

## **Call for Proposals**

### **CECE Faculty Research Incubator Program**

The Center for Environment, Community, & Equity is delighted to announce a Call for Submissions to our 2026-2027 Faculty Research Incubator Program. We are inviting interdisciplinary teams of scholars to submit short proposals for projects to be developed during the 2026-27 academic year (MAXIMUM: 2 pages including references). By the end of the summer, teams are expected to have built out their projects, piloted the protocols, completed a write up for the CECE Clearinghouse, and submitted funding proposals for external funding.

Up to two projects will be selected for participation this academic year. The primary project will receive support for either 1 course buyout for the lead Principal Investigator of the team or funding to split as summer salary (up to a maximum of \$25,000 including fringe). A secondary award may also be made, which may be for a smaller amount (again including fringe). In addition to financial support, each team will receive input on their project development and proposal writing, as well as submission support from the CECE team. Award recipients are expected to attend all CECE events as they are able.

#### **Requirements:**

- Project teams **must include a minimum of TWO FACULTY MEMBERS (post-docs are also eligible)**
- Faculty **must represent at least TWO UNITS ON CAMPUS**
- All projects **must focus on QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT**
- Projects are strongly **encouraged to consider QUESTIONS OF COMMUNITY, JUSTICE, AND EQUITY**
- All disciplines, methodologies, and forms of research will be considered

#### **Award**

- Primary award: \$25,000 including fringe for:
  - One course release per project team to be used in Spring 2026
  - Or the financial equivalent to be shared as stipends or summary salary between team members
- Secondary award (dependent on funding availability): up to \$25,000 including fringe

**To apply, please submit a 1-2 page proposal including references to [cece@american.edu](mailto:cece@american.edu), with subject line “Faculty Research Incubator Application” by October 13, 2026.**

Please include the following in your application:

- Names and affiliations of the faculty who are involved
- Your research question and how you plan to answer it
- The methodology/ies and data that will be used
- What are the expected actionable outputs
- Reference to the most relevant existing research that the project will engage



- A description of any external partners or community stakeholders who will be involved
- A timeline for developing the project and piloting and possible sources for external funding (if known)

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