2024 Call for Applications

Josie R. Johnson UROC Engaged Dissertation Fellows Program

Are you a doctoral student? Apply to be a community-engaged research fellow!

Program Description

The University of Minnesota Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) is accepting applications for the UROC Engaged Dissertation Fellows Program. This program is for graduate students developing as community engaged scholars doing research for the public good. The program is designed for PhD students preparing for their dissertation research.

This one-year cohort program, with the opportunity to continue participating for additional years, meets monthly to assist students in developing their skills and perspectives for community engaged research. After completing the year of curriculum-based cohort learning, fellows have the option to continue via a Working Group focused on the dissertation process. The program is open to doctoral students who are conducting community engaged research for their dissertation. We encourage students to coordinate this experience closely with members of their dissertation committee. The program is sponsored by UROC.

Program Elements

- A cohort of 3-5 Doctoral students
- Space in the UROC’s hoteling area with access to Wi-Fi, meeting rooms, business cards
- Discussion and peer support within the cohort
- Ongoing mentoring and methods/partnership support
- $500 professional development stipend
- Monthly cohort meetings on selected topics
- Structured professional development opportunities

Application Requirements

- Application Form and CV
- Statement of research interest (1-2 pages)
- List of professional development goals related to community-engaged scholarship
- List of committee members with signature from advisor or committee chair
- One required letter of recommendation from faculty
- One letter of recommendation from community partner, optional

Contact Information

Applications are due March 15, 2024, via email to Makeda Zulu, UROCinfo@umn.edu, Subject line: Josie R. Johnson UROC Engaged Dissertation Fellows Application.

Fellows will be selected by May 2024. Program begins September 2024.

“This fellowship made me think critically about how we portray and disseminate knowledge [especially to the communities we are working with]” - Past Fellow