

IPAC Program Description

Name of Program

IPAC Fellows Program

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Brief Description of the Program

The IPAC Fellows Program is a modest effort to enhance interdisciplinarity at SUNY Oswego by introducing new scholars into our interdisciplinary community and by providing campus scholars with added incentive to pursue interdisciplinary interests in research and teaching. There are two types of IPAC Fellow. The Visiting IPAC Fellow designation is reserved for visiting scholars that are hosted by some department or program on campus. The Internal IPAC Fellow designation is reserved for individuals who are on the faculty of SUNY Oswego. The duration of an IPAC Fellow appointment will generally be for one semester, Oswego time. For the most part, we will fill one or two IPAC Fellow positions each semester, depending upon the nature of the applicant pools, the particulars of programs and activities that are being supported by the Center during a given semester, and other factors. By intent, no goal has been set with respect to balancing the number of appointments over time with respect to type of IPAC Fellow. The title of IPAC Fellow carries with it a few small privileges. In return, an IPAC Fellow is expected to (1) give one interdisciplinary talk in the IPAC Speaker Series, and (2) donate a corresponding set of "slides" for the public IPAC Speaker Series Archive. The talk is intended to present aspects of work engaged in by the visitor during their time at the Center.

Interdisciplinary Nature of the Program

Individuals will only be awarded an IPAC Fellow position if their work is very clearly of an interdisciplinary nature. Typically it will feature either a complex real world problem that cannot be adequately addressed from the perspective of a single disciplinary perspective, or it will feature an imaginative integration of results from two or more disciplines in pursuit of an enhanced cognitive understanding of some problem or phenomenon. Either way, interdisciplinarity will be a most salient characteristic of the work that IPAC Fellows engage in while visiting the Center.

Relationship to Interdisciplinarity at Oswego

IPAC Visiting Fellows will be hosted by some department or program on Campus, and will presumably engage in conversation with faculty from the hosting unit as well as, in all likelihood, other faculty on campus. IPAC Internal Fellows will typically discuss their work with faculty on Campus from other disciplines. These conversations, in themselves, contribute to the interdisciplinary culture at Oswego. The presentations that each IPAC Fellow makes to the Campus community will likewise serve to enhance the culture of interdisciplinarity at Oswego. Furthermore, the work that an IPAC Fellow engages in will, generally speaking, relate to the content of at least some interdisciplinary programs and activities on Campus. Interactions between the IPAC Fellow and kindred programs and activities will benefit not only the IPAC Fellow but also the programs and activities. Perhaps Women's Studies will benefit from the real world experiences that an IPAC Visiting Fellow will be able to share in a particularly compelling, intimate manner. Perhaps the Linguistics program will benefit by having an IPAC Visiting Fellow who speaks a very different sort of language in residence at our Campus. Perhaps an interdisciplinary program will benefit from the work of an IPAC Internal Fellow on some element of curricular enhancement. Regardless of the particulars, there is a great deal of potential for interdisciplinary enrichment to our Campus by virtue of the IPAC Fellows program.

IPAC Support

Limited use of shared office space within IPAC.

Limited secretarial support.

Relevant Dates

For the foreseeable future.