Faculty Fellows Program

1. Description

The Center for Business Ethics Faculty Fellows Program provides financial and administrative support to faculty members engaged in original projects—including academic scholarship, research designed to influence business practice, and curriculum development—that address themes related to the study of business ethics, corporate responsibility and the role of business in society, broadly construed. The Fellows Program is designed to support faculty projects across academic units, disciplines and methodologies and can include topics related to ethical decision making and moral character, organizational leadership, ethics and compliance programs, professional standards, corporate social responsibility, ethics-related pedagogy, the ethical dimensions of new technologies, corporate governance, employment, corporate political involvement, philanthropy, legal and regulatory reform, sustainability and the role of corporations in global governance.

2. Eligibility

Any full-time faculty member at Seattle University can apply to be a Faculty Fellow.

3. Terms

Each Fellow will be awarded a stipend of $7000 per academic year, payable over three quarters. It is expected that Fellows will communicate regularly with the Director and provide a formal, year-end report on the work completed during the fellowship term. It is expected that Fellows will participate in an annual colloquium that features their work as part of their fellowship term. Fellows will be appointed initially for a one-year term with the possibility of an additional year at the discretion of the Director based on the activities of the first year.

Faculty members who are appointed as Fellows are also expected to work with the Center’s Director to integrate their disciplinary interests or project results to support the Center’s mission of enhancing ethics education and corporate outreach. This expectation will involve targeted administrative duties to help the Director arrange an event or activity, such as a workshop, meeting of the Northwest Ethics Network (a regional group of ethics and compliance professionals), visiting lecture or student project. It is also expected that the Fellow compose up to two 1000-word blog entries for the Center’s online discussion forum, Ethics Matters, and compose a 4000 word “white paper” discussing the practical significance and impact of their research or creative work. The goal of this paper will be to showcase the Center’s research and provide an executive summary of that work to the Center’s stakeholders, including members of the greater Seattle business community, policy makers, regulators or educators. Other activities, such as the composition of short case studies and curriculum development can be considered substitutable work, in consultation with the Director.

4. Application and Deadline

Faculty interested in applying to be a Fellow should submit an application that includes:

- a description of the proposed project, including its purpose, objectives, outcomes, and relevance to the study of business ethics, corporate responsibility or the role of business in society; this description should explicitly mention how the project can have relevance for business practice, organizational management or public policy
- a timeline for its completion
- a list of all other grant or fellowship funding sought for the same period of time, if any, and indicate whether you currently hold an endowed chair or professorship
• a list of other grants and fellowships received in the last five years with outcomes identified
• a brief explanation as to how the project supports the mission of the Center, including a description of the types of activities that could be supported during the fellowship term

The deadline for submission is May 1. Applications should be submitted as one document in PDF format to cbe@seattleu.edu.

5. Selection Process

A selection committee will meet to evaluate each application with respect to the quality and depth of its contribution to the study of business ethics, corporate responsibility or the role of business in society, its support of the Center’s mission, its connection to business practice, and the overall likelihood that the project will be completed. The committee will be composed of the Center’s Director, a Director or Program Chair from outside the Albers School of Business and Economics, and two members from the Center’s Advisory Board, one a faculty member and the other a corporate member. Fellowship recipients will be notified as soon as possible after the above submission deadline.

6. Contact

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