



The Online Ethics Center for Engineering and Science (OEC)

announces

Fellowships for Leading OEC Communities of Practice

Name of Fellowship:

- (None yet. Will be named with future sponsorship)

Eligibility: Any faculty member or administrator from any College or University, and any academic rank whose teaching, research, or administration relates to ethics in engineering or science. Or, any program manager of a scientific or technical institution.

Stipend:

- Unpaid as of yet. This is currently a voluntary position

Expectations:

- Fellowship holders will commit to a full calendar year, with reappointment possible up to 3 years.
- Fellowship holders will be expected to meet twice a year with other OEC fellows, to share ideas, and monthly with OEC Director Rosalyn Berne to share new developments and activities in their Community of Practice. Fellows will be welcomed to attend open meetings of the OEC Advisory Group or Editorial Board.
- Fellowship holders will be expected to prepare a brief (1-2 page) report on their Community of Practice activity, to be included as an attachment to the OEC Annual report to the NSF.
- It is hoped that Fellows will recruit members, building and engaging an active and robust Community of Practice. There are many possibilities for engagement and creativity is encouraged.

Application materials:

- Abbreviated curriculum vitae (no longer than three pages)
- Proposal:
 - o Title of Community of Practice
- Brief description of the proposed purpose of engagement in the community, a few ideas for development of the community, with plans for integrating ethical concerns into it.

These application materials should be combined into a single pdf file and submitted electronically to Rosalyn Berne, OEC Director, Associate Professor Emeritus, at rwb@virginia.edu

Application deadline: Rolling

Selection Process: Submissions reviewed as received by the OEC project leadership team.

Announcement of fellowship recipients: Ongoing

For additional information, write Rosalyn W. Berne rwb@virginia.edu

Development and Goals of the Fellowships for Leading OEC Communities of Practice

The NSF has supported the OEC for over 10 years. (The current grant runs through funding the year 2022). This fellowship program is a new endeavor, not included as an activity in the NSF current grant. Thus, it is currently without funding. That being said, we hope to one day secure sponsorship to name and fund this fellowship program. Meanwhile, we are most grateful for the willingness of volunteers to take on the role of Fellow. Our aim is for the Communities of Practice to support groups of people who share particular interests in ethics, and to facilitate collaboration, learning and growth in their capacity to teach ethics, do research, or to manage organizations and projects, ethically. The goal is to provide community support that will enable these groups of people to become more skillful and aware in asking and answering ethical questions in the contexts of their professional endeavors.