



COPAA 2025 Visiting Fellows Program Information and Application Form

The Consortium of Practicing and Applied Anthropologists (COPAA) Visiting Fellows Program is a short-term partnership opportunity involving a professional, practicing, or applied anthropologist (the Fellow) and a COPAA Member Anthropology Department (Department). The program is designed to be mutually beneficial to both parties. The Fellow and Department (the Team) develop a proposal to engage in a collaborative learning experience, share specific knowledge and skills (e.g., via seminars, courses, classroom discussions), and/or work on a project together. The program supports COPAA's mission to advance the education and training of students, faculty, and professional and practicing anthropologists in applied anthropology.

The Department typically seeks a Fellow who can enhance or supplement the existing curricula or work with departmental members on an issue of interest or concern related to applied/practicing anthropology education. The Fellow may be interested in getting academic feedback on a project, acquiring broader knowledge or expertise in a particular area, or practicing a new method or approach. The partnership usually entails at least one campus visit during a given award year; although, the partnership may be extended through virtual communication.

Each Fellowship experience is unique; here are ideas of possible Fellowship activities:

- Seminar presentation(s) about consulting and collaborating effectively with clients
- Q and A about ethical decision making during applied work
- Advising department on internships, job search, and self-promotion or marketing skills
- Review of curricula and training related to professionalization skills in practice
- Delivering a class lecture or co-teaching (in person, online, or both) in an area related to the Fellows expertise
- Leading workshops on building professional networks, grant writing, publishing, etc.
- Leading role-plays for students on negotiating with clients on research design
- One-on-one sharing between Fellow and departmental faculty related to mutual anthropological interests
- Providing Fellow access to campus library



Funding

Partnerships receive two forms of support: (1) \$2,500 to support expenses for a campus partner to host a Visiting Fellow during the 2025 Fellowship year and (2) \$1,000 to travel to the March 2026 Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) Annual Meeting to attend the COPAA annual business meeting (\$500 to the lead faculty applicant and \$500 to the Visiting Fellow) in person. The Team is also encouraged to present at a COPAA-sponsored session at the 2026 SfAA meeting.

Requirements:

- 1) The Department must be a current, paid member of COPAA through the grant year (2024/2025). The department must not have received a Visiting Fellow grant within the previous year.
- 2) The Fellow must be a professional, practicing, or applied anthropologist.
- 3) The Team must submit a Collaborative Report by January 30, 2026. Guidelines for the report can be found on the COPAA Website. The report may be published in the SfAA Newsletter and posted on the COPAA website.
- 4) For the Fellow and the lead faculty member to receive funding to attend the SfAA meeting, each must attend the March 2026 COPAA business meeting at the SfAA Annual Meeting, in person, and briefly speak about their experience to receive their travel funds.

Due Date

Please send completed applications and the other required materials to copaainfo@gmail.com. Applications are due by midnight (Pacific Standard Time) on December 01, 2024. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Questions?

Email us at copaainfo@gmail.com.



Department Contact Information

- 1) Name of University/Department:
- 2) Departmental Mailing Address:
- 3) Name of person submitting application:
- 4) Title of person submitting application:
- 5) If the person named above is not the department chair/head, who is that person:
- 6) Phone Number of person submitting application:
- 7) Email of person submitting application:
- 8) Is there a second person who should be listed as a contact such as a department administrative coordinator, secretary, etc.? If yes, please list their name, title, and contact information here:
- 9) Is the Department a current paid member of COPAA for 2024?

Fellow Contact Information

- 10) Name of Proposed Visiting Fellow:
- 11) Title and Affiliation of Proposed Visiting Fellow:
- 12) Mailing Address of Proposed Visiting Fellow:
- 13) Phone Number of Proposed Visiting Fellow:
- 14) Email Address of Proposed Visiting Fellow:



Fellowship Project Narrative

Please respond to each of the following questions. Collectively, your responses should be no more than 3 single-spaced pages maximum.

Description

Clearly describe the project including the participants, location(s), and Fellowship activities.

Benefit to the Department

Describe how the project will build on, enhance, or supplement existing applied/practicing anthropology foci in the department as well as how it will contribute to the overall mission of the department.

Benefit to the Fellow

Describe how the project will benefit the Fellow during the Fellowship Year.

Budget

Include an itemized budget of up to the award limit of \$2,500. Describe how funds will be used and provide information on matching funds, if any. Please note, matching funds are not a requirement for the Fellowship. Fellowship Funds may be used for activities related to the Fellow's campus visit(s) and the awarding of honoraria for the Fellow.

Timeline

Include a timeline of grant activities including the submission of the collaborative report which is due within one month of the end of the year of award.

Additional Required Materials

In addition to the above application form, please also submit a letter from the prospective Fellow confirming their interest in the Fellowship and the Fellow's Curriculum Vitae.



Submission

When you are ready to submit your application, save this document as a PDF with the file name DEPARTMENTNAME_VFA2025_App and mail to copaainfo@gmail.com along with the Fellow's letter of interest and C.V. Applications are due by midnight (Pacific Standard Time) on December 01, 2024.