Volunteer Science
Virtual Research Fellows Program
Call for Applications, Spring 2018

Applicant Deadline: *December 29*

Program summary

Volunteer Science is launching an Virtual Research Fellows program for researchers interested in creating web applications using the platform. *The program is completely online* and intended to provide a supportive community of researchers. During this semester-long program, fellows receive free access to Volunteer Science's researcher portal, free training in building online applications, weekly coding sessions, and hands on support from Volunteer Science staff. The program lasts for one semester with the option to renew for an additional semester. The expectation is that fellows will use this time to create, test, and deploy their web app.

Application

To be considered, fellows must email 1) a **study abstract**, 2) a **participant recruitment abstract**, and 3) **contact information** (name, institution, and email) for the applicant and other researchers involved in the study to Jason Radford at j.radford@northeastern.edu. The study abstract should be 200-300 words and include a description of the research question(s), study design, and expected outcomes. The participant recruitment abstract should be a 200-300 word description for how you the fellow plan to recruit participants, whether volunteers, students, or online workers. For ideas of the types of studies conducted on Volunteer Science, please see our [experiments](#) and [surveys](#) pages.

Eligibility and Selection

Any researcher in a university, government agency, or private company performing research for publication is eligible to apply. Applicants will be selected based on whether the web application is a good fit for Volunteer Science (i.e. whether it takes advantage of online methods to create web apps and/or recruit participants). Special preference to those whose study utilizes the [unique features](#) of Volunteer Science. Preference will also be given to traditionally under-resourced researchers, such as graduate students, junior faculty, and researchers outside R1 and Western institutions.

Institutional Review

All research involving human subjects on Volunteer Science requires proof of human subjects review. We recommend all applicants submit institutional review documents now to ensure the process is complete by the time your study will be finished. You may find current IRB documents for Volunteer Science at https://volunteerscience.com/our_science/.

Calendar of Events

- <u>Dec 29</u>: Deadline for Applications
- <u>Jan 8</u>: Fellows announced
- <u>Jan 19</u>: Mandatory Online Training
- <u>Jan 26</u>: Weekly hacking sessions begin
- <u>April 6</u>: Study Release Day
- <u>May 4</u>: Spring 2017 Fellowship ends