



WARNER COLLEGE  
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# CC FELLOWS PROGRAM COHORT 17

## PROJECT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

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The purpose of the project proposal is to present a brief but compelling story about your project idea, your project team, how your proposed project will make a difference, and why you and/or the project's participants are a good fit for the CCC Fellows Program.

There is no one "right" way to write this proposal. However, many project proposals include one or more of the following elements (not necessarily in this order):

- Introduce yourself and/or the team. Who are you, what experiences do you bring, why are you a good candidate to become a Fellow?
- Define the problem you're solving. Think through the following to help you frame the problem:
  - o **Who** – Who actually has this problem? Have you validated that the problem is real?
  - o **What** – What is the nature of the problem? What research or supporting evidence do you have?
  - o **Why** – Why is the problem worth solving? What's the impact on communities, biophysical spaces, and/or CSU?
  - o **Where** – Where does this problem arise? Have you/your team observed this problem? In what contexts?
- Present your solution.
- Describe your proposed activities and/or deliverables and/or objectives. If this is a research project, include what types of permissions might need to be obtained. Detail the ways in which the nature of the issue warrants a collaborative approach to solve it.
- Describe the team that will be working on this problem and their roles.
- What is your plan or approach?
- Who are the stake/rightsholders? How will they be engaged? Describe how engagement of stake/rightsholders could happen at the "[involvement](#)" level or higher.
- How will you know if the project is successful? What is the plan to evaluate one or more components of the project?
- Briefly outline your timeline and budget (see the [budget template](#)).

Project proposals can be created using a variety of strategies and formats. It can be a written document (generally 5-10 pages in length), a slide deck, an infographic, a video, or some other creative media. Submit all proposal materials to Allison Brody, [allison.brody@colostate.edu](mailto:allison.brody@colostate.edu) by October 23, 2026.