



2021-22 SCUP Fellows Program

Frequently Asked Questions

The SCUP Fellows program is designed to strengthen higher education leaders who seek to carry out new research that contributes to SCUP's knowledge base of integrated planning.

Eligibility

Q: Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be full-time employees who work either in a college or university, or in a corporate sector that serves higher education, during their fellowship year. An applicant may also be a student while they are full-time employees. The program is open to both SCUP members and non-members.

Q: When does the application process open?

Online Submissions Open: Thursday, November 19, 2021

Online Submissions Close: Monday, February 22, 2021, 12:00 noon ET

All applications must be submitted online. Applicants will be notified of selection outcomes by April 4, 2021. Two applicants will be accepted for the 2021-2022 SCUP Fellows Program.

Q: How do I apply?

Please submit your application online. **A worksheet with a preview of the application questions is available on the SCUP Fellows website.** This may be helpful as you draft your responses offline before you complete the online questions.

Once you complete your online application, be sure to click the “**submit application**” button. You will receive an immediate email confirmation of your submission.

Q: When does the SCUP Fellows year begin?

SCUP Fellow coaches will be selected May-June, 2021. The SCUP Fellow research period begins July 2021 and concludes in June 2022.

Quarter 1: July 2021–September 2021 (includes attendance at the July SCUP Annual Conference, scheduled for July 11-13, 2021 in Philadelphia, PA)

Quarter 2: October 2021–December 2021

Quarter 3: January 2022–March 2022

Quarter 4: April 2022–June 2022 (project wrap-up)

Results from the research are presented July – September 2022.

General Fellows Questions

Q: What is required of a SCUP Fellow?

SCUP Fellow Project

SCUP Fellows initiate and complete the research project that was accepted in their SCUP Fellow application. Projects should contribute to SCUP's knowledge base of integrated planning.

Requirements:

A midyear update to The SCUP Fund contributors and members.

Following the conclusion of the project, the research and outcomes are shared three ways:

- SCUP Fellow research presentation at the SCUP Annual Conference, July 24-26, 2022, Long Beach, CA
- Facilitated webinar with the SCUP Fellow's coaches
- Final SCUP Fellow written report (five to eight pages) due September 30, 2022, which will be published by SCUP, shared with SCUP's constituency and will be a permanent record of their research

Optional: SCUP Fellows may also choose to submit an article, viewpoint, or planning story to SCUP's *Planning for Higher Education* journal or present their work at a SCUP regional conference or symposium.

Q: What kind of planning research interests SCUP?

Integrated planning builds relationships, aligns the institution, and emphasizes preparedness for change. It bridges institutional divisions so all efforts—from the president's office, to student affairs, academic departments, administrative units, and physical planning—work together to support an institution's priorities, goals, and mission.

Through your research project, what new insights, best practices, or transformative direction could your research bring to higher education planning?

Below are some of the planning topics of particular interest this year. Applicants are encouraged to integrate more than one area of campus in their research project.

Academic planning
Campus planning and design (integrated physical planning on campuses)
Institutional change management
Institutional effectiveness
Integrated planning with academic planning and resource planning
Diversity, equity, inclusion
Shared governance practices
Strategic planning

Please visit the [SCUP's Fellow page](#) for topic examples of previously accepted research projects.

Q: What do fellows receive through the SCUP Fellows Program?

- Two years of SCUP membership.
- Two conference registrations to the SCUP Annual Conference (1) Philadelphia, July 11-13, 2021 and (2) Long Beach, July 24-26, 2022
- Two nights of lodging for each of the two conferences, and two \$750 stipends that can assist with travel, an additional hotel night, registration to another SCUP event, and expenses
- One registration to attend SCUP Planning Institute 1, 2, or 3
- Assigned SCUP member coaches during your SCUP Fellow year for information, guidance, and a touch-base for project milestones
- Fellowship within a community of higher education planners who will build your experience and leadership skills

SCUP Fellows or their employer agree to cover expenses beyond that which the fellowship program provides.

Q: How are SCUP Fellows selected?

An interdisciplinary team of SCUP members review all proposals and make the final SCUP Fellows decision.

To learn more about the current SCUP Fellows program visit www.scup.org/fellows.

The SCUP Fund

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