



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FACULTY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

and

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL GRANTS

ISSUED BY THE UW SCHOOL OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Proposals are due September 1, 2023

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The Nuclear Energy Research Center at the School of Energy Resources (SER) is focused on building research capacity related to nuclear energy at the University of Wyoming. We believe that capacity building starts with investing in UW's greatest resource— its people. NERC invites proposals for the Faculty Scholars Program and for Professional Development Travel Grants. The Faculty Scholars Program is open to pre-tenure faculty only. Any member of the UW campus community may apply for Professional Development Travel Grants.

FACULTY SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

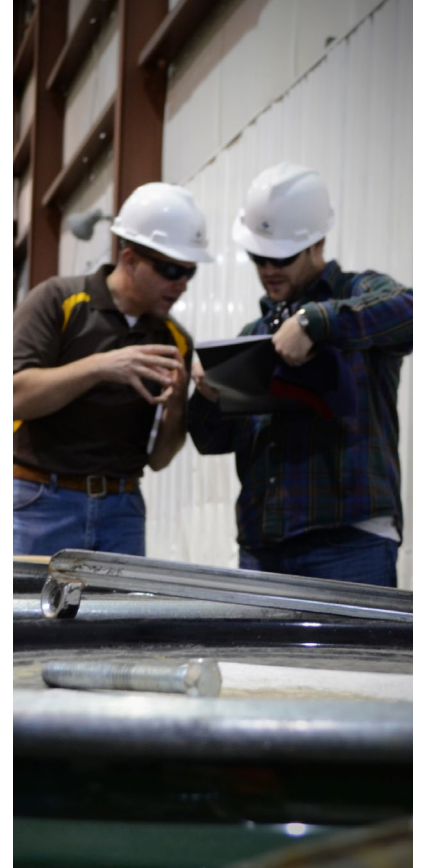
Pre-tenure faculty are invited to submit applications to participate in NERC's faculty scholars program. This program, supported by a grant from the NRC and funds provided by the Wyoming Legislature and Governor's office, focuses on developing out new areas of nuclear-focused research and supporting junior faculty advancement. Faculty chosen for the program will be designated as NERC affiliated faculty and will be provided with one month's summer salary to support development of grant proposals related to the research project and with funding support for travel to present related work at professional conferences and to engage with external stakeholders. Additionally, faculty will benefit from support by SER project specialists and the SER outreach and communications team. Faculty chosen for the program are expected to engage with SER and NERC, to involve graduate and undergraduate students in their research, to publish research including through SER white papers, to participate in outreach, to develop and submit a full proposal to an external funding agency, and to give one lunchtime distinguished speaker presentation on their research. NERC will make up to two faculty scholar awards for the 2023-2024 academic year.

APPLICATION: Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest along with a c.v. and a short, two-page summary outlining their research project. Applicants are encouraged to consider topics that will produce research related to the design, construction, operation, and regulation of nuclear facilities and the safe handling of nuclear materials in Wyoming, though all nuclear-relevant proposals will be considered.

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Applications will be reviewed by a committee including the NERC co-directors, other representatives from SER and external members from other academic departments. Faculty will be selected based on the novelty/impact of the proposed project, perceived potential for extramural funding, and prior accomplishments in their independent career at UW.

Submit proposals via email to NERC co-directors Tara Righetti tara.righetti@uwyo.edu and Caleb Hill caleb.hill@uwyo.edu with the subject line: **"2023 Faculty Scholars Program"**



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL GRANTS:

This program is open to any member of the UW Campus community, including faculty, researchers, staff, administration, and students. NERC has allocated \$15,000 to support up to 50% of the cost of travel and course fee and registration costs for nuclear-relevant professional development, including certifications, attendance at conferences or meetings, training courses, and similar professional development activities. Please note that this is to support new professional development and that awards will not be made for travel related to presentations of current research. Travel must occur during Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. NERC will match departmental funds for allowable expenses based on UW travel reimbursement policies.

This call will remain open until all funds have been committed.

To apply, please submit the following 3 documents:



- 1 A 1-page letter describing the professional development activity and how it will position you to support nuclear research at UW or prepare you to enter the nuclear workforce in Wyoming, and estimating the cost of attendance;
- 2 Any published materials related to the program; and,
- 3 A letter of support from your department head, supervisor, or, for students, from a faculty member who can speak to your interest in nuclear-related work.

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