who are building their scholarship and mid- and later-career faculty who wish to re-engage with or re-direct their scholarship are especially encouraged to apply**. Given the long-term nature of some research, the project does not need to be completed during the fellowship, though the external grant application should.

Fellowship proposals should be provided as an electronic document and sent by email attachment to frostcenter@hope.edu. Each of the following elements should be included and identified with a heading. The proposal (items 1-7) should be no longer than 4 pages in length.

1. Title of Research to be undertaken/continued during the fellowship
2. Semester requested for the fellowship (Fall, Spring, or Both)
3. Description of the research activities and a detailed timeline including the research project goals, current stage of the project, specific activities to be completed during the fellowship, support needed from Frost Center, and how your results will be disseminated
4. Narrative describing how this research fits within the applicants existing research agenda or research trajectory
5. Research skills and knowledge you are prepared to provide to the Frost Center projects during the fellowship
6. Narrative describing how your research supports the mission and activities of the Frost Center
7. External grant agency / mechanism to which you anticipate applying
8. Budget (provided in a table) with a narrative explaining proposed use of requested funds (up to $2,000)
9. Attach your current curriculum vita

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Contribution the proposed project will make to the social sciences
2. Role of student researchers in the proposed research
3. Knowledge and skills the applicant can provide to Frost Center operations and projects
4. Clarity and cogency of the application
5. Capacity for obtaining future funding following this fellowship

Proposals should be submitted to frostcenter@hope.edu no later than January 15, 2027, for the 2027-2028 academic year (Fall Semester and Spring Semester). Review of proposals will be completed and applicants notified of decisions no later than February 19, 2027.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of two representatives from the Frost Center for Social Science Research, one representative from the Deans' Council, and two tenured faculty members from the Social Sciences (drawn from the Frost Center Scientific Advisory Board). Committee membership will be approved by the Provost prior to review.

Questions regarding Frost Center Fellowships or application preparation may be directed to frostcenter@hope.edu or 616-395-7556.