



Events

Biological Futures

in a GLOBALIZED WORLD

CALL FOR PROPOSALS **2012 SUMMER RESEARCH CONSORTIUM:** **FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS** (Contingent on funding)

Deadline: May 7, 2012

Biological Futures in a Globalized World (2011-2013) is a two-year initiative of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington designed to lay the groundwork for a sustained program of rigorous interdisciplinary research and innovative training that addresses the challenges posed by recent dramatic increases in biological knowledge and in the use of that knowledge to manipulate and build living systems. These projects are hosted by the Simpson Center for the Humanities, in partnership with the Center for Biological Futures at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

At the core of this program are Summer Research Consortia that bring together faculty from diverse fields who are engaged in research projects that address issues central to the mission of the Center for Biological Futures. These include, for example, the impact of human manipulation of the biosphere for food and fuel, responses to infectious disease, the risks of attack based on genetically engineered biological organisms, human manipulation of advances in understanding genome sequence and reproductive technology, and the risks associated with expanded public access to engineered biological organisms—all of which are having a global impact on our lives and environments, on human identity, and on human relationships with the rest of the living world.

We invite proposals for the 2012 Summer Research Consortium from faculty in any of the social sciences and humanities, law, education, and policy studies. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, conceptual analysis in ethics and value theory, historical and cross-cultural studies of emerging new views of genetic futures, cultural representations of the transformation of the human, critical security studies, analyses of the politics and practices of global health initiatives, and empirical research in social science and policy studies.

Award: Fellows will each receive \$10,000 (plus benefits) in summer salary.
(Funding contingent on contract renewal for the second year of the project.)

Eligibility: University of Washington faculty who have active research and teaching interests in any area relevant to the broad mission of the Center for Biological Futures. Faculty must demonstrate experience working in an interdisciplinary environment, and their work must be informed by a sophisticated understanding of the rapidly evolving biological sciences. Proposals from previous Biological Futures Fellows and from previous applicants will be welcomed.

Terms: Those awarded fellowships will be expected to pursue their individual research projects and to participate in a series of six working meetings, to be scheduled in July. The focus of these meetings will be questions about broader impacts, governance, research ethics and policy issues raised by research programs in the biological sciences that are of particular interest to the faculty fellows. Fellows will also be expected to contribute to the development of a series of graduate microseminars on research ethics that are in development for the academic year 2012-2013. (Pending contract renewal, stipends for leading these seminars will be also be available in 2012-2013.)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete application consists of the following:

- A cover letter that outlines your research interests, indicates how they relate to themes central to “Biological Futures,” and includes a work plan for summer 2012;
- An academic resume (no more than 5 pages);
- A short work sample that illustrates your interests and contributions in the areas you describe (no more than 15 pages);
- A completed online applicant form (WebQ). This electronic form will request name, contact information, institutional affiliation, and the name and contact information (email and phone) of the person from whom you have requested a letter of reference;
- A letter of reference. The letter should address how your research relates to themes central to “Biological Futures in a Globalized World.” Referees should send letters to suzelong@uw.edu.

Application submission is administered electronically. Please submit your application materials as follows by or before **Monday, May 7, 2012**

- **SAVE** your cover letter, cv, and work sample in a single document in Word or pdf format.
- **NAME** your saved documents as [Your last name]_app
- **UPLOAD** these documents to the Catalyst dropbox: <https://catalyst.uw.edu/collectit/dropbox/suzelong/20772>
- **COMPLETE** the online applicant form: <https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/suzelong/162402>
- **FORWARD** a copy of your cover letter to your referee with instructions for submitting the letter of reference to suzelong@uw.edu

Questions?

Contact Alison Wylie: aw26@uw.edu

For more information on Biological Futures, see the Biological Futures website: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwch/programs/initiatives/biological-futures>