

Frequently Asked Questions about the Global Change Fellows Program—

Updated January 3, 2022

Who can I contact about the program?

Aranzazu Lascurain: alascur@ncsu.edu

Who can apply for the Global Change Fellows Program?

- Current NCSU undergraduate and masters' students applying for admittance to a **NCSU PhD program**. Student must also be actively applying to other PhD programs at other institutions
- A current NC State graduate student enrolled in **either a masters or PhD program**
- A recruited PhD student (not having attended NCSU for undergraduate work)

- NOTE: The student's research interest must also align with the [mission of the SE Climate Adaptation Science Center](#).

Who should submit the nomination packet?

The interested student's [faculty advisor](#) who must also be a faculty [affiliate of the SE CASC](#).

How many students can a Faculty Affiliate nominate?

Only one student per year per Faculty Affiliate **can be awarded**. However, a Faculty Affiliate can submit **two student** applications for consideration and one of those two nominations must be an incoming PhD student.

What Colleges have received a Global Change Fellow?

CALS, COS, CHASS, CNR, Engineering, Education, Design, Veterinary Medicine

What materials are required for the application process?

- -A 1 to 2 page personal statement (written by the student being nominated)
- -Nomination form filled out by faculty advisor (needs to be a Faculty Affiliate of the SE CASC) and signed by Dept Head)
- -A letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor
- -**Review of our 3 [science priorities](#) and understanding of the mission of the [SE Climate Adaptation Science Center](#)**
- Student's graduate school application, please ask your department's GSC, they should be able to provide a PDF copy.

What should the personal statement include? And how long can it be?

Statements range between 1 to 2 pages maximum. The student should discuss their understanding of the SE CASC mission, how would working with a multidisciplinary cohort help their research interests and future careers. And what about the program excites them including any skills and interests they will bring to the cohort.

What do we mean by an *incoming* student?

A newly recruited NCSU students entering a masters or PhD program. In other words, a student that did not obtain their undergraduate degree at NCSU.

Is the NCSU Graduate School application required?

Yes, it allows us to know the students background a little better what course work they took and how they performed. Their letters for admission to NCSU are also helpful. You can obtain a PDF file from your department's graduate student coordinator.

Should I include the student's CV?

Yes, this can be helpful as it's information that might not be included the grad school application.

What does the professional development component of the program look like?

We provide two semesters of programming. In the fall we focus on topics such as knowledge co-production, ethical principles of Tribal engagement, climate decision analysis, climate science 101, team science principles, ecosystem services and, landscape conservation among other topics. In the spring we delve into principles of science communication.

What is the length of the Global Change Fellows Program?

The program is for one year and typically runs August 1 to July 31 of the following year. The program provides a stipend, tuition and health insurance, plus travel support.

What are the minimum requirements?

You must have an interest in climate change adaptation and global change impacts. Your research interest should fall under one of our [three science priorities](#). Attendance is required in a week-long training in early August at a location which rotates across the Southeast. Also, a 1-credit seminar in the fall is required as are professional development opportunities planned throughout the year. Participation in these events **is required** as part of the program.

Where can I find a list of the SE CSC Faculty Affiliates?

<https://secasc.ncsu.edu/home/about/people/faculty-affiliates/>

What types of research and departments are represented by the Global Change Fellows?

We have had representation from 8 colleges across NC State. See:
<https://secasc.ncsu.edu/home/about/people/global-change-fellows/>

Read research blog posts written by our Fellows over the past few years:

<https://secasc.ncsu.edu/category/research-highlights/>

Where to our Fellows find employment?

The majority go into academic positions including postdocs, followed by work at state and federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations.