



## Colorado Water Center Faculty Fellows Program Guidelines

### Background

The Colorado Water Center (CoWC) Faculty Fellows Program was established to formally recognize Colorado State University (CSU) faculty whose exemplary research, Extension, and educational contributions advance the university's interdisciplinary scholarship and engagement in water-related fields.

Faculty at the assistant professor rank, including equivalent non-tenure-track faculty, are eligible for the Early Career CoWC Faculty Fellowship. Faculty at the associate or full professor rank, including equivalent non-tenure-track faculty ranks, are eligible for the Distinguished CoWC Faculty Fellowship.

### Terms

- A call for nominations is issued each spring semester, with Fellowships beginning at the start of the following fall semester.
- A maximum of two Faculty Fellowships are awarded by the CoWC each year.
- Fellowships are for two academic years.
- Fellows receive a \$2,500 annual salary supplement during their Fellowship period.
- Assistant, associate and full tenure-track professors, county and regional Extension faculty, and equivalent non-tenure-track faculty, are eligible.
- Faculty members are eligible to be re-nominated two years after completion of a previous Fellowship term.

### Criteria

Nomination packets should include a) evidence of an innovative, impactful, interdisciplinary water-related research, education or Extension/engagement program, with an emphasis on the past three years; b) research, education, and Extension/engagement priorities aligned with the mission of the CoWC; c) Faculty Fellow commitment to contribute to CoWC initiatives during their two years as a Faculty Fellow.

### Nominations

Candidates may be nominated by another water-related Faculty member or may self-nominate. The following documents must be submitted to the CoWC at [cowatercenter@colostate.edu](mailto:cowatercenter@colostate.edu) by **June 26, 2026**:



- Letter from the candidate documenting their innovative, impactful interdisciplinary water-related research, education, or extension programs and their proposed contributions to CoWC initiatives during the two-year Faculty Fellow term.
- A letter of support from a CSU water-related Faculty member and/or the candidate's Department Chair documenting the candidate's standing in their field.
- The candidate's curriculum vitae.

### **Selection Process**

An ad hoc committee formed from members of the CoWC Internal Advisory Committee (IAC) and past Faculty Fellows will review nominations and make a recommendation to the CoWC Director, who makes the final decision. IAC members nominated for a Fellowship will not participate in the ad-hoc committee.

### **Faculty Fellow Expectations**

- Provide research, education, and Extension/engagement program and product information for inclusion in the CoWC website and other CoWC communications.
- Deliver a CSU-wide CoWC seminar.
- Attend CoWC led and sponsored events.
- Engage in interdisciplinary CoWC proposals and projects.
- Promote the CoWC across campus and externally.
- Serve on ad hoc review committees for CoWC Award Programs.

### **Benefits to Faculty**

- Professional recognition and salary bonus for interdisciplinary water-related research, education, and Extension programs.
- Increased networking opportunities and visibility.
- Increased opportunities and support for interdisciplinary collaboration.

### **Benefits to the CoWC**

- Expansion of the active CoWC faculty network, and increased visibility and impact of the Center.
- Faculty Fellows collectively provide a community of science on the CSU campus that can mobilize to respond to opportunities that might not otherwise be possible.
- Increased portfolio of interdisciplinary projects and initiatives.