

Spring 2026 Call for Buckley Faculty Fellows: Climate & Environmental Justice Theme

Overview & Expectations We are excited to have resources and support for faculty who are critical to our emerging global leadership in sustainability education. The founding of the new Buckley Center for Sustainability Education (BCSE) is critical to this success. The inaugural Buckley Faculty Fellows will be expected to promote and advance sustainability education initiatives at CU Boulder, building a network of faculty integrating sustainability into teaching and praxis. In this first six months, our primary objectives are to provide (1) a Sustainability Across the Curriculum training to CU Boulder faculty annually in early May and (2) faculty voice and input to broader initiatives and visions across campus that intersect with sustainability education.

In Spring 2026, in addition to developing the Sustainability Across the Curriculum training and resources for the training, faculty on academic year appointments will focus on teaching strategies in this moment and foundational content on sustainability. The theme for this Spring 2026 cohort will be environmental and climate justice. Themes for future cohorts will change. Buckley Faculty Fellows also will be expected to provide critical faculty voice, perspective and labor-power to link centers and institutes with broader BCSE efforts. Primary functions and responsibilities of each Buckley Faculty Fellow include monthly meetings, which tentatively will be:

- Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 4-5:30pm
- One longer retreat: Friday, February 13, 2026, noon-4pm
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 4-5:30pm
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 4-5:30pm
- Sustainability Across the Curriculum Training: May 5-6, 2026, 9am-6pm

Note: Buckley Faculty Fellows may be considered for renewal in the AY 26-27. This initial pilot is just a commitment to the Spring 2026 semester.

BCSE Outcomes from Buckley Faculty Fellows Accomplishments There are many potential outcomes from Buckley Faculty Fellows efforts that benefit BCSE and CU Boulder. In coordination with administration, staff, students, and faculty colleagues across campus, the inaugural class of Buckley Faculty Fellows will:

- co-create and coordinate a campus-wide agenda for transformational learning (note: this is not curriculum work, which will be vetted through a separate ambassadors program)
- provide information, deliberate, and illuminate best practices for sustainability education to help inform broader efforts across campus and as an international leader
- commiserate on barriers we have faced in sustainability education and praxis
- advocate for innovative initiatives that energize us to actualize more sustainable futures

- cultivate faculty networks of support across campus, including serving as liaisons to centers and institutes across campus
- collectively prepare and deliver a faculty training on campus
- identify, assess, and collect sustainability education materials for teaching and learning

Eligibility All Buckley Faculty Fellows will be invited to express interest in participation by submitting the following materials **December 12, 2025 by noon** to buckleycenter@colorado.edu. Decisions will be announced by December 18, 2025.

1. a cover letter (no more than 2 pages, 12-point font) describing:

(a) a brief summary or highlights of your leadership, commitment, and/or innovation in the area of climate and/or environmental justice and sustainability education (even if not explicitly called “sustainability”), as well as interdisciplinary collaborations on or off campus;

(b) any CU Boulder centers or institutes with which you are affiliated or involved in any meaningful way) to identify your existing network(s) on campus;

(c) one to two sessions you would be excited to offer as part of Sustainability Across the Curriculum Training on campus, including how and what;

(d) what you think is—or easily could become—touted as our campus’ greatest asset in sustainability education leadership

2. the candidate’s current CV

3. a list with two references (name, title, email)

Criteria Letters must highlight the applicant's potential to lead significant collaborative projects, develop vision and deliver novel and impactful scholarly work.

- Demonstrate research expertise in and a compelling point of view on sustainability
- Demonstrate pedagogical expertise and/or interest
- Communicate experience working collaboratively across disciplines
- Share ability and capacity to make time to fulfill the Fellowship responsibilities

We encourage faculty all across campus to apply. Applicants must be rostered faculty (tenure track or non-tenure track teaching professor) at CU Boulder and able to fulfill the responsibilities of Buckley Faculty Fellowships in person on campus. As the inaugural pilot, we will expect flexibility as we find meaningful ways to contribute.

Process Buckley Faculty Fellows are selected by the leadership team of BCSE. As needed for subject area expertise, we also will invite faculty trainers to lead sessions in Sustainability Across the Curriculum that are not Fellows. Service as a Buckley Faculty Fellow will begin in January 2026 and continue through May 15, 2026. Compensation is \$5,000 and will be issued in accordance with CU’s [Additional Compensation Guidelines for Faculty](#). Pending approval by the BCSE leadership team, this inaugural group of Buckley Faculty Fellows will have the opportunity to renew their participation for AY26-27, from August 15, 2026, through May 15, 2027, for compensation of \$10,000. Going forward, there will be Buckley Faculty Fellows in AY27-28, AY28-29, AY29-30 and ideally beyond. We will actively provide connections across cohorts too.