

## Faculty Fellows: A new program within the Environment and Natural Resources Institute

### *Background*

In order to enhance the research mission and better facilitate integrated science work within the College, we are inaugurating a program of Faculty Fellows associated with the Environment and Natural Resources Institute (the Institute). The Faculty Fellows program will bring faculty participation and leadership into the governance of the Institute. The criteria for these appointments will be based on outstanding research leadership in areas relevant to the scope and mission of the Institute. Faculty Fellows shall enjoy the efforts of the Director and of the Institute as a whole in facilitating communications, developing research opportunities, enhancing interdisciplinary and integrative efforts, and shall, at their discretion, have the opportunity to submit research proposals and participate in research activities under the auspices of the Institute. Faculty Fellows shall enjoy online access to certain library resources through the Institute's affiliation with ARLIS, and shall be eligible to apply for seed funds internal to the Institute for the initiation of integrative research efforts. Faculty Fellows shall play a key role in constructing the future of the Institute through participation in governance of the Institute and through functioning as a key advisory body to the Director.

The involvement of faculty with the Institute is intended to facilitate current research and is not intended to alter current workloads or relationships to home Departments, and Fellow's activities will count toward tenure and promotion. Faculty Fellows and their Departments will continue to receive overhead return in the same amount as with other faculty, irrespective of the routing of grant applications and the center of grant management. Faculty Fellows may from time to time, at the discretion of the Director, solicit Institute resources in support of common research objectives. The Director shall work closely with the chairs of Departments and with Faculty Fellows to ensure mutual benefits of the Faculty Fellows Program to the Institute, to the home department and to the Faculty Fellow.

### *Solicitation of interest*

Faculty with active research programs in the disciplines of Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Conservation, Environmental Studies, Ecology, Geology, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, and other disciplines potentially related to the environment and natural resources are invited to submit a brief statement of their principal research interests and a curriculum vita for consideration. Materials should be submitted electronically to Dr. Jeff Welker, Director of the Institute, [afjmw1@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:afjmw1@uaa.alaska.edu) by September 15.

A committee of faculty has been appointed to review these materials and provide a slate of nominees through the Director for consideration by the Dean. Additional nominations will be considered annually by the existing Fellows. For additional information contact Dr. Welker via email or by phone (257 2701).