

Criteria for Evaluation of All Fellowship Applications

All applications will be evaluated by a committee of past fellows and CCC staff.

Incomplete and late applications (i.e. directions weren't followed or sections are missing) will not be considered.

All applications are evaluated on the following criteria:

Fundamental Questions

1. Can the individual or team complete all aspects of their proposed work in the allotted timeframe of the fellowship?
2. Does the budget request match the work proposed and allow the individual or team to complete all of the requirements of the fellowship? Is the budget realistic?
3. Is the team composed of at least one practitioner and at least one CSU representative?
4. Do individual applications list appropriate collaborators (practitioners must have a CSU rep, and faculty/grad students must have a practitioner?)
5. Is the individual or team qualified to do the work- are they clearly interested and able to expand their work into this area?
6. Are the necessary partnerships in place? Or do the relationships still need to be developed?

Competitive Measures

1. What will the individual or team, their partners, and project contribute to the CCC and to the greater collaborative conservation community? Will the project add a valuable new dimension to collaborative education, research or practice?
- 2.** What is the potential for impact in the geographic location of the project?
 - What is the reach of the project- how many people does it have the potential to impact in education, research, or practice on-the-ground?
 - Does the work proposed address BOTH livelihoods and conservation issues?
 - What is the potential for *actual impact* on conservation and livelihood issues? Are the stated outcomes feasible?
 - To what degree is the project inclusive? (Are all stakeholders accounted for?)
 - How will the project engage stakeholders in the project location?

**Typically applications are weak in this area. Applicants either address the conservation impacts or the livelihood impacts of their project. We are looking for projects that impact *both* conservation and livelihood issues so make sure you address this to be competitive.

Make sure you address short-term and long-term outcomes as well.

3. Does the project address collaborative needs of communities and are these needs identified by the communities themselves?
4. Are there adequate qualitative, quantitative or mixed measures for determining whether the project will meet its goals and objectives? (evaluation measures)
5. Does the project meet the core values of the CCC:
 - collaboration
 - teamwork
 - innovation
 - risk-taking
 - integration of researchers, practitioners and educators
6. How does the quality of the proposed work rate compared to other applications?