



AFFILIATES PROGRAM

The Institute on the Environment Affiliates Program connects scholars and professionals of all career stages, fostering collaborative work that has a positive impact on the environment and sustainability. Affiliates are central to our IonE community, are part of changing the way the University conducts scholarship, and create tangible impact in the wider world. Affiliates come from across the five campuses of the University of Minnesota, as well as external organizations that are driving innovation in environmental justice and sustainability.

About

IonE is an interdisciplinary hub for the statewide University of Minnesota system. We are built to facilitate inter-departmental and inter-campus collaboration, as well as create partnerships with the broader world. Within our ranks are engineers, natural scientists, economists and social scientists, humanities scholars, artists, and educators. All are working together to discover and advance solutions to environmental challenges – to bring about a future where people and planet prosper together.

IonE seeks to support its Affiliates, who in turn enrich and support the Institute. Affiliates participate in IonE events, build skills, and engage with nationwide leaders in sustainability scholarship and action. They also gather each year at the IonE Annual Meeting, the Institute's flagship event for intellectual cross-pollination.

2023 Dates & Deadlines

Calls for new Affiliates happen annually in March. Applications for 2023 are due on May 1, 2023, with announcement of the new programming in early summer.

Benefits and Participation

In addition to program-specific benefits and responsibilities, all IonE Affiliates share the following:

Benefits of Affiliation

- Membership in the IonE community, including the right to list affiliation on a CV and on publications or other work products
- Opportunities to interact with a wide range of environmental scholars and professionals – to share ideas and form new interdisciplinary teams
- Invitations to activities, speakers, and events designed specifically for Affiliates, in addition to whole community events such as the Annual Meeting
- Access to IonE professional development programs, mentorship and training activities
- Access to flexible working and meeting space in the Learning and Environmental Sciences building on the St. Paul campus (UMTC)
- Event consultation and access to IonE events spaces (by reservation, pending availability) with little or no charge (fees apply to externally-sponsored events)
- Eligibility for IonE funded grants and contracts*
- Access to IonE consultation on grant development and philanthropic funding strategies
- Recognition upon selection as an IonE Affiliate, including a headshot and public announcement on the IonE website
- Opportunities to be featured in IonE communications channels, including e-newsletters, social media platforms, and other storytelling venues

*Applies to UMN employees only, with the exception of IonE mini-grants which are open to non-UMN affiliates.

Community Participation

- Attendance at Affiliates events, dinners and/or , and mixers*
- Attendance at IonE's Annual Meeting
- Occasional service on IonE committees to advance and improve IonE initiatives and activities
- Sharing feedback and ideas about IonE's direction and function via the annual IonE Affiliates survey and with the Faculty Leadership Council
- Making a commitment to share updates on projects, grants, and other newsworthy information with IonE, especially when those activities draw upon IonE resources or expertise
- Representing IonE in a way that upholds its core values
- Promoting IonE education and leadership opportunities to students – and supporting student involvement in these activities
- Including IonE staff, programs, and operational capabilities on external grants when appropriate, to help support IonE financially
- To include IonE designation (e.g., "IonE Fellow") on professional web page, email signature, and, when appropriate, journal publications
- To serve as an ambassador for IonE to both university leadership and external partners, embodying the institute's mission to build a future where people and planet prosper together
- Access to IonE's platform for sharing your work with colleagues at events, conferences, & more

*Fall semester events are typically announced in August; spring semester events in early January.

1. Fellows

Who are IonE Fellows?

Fellows are established in their career and have demonstrated excellence in one or more disciplines related to environmental justice or sustainability. They also have a proven history of applying their research or expertise to real-world challenges, helping those outside the university understand and solve environmental problems. Fellows are expected to have a significant record of impact, expertise, and scholarship. While there is no fixed number of scholarly products required, there should be a steady track record of excellence and a strong commitment to community.

Fellows are often tenured faculty at the University of Minnesota, but affiliation is not restricted to this status. Fellows may also be individuals from external organizations who meet a similar standard of excellence; pre-tenured faculty who have served previously as IonE Associates; or non tenure-track academics, including scientific staff, who exemplify IonE's mission.

What Fellows do:

- Fellows are active in the IonE community as described in "Benefits and Participation"
- Fellows engage with the IonE community in pursuit of IonE strategic initiatives, contributing expertise to specific and timely goals that the community is working toward
- Fellows may be asked and have opportunities to mentor IonE Associates; they also speak at workshops and/or seminars, and sometimes serve on committees within IonE
- IonE provides avenues for Fellows to pursue new and existing collaborations, with other Fellows, Associates, and IonE researchers and students
- Fellows complete an annual survey reflecting their participation in the IonE community, and the Faculty Leadership Council reappoints IonE Fellows based on this feedback

How to Apply:

- Applications are due on May 1, 2023
- Applications should be submitted via email to ioneaffiliates@umn.edu
- Application review is conducted by the Faculty Leadership Council with suggestions put forth to the Director of IonE for final approval

Applications must include:

- Letter from the nominee explaining the relevance of their work to IonE and how they will benefit from membership in the IonE community
- Letter of support for the nominee*
- CV highlighting the qualifications described above

*There is no longer a requirement for fellow nominees to include a letter of nomination from a current IonE fellow.

2. Associates

Who are IonE Associates?

IonE Associates are early-career researchers and instructors who are motivated to develop engaged, interdisciplinary, impact-oriented careers in environmental scholarship. As part of the larger IonE community, IonE Associates form an annual cohort of individuals representing a mixture of disciplines, perspectives, objectives, and backgrounds with a goal of advancing environmental justice and building leadership to meet the growing needs of our communities and world. Through their affiliation, IonE Associates acquire the skills and connections to accelerate their careers and broaden their impact including being paired with an IonE mentor. Associates will meet for networking and professional development sessions on the 3rd or 4th Thursdays of each month between the hours of 11-1pm through the Fall and Spring semesters of the first year of the cohort. The cohort remains involved, but less formally, for a second year. At the end of the two-year cohort, Associates can retain their affiliation if they remain active in the IonE community; they can also move to the Fellows category through the process described on the previous page.

What Associates do:

- Engage in the IonE community as described in "Benefits and Participation"
- Each cohort member attends workshops and retreats, builds connections among cohort members, and networks with leaders from the university and greater community in programming developed for IonE Associates

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Applications must include:

- CV highlighting the qualifications described above
- Letter of support from the nominee's dean, department chair or supervisor including a statement of approval for the Associate to invest their time in this activity.*
- Letter from the nominee describing their professional aspirations and goals for their time as an IonE Associate including: 1) What impact do you wish to have in terms of your professional work, research, and/or scholarship? 2) How do you foresee benefitting from IonE's Associate Program? 3) How will your participation in the program benefit the University of Minnesota, as well as other communities?

*There is no longer a requirement to secure a nomination letter from an existing IonE Affiliate

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