

## Criteria for Evaluation of All Fellowship Applications

All applications will be evaluated by a committee of past fellows, CCC staff, and invited experts in their fields.

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. Is the individual or team qualified to do the work- are they clearly interested and able to expand their work into this area?
5. Are the necessary collaborations/partnerships in place to complete the project? Are their roles in the project clearly identified?

### Competitive Measures

1. What will the individual or team, their collaborators, and project contribute to the CCC and to the greater collaborative conservation community? Will the project add a valuable innovative 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/benefit through education, research, or practice on-the-ground?
  - \*\* Does the proposed work address BOTH conservation and livelihood issues?
  - What is the potential for *actual or future impact* on conservation and livelihoods and for learning about the collaborative process?
  - \*\*Are the stated outcomes feasible?

\*\*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 address *both* the impacts to nature and impacts to people so make sure you address this to be competitive.

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

3. How will the project engage stakeholders in the project location?
  - To what degree is the project inclusive? (Are all stakeholders accounted for?)
  - Are the communities and/or stakeholders involved in every step of the work?
    - Project design and implementation?
    - Decision making?
  
4. Are there appropriate qualitative, quantitative or mixed measures for determining whether the project will meet its goals and objectives? (evaluation measures) Or other ways to determine the success of the project?
  
- 5.. How does the quality of the proposed work rate compare to other applications?