

Faculty Fellowship Call for Applications:

Spring/Summer 2027

Summer/Fall 2027



Program Description

Faculty Fellows are tenure track and tenured faculty members who are embedded in a Prisma Health–Upstate department for a semester and summer to lead health-related scholarship. The Fellow shifts focus from regular teaching duties to developing a comprehensive research agenda with their host clinical department, serving as a bridge to additional collaborative health research.

Desired Applicant Background

The successful applicant must have a Ph.D. and be employed as a tenured or tenure track faculty. In addition, applicants should have:

- Significant health research experience
- An active research collaboration with a Prisma Health–Upstate partner
- Applicants should include a vita, as well as a 2-page letter detailing their prior health research experience, prior collaboration with the clinical department, and planned activities as part of the fellowship
- Applicants should include a letter of support from the Prisma Health–Upstate Academic Vice Chair of the desired department
- Applicants should include a letter of support from their Clemson University Department Chair

Fellowship Requirements

Fellows will be expected to do the following:

- Have an agreement with their Department Chair or Appropriate Administrator that they will not teach classes during the semesters of this Fellowship: Select either Spring/Summer 2027 or Summer/Fall 2027
- Spend at least 3 days a week at Prisma Health–Upstate during the period of the fellowship
- Attend a one-day Orientation session at Prisma Health–Upstate to prepare for the fellowship
- Submit at least one article with a Prisma Health–Upstate collaborator and at least one proposal for extramural funding following the fellowship
- Submit presentations for both HSC Research Showcase and CU research symposiums
- Submit an interim report of fellowship activity by 5/1/27 (9/1/27) and a final report by 9/31/27 (1/31/28)
- Attend CUSHR meetings and relevant Prisma Health Research meetings
- Comply with all research requirements in the Prisma Health–Upstate /CU research collaboration agreement
- During and subsequent to the Fellowship, serve as a leader in building collaborative health research with Prisma Health, as well as serve as a mentor and resource for future Faculty Fellows

Funding Level

The successful candidate will receive the following in funding:

- Summer support or travel and administrative support in the amount of 1/3 of the 9-month salary and fringe (\$35,000 maximum)
- Their department will be awarded \$12,500 to buy the faculty member out of their courses during the academic semester

**Please note: This funding is not a dollar-for-dollar buyout for faculty time. It is designed to allow faculty to take advantage of a collaborative opportunity with a healthcare system.*

There will be an optional informational meeting on May 11, 2026, from 11:00am-12:00pm on Zoom (<https://clemson.zoom.us/j/96062709328?pwd=Ilt2GWYVtdRlVUNmle09wPKJwzf8nB.1>) Faculty members with inquiries should contact, Kerry Smith PhD (kssmith@clemson.edu), with any questions.

Application Timeline

Call released: April 15, 2026

Application due: July 1, 2026 Applications should be sent to CUSHR@clemson.edu

Selection: August 15, 2026

Fellowship semesters: Spring/Summer 2027; Summer/Fall 2027