



Request for Proposals

Institute for Rural Vitality – 2022 Fellowships

In 2017, SUNY Cobleskill launched the Institute for Rural Vitality (IRV) to foster and execute initiatives that align with SUNY Cobleskill's mission and leverage its intellectual capital, student capabilities, facilities and partnerships to enhance community and economic vitality in rural New York State. Central to design of the Institute is the role of SUNY Cobleskill faculty and staff in developing and carrying out community-enhancing projects that generate invaluable student learning experiences. To that end, resources will be made available to support the work of "Institute Fellows."

Faculty and staff will have the opportunity to propose Institute projects in response to an annual request for proposals (RFP). Project proposals will be reviewed by the college Deans, Provost, representatives from the College Strategic Partnership, the Professional Development Committee, the office for Internships and Graduate Pathways, a Student Representative a member of the College Council, and the Executive Director of the Institute. Faculty and staff submitting selected proposals will be notified and compensated at a fixed rate of \$3,000 or \$1,000 for a year-long or semester term, respectively. Based on assessment of outcomes and impact, Fellowships may be eligible for renewal for multiple time periods. Institute Fellows will be responsible for completing project deliverables as described in their original proposals and will submit regular progress reports to the IRV.

All members of SUNY Cobleskill faculty and professional staff including adjunct instructors are eligible for Institute Fellowships. Proposals can be completed and submitted by visiting www.cobleskill.edu/institute. Successful proposals will include complete information in the following areas:

- I. Faculty/Staff Name
- II. Faculty/Staff Department
- III. Supervisor Name
- IV. Proposal Title
- V. Project Description
 - a. Detailed project description
 - b. Role of Students and Expected Learning Outcomes
 - c. Relevant Internal and External Partnerships/Collaborations
 - d. Project Timeline and Identification of Milestones and Deliverables
 - e. Anticipated materials/supplies costs

Faculty and staff submitting proposals may be contacted for an interview with Institute leadership as part of the selection process. Project submissions must be completed by February 1st. The Institute anticipates announcing fellowships by March 15th.

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Scott Ferguson, Executive Director of the Institute for Rural Vitality.