

Science Communication Fellows Program

Request for Nominations

2024-2025

UK Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences ([UK-CARES](#)) is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the fifth cohort of Fellows in Science Communication.

What Past Fellows Say about the Program:

"It really helped me communicate science more effectively..."

"My public speaking confidence greatly improved..."

Benefits of Participating in the Program:

- Improve your ability to communicate science to a variety of audiences including students, colleagues from different fields, the general public, policymakers, and the media.
- Enhance your research, teaching, and/or service opportunities for promotion and tenure and/or career advancement or professional development by gaining access to and networking with community partners in the Appalachian region and UK-CARES faculty.
- Network with UK-CARES faculty and community partners, leading to potential opportunities for funding through the [UK-CARES Pilot Program](#).

Program Details:

This free 7-session and optional individual coaching program is designed to provide skills training for communicating science to a broader audience, leading to an enhanced capability for outreach and success in research, teaching, and service. Faculty at both UK and at other Kentucky colleges, universities, vocational/trade schools or middle or high schools, both private and public, with interest in environmental health science and education in Appalachia are welcome to apply.

Beginning in September 2024 with a virtual Orientation/Meet & Greet, selected Fellows will be provided with a total of 7 free workshops (approx. 60 minutes each) held on-campus and virtually by a nationally known trainer in science communication. These will include a total of two in-person and five virtual webinar skills training workshops (no more than one per month) conducted in real time by Dr. Beverly Delidow, Ph.D., Marshall University, over an 8-month period.

Participants will develop their own goals for the training and will be expected to attend all meetings and complete assignments for individual feedback. Individual coaching sessions are optional.

Nominations and Applications:

We invite you to nominate an interested member from any UK unit or any other educational institution (university, community and technical college, or high school, public or private) serving the Big Sandy, Kentucky River, or Cumberland Valley area of southeastern Kentucky. Applicants with interest in environmental health science are preferred. Interested applicants may self-nominate or ask a mentor or administrator to make the nomination. First round of nominations are due no later than **August 9, 2024**, click <https://bit.ly/3S96e1u>

Nominations will be reviewed and selected nominees will be notified on a rolling basis no later than **August 13, 2024**. Selected nominees will then be invited to complete a full application due on or before **August 27, 2024**. Applicants have the opportunity to upload an **optional** 3-5 minute video describing their research, experience, or interest in science. Fellows selected for the fifth cohort will be notified on or before **September 3, 2024**. Please visit [UK-CARES Science Communication Fellows](#) for more information. For questions, please contact Kelly Kennoy via email kelly.kennoy@uky.edu or 859-323-4587.