



Call for Proposals for Faculty Research Fellows Grants

The Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future at the Pardee School of Global Studies announces a call for proposals for Faculty Research Fellows to begin in Spring 2024. By awarding seed grants to Faculty Research Fellows within the Boston University community, the Center seeks to catalyze interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research on future-oriented topics of global significance.

Examples of Pardee Center research projects led by Faculty Research Fellows can be found on our website at www.bu.edu/pardee/community/pardee-fellows.

Fellowship Details

The Faculty Research Fellows program is open to all full-time faculty (tenure or non-tenure track) from any Boston University school or college. Proposals can be submitted by individuals or faculty teams. Appointments will be made for at least one year and no more than two years, with grants of up to \$10,000 per year. A general budget plan and timeline should be included in proposals.

Funding can be used for travel, data collection, partial support for BU graduate or undergraduate student support, etc. Funding cannot be used for faculty salary support or teaching buyouts. Projects can be completed during sabbatical, during which Pardee Center office space may be provided in some cases.

Types of projects may include:

- Original faculty-led research initiatives, laying the foundation for larger, ongoing initiatives which can attract external support.
- Major conferences that bring together leading scholars, which are targeted to the academic community at BU and beyond.
- [Task forces](#) or experts' workshops that bring together policy leaders, scholars, or practitioners to focus on areas of high policy impact and produce concrete and significant outputs that are of interest to scholarly and/or decision-making audiences.
- Exploration of significant areas of interdisciplinary scholarship through a structured series of invited talks or research seminars exploring particular issues related to the Pardee Center's mission. These may lead to research collaborations or scholarly outputs.

Faculty Research Fellows are expected to contribute to the [Pardee Center's publications program](#), which includes several types of reports, from short *Issues in Brief* targeted at decision-making audiences, to more in-depth conference and research reports. In addition, we encourage Faculty Research Fellows to publish in either journal or book form as appropriate to the underlying disciplinary or interdisciplinary scholarly audiences.

Application Process

Boston University faculty members should send a proposal of 1,500 words (maximum) including a 250-word abstract that clearly outlines the research topic and how it fits the Pardee Center's mission of interdisciplinary and policy-relevant study of the longer-range future.

The proposal should also include:

- A general timeline of anticipated project milestones.
- A general plan and budget for resources requested (Pardee Center staff time and/or financial resources of up to \$10,000 per year).

Evaluation and Timing

- The deadline to submit proposals is Friday, December 1, 2023.
- We anticipate supporting up to five proposals to begin in Spring 2024.
- Proposals will be evaluated by a Pardee Center committee based on the following criteria:
 - Clear impact on the study of the longer-range future
 - Nature and degree of interdisciplinarity
 - Clear articulation of a set of outputs, and an explanation of how those outputs advance the Pardee Center's mission and the scholarly literature in related fields.

Please send questions to Pardee Center Interim Director Jorge Heine (jheine@bu.edu) and Assistant Director John Prandato (prandato@bu.edu). Completed proposals should be sent to pardee@bu.edu.