



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2024 ICER Fellows

APSA's Institute for Civically Engaged Research (ICER) is a four-day, residential institute that provides political scientists with training to conduct ethical and rigorous civically engaged research. Up to 20 scholars will be selected as ICER Fellows and invited to attend the 2024 Summer Institute. ICER Fellows will network with other like-minded political scientists, and together, learn best practices for conducting academically robust, mutually beneficial scholarship in collaboration with communities, organizations, and agencies outside of academia.

ICER is organized in partnership with Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. The 2024 Institute will be held in person at Tufts University, outside of Boston, MA, **June 17-20**

To apply, please complete [this form](#). **Application deadline: April 1, 2024.**

What is Civically Engaged Research?

Scholars in many disciplines are grappling with how to produce rigorous scholarship that addresses significant social challenges in collaboration with communities, organizations, and agencies. They strive to learn from those working outside of academia, to benefit from the insights of all kinds of groups and institutions, and to give back to communities rather than extract value from them. Civically engaged political science research is an approach to inquiry that involves political scientists collaborating in a mutually beneficial way with people and groups beyond the academy to co-produce, share, and apply knowledge related to power or politics that contributes to self-governance. Conducting robust community and civically engaged research entails a different set of practices than other kinds of political science research,

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ICER trains political scientists at all career stages in best practices for conducting academically rigorous, mutually beneficial, civically engaged research. The Institute Directors are **Peter Levine** (Tufts University), **Samantha Majic** (John Jay College & The CUNY Graduate Center), and **Adriano Udani** (University of Missouri, St. Louis). Together with practitioner experts and scholarly guest speakers, ICER Directors and fellows will explore key topics related to civically engaged research by discussing relevant readings, by analyzing specific examples of civically engaged research from political science and cognate disciplines, and by considering the research plans and ideas of institute participants.



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2024 Summer Institute

The Institute will take place on campus at Tufts University from June 17-20. Approximately twenty fellows will meet each day for intensive discussions and workshops. Thanks to support from the Ivywood Foundation, participation in the Institute for Civically Engaged Research is free, housing on the Tufts campus will be provided, and scholarships are available to defray costs of meals and travel. Applicants are expected to seek financial support from their home institution, but admission to the Institute will not be affected by financial need.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- Expertise: what do political scientists uniquely contribute? What are the limitations of scholarly expertise? What types of expertise do those outside of academia have?
- The ethics of collaboration: sharing of credit, funds and overhead, navigating IRB, dealing with disagreements.
- Communicating results: to partners, relevant communities, the press, and directly to the broader public.
- How to navigate common social science values and norms while doing civically engaged work.
- Career considerations: publication and credit, tenure and promotion, funding your research.
- Mapping the different and varied ways that political scientists engage through research and beyond.

The Institute will operate according to the recommendations and requirements of federal and local public health authorities. We plan for the Institute to be held in person at Tufts University but reserve the right to change these plans as the public health situation warrants.

How to Apply

ICER is intended for advanced graduate students in political science and political scientists at any stage of their careers who wish to shift to using civically engaged research. It is not meant for scholars who are already experienced in that approach. Scholars may apply with a current or planned project that involves civically engaged research, or without an ongoing research project. All scholars with an interest in topics or approaches to civically engaged scholarship are welcome to apply.

To apply, please complete the form located [here](#). Applications are due by **April 1, 2024**. Applicants to ICER will be notified of decisions by late March.

For more information about ICER, please visit our website: <https://connect.apsanet.org/icer/>. If you have further questions about the institute, please contact APSA's Centennial Center at centennial@apsanet.org.



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