We are seeking faculty members to lead research projects and serve as mentors for the MPC Summer Diversity Fellowship Program. This program recruits University of Minnesota undergraduate and graduate students from historically underrepresented groups (including, but not limited to, African Americans, American Indians, Hispanic/Latino/a Americans, and Asian Americans) to work on MPC research projects. Each project will involve a collaboration between an MPC Faculty Member, an MPC Research Scientist, and two Diversity Fellows (one graduate student and one undergraduate student). The Diversity Fellowships run 10 weeks from June 10 to August 16, culminating in a presentation of the research project on the final day.

We are looking for proposals for projects that would benefit our fellows and the faculty mentor. MPC covers the cost of the fellowships (i.e., the students’ stipends) and in return the faculty member provides mentorship in collaboration with an MPC Research Scientist. Faculty mentors should plan to be in residence for the majority of the 10-week summer fellowship period and must be available for regular meetings with their team during the summer, and occasional meetings with the mentor cohort. Faculty mentors should also be available for their team’s research presentation at the MPC Diversity Fellows Colloquia on August 16.

Proposals should be one to two pages in length and include a description of the proposed research project, a description of the expected role/workload for the student fellows (20 hours/week), and a one-paragraph mentoring plan. If you have an MPC Research Scientist you would like to work with, please identify the individual in your proposal. If you do not, we will work with you upon selection to identify the best fit. All proposals must be received by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 22. We will select projects for the Diversity Fellowship Program by early February and begin promoting the Fellowships and accepting student applications in mid-February. MPC Diversity Fellowship Coordinators will be involved in the initial screening of student applicants, but invite you to take part in the final selection process.

For more information on the Diversity Fellowship Program, visit the Diversity at MPC webpage at https://pop.umn.edu/about/diversity. See examples of past faculty-led Diversity Fellowship projects here (2018) and here (2017).

Selection Criteria: Projects will be reviewed based on intellectual merit, appropriate fit for the 10-week timeframe, and mentorship plans. Preference will be given to early career faculty members (before tenure) and to projects using MPC data.

Who Can Apply: Any MPC Faculty Member
Due Date: 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Proposal Length: One to two pages, one inch margins, minimum size 11 font
Program Dates: 10 weeks, starting in June 2019 (undergraduate program runs 8 weeks)

For more information, please contact Gina Rumore at grumore@umn.edu.

* Non-American citizens are welcome to apply but must have the eligibility to work in the US during the summer. We also consider first generation students, women students in tech fields, LGBTQ students, and students with disabilities.