2022-23 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.

SCUP Fellows receive a unique professional development opportunity and make an important contribution to the higher education planning community.

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: What are the application opening and decision dates?

**Online Submissions Open:** December 16, 2021
**Closes:** February 28, 2022, 11:59 pm ET
**Applicants notified of decisions:** By March 22, 2022

Two applicants will be accepted for the 2022-2023 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. It might be helpful to draft your responses offline before you complete the online application.

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 June-August 2022. The SCUP Fellow research period begins July 2022 and concludes in September 2023.

**Phase 1:** July–September 2022 (includes attendance at the SCUP Annual Conference, Long Beach, CA July 24-26, 2023)
**Phase 2:** October–December 2022
Phase 3: January–March 2023
Phase 4: April–June 2023 (Project wrap-up)
Phase 5: July–September (SCUP Fellows presentation at SCUP Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH, July 30- August 1, 2023; potential webinar presentation; and written summary due: September 30th, 2023)

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.

Q: What are the priority topics for research consideration this year?

Below are the research topics that will receive priority consideration. Applicants are encouraged to integrate more than one area of campus in their research project.

- Academic planning
- Diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI) in planning
- Campus planning and design (integrated physical planning on campuses)
- Institutional change management
- Institutional effectiveness
- Climate resilience (integrated approach)
- Shared governance practices
- Strategic planning

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

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.

Please visit the SCUP’s Fellow page for topic examples of previously accepted research projects.

SCUP Fellow Requirements:

- Monthly check-ins with assigned SCUP Fellow coaches
- Mid-year update to SCUP Fund contributors and members
- SCUP Fellow presentation at SCUP Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH, July 30- August 1, 2023,
- Webinar presentation with SCUP Fellow coaches
- Final SCUP Fellow written report (five to eight pages) due September 30, 2023, which will be published by SCUP and shared with SCUP’s constituency
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 do Fellows receive through the SCUP Fellows Program?**

- Two years of SCUP membership
- Assigned SCUP coaches who are volunteers experienced in an area of higher education or thought leadership that is aligned with the ultimate goals of the SCUP Fellow’s research project. They bring fresh perspectives and insights over the course of the fellowship year
- 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
- 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 SCUP Fellows program visit [www.scup.org/fellows](http://www.scup.org/fellows).

**The SCUP Fund**

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