

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2022-2023 Whitburn Fellowship Program

The Whitburn Center for Governance and Policy Research is pleased to announce the inaugural request for proposals for the Whitburn Fellowship Program. Two fellows will be selected to support the mission of the Whitburn Center, which is to conduct nonpartisan, practical, applied research focused on evaluating and improving governance, professional management, and public policy in Wisconsin and beyond.

Responsibilities

Fellows will collaborate with the Whitburn Center on one of the following topic areas. They will be expected to lead research, report writing, and presentation of the project results. Fellows will also participate in Whitburn Center and MPA program events during their term.

1. **Local Crisis and Professional Management:** The Whitburn Center is interested in advancing understanding of the role of professional managers in leading through a crisis, such as the case of COVID-19. The goal of this project is to assess challenges experienced and provide practical guidance for navigating such barriers in the future.
2. **Belonging, Equity, and Engagement:** Inclusive engagement of residents and in decision-making and community-building is essential to local government success. The goal of this project is to evaluate best practices, strategies, and tools for building trust, creating a sense of belonging, and enhancing community cohesion.

Benefits

The Whitburn Fellowship includes a \$3000 professional development stipend. Funds may be used for memberships, registrations, travel, etc. Office space on campus will also be offered upon request.

Term and Eligibility

The fellowship is a 12-month term lasting from June 1, 2022 and through May 31, 2023. Applicants must be graduates of the UWO Master of Public Administration program when their term begins.

Applications

Applicants for the Whitburn Fellowship should email the following items to whitburncenter@uwosh.edu with the subject line "2022-2023 Whitburn Fellowship Application."

1. A cover letter. Please include your date of graduation and whether you are seeking a residential (office space) or non-residential fellowship.
2. A resume, including current email address, and phone number;
3. A two-page essay describing why you are interested in being a Whitburn Fellow and the research topic you would like to work on during the fellowship: *Local Crisis and Professional Management* or *Belonging, Equity, and Engagement*. Please include how your interests, background, and skills will make you a successful contributor to the project.

Deadline and Notification

Applications must be received no later than April 1, 2022 (11:59pm). They will be reviewed by the Whitburn Center's MPA Alumni Board selection committee. Awards will be announced in May of 2022.

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