

PUBLIC VOICES FELLOWSHIP

Due Date: August 13th, 2021 at 11:59pm

Background: The University of Miami's Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship and the Miami Clinical and Translational Science Institute is accepting applications from UM faculty for its second year of the prestigious Public Voices Fellowship. The year-long fellowship provides a cohort of twenty thought leaders, all of whom are underrepresented in the public sphere (including women), with extraordinary support, leadership skills, and knowledge to ensure their ideas shape not only their fields, but also the great public conversations of our age.

Fellowship Details: The goal of this fellowship is to increase the public impact of UM's top thought leaders who are women and/or underrepresented minorities, to ensure that their ideas help shape important contemporary conversations. Led by the [OpEd Project](#), fellows explore how credibility works, how ideas spread, when and why minds change, and how ideas play out over time and space. The fellowship also provides the high-level support and media connections to become influential on a large scale. Fellows completing the one-year fellowship will join a national network of peers, allowing for knowledge-sharing and innovation across institutions.

Twenty fellows will be selected to participate in this year's cohort. Over the year-long fellowship (9 months coaching + 3 months resources), fellows will:

- Participate in four interactive convenings/seminars designed to expand thinking and amplify expertise (you must be able to attend all convenings to be eligible¹; attendance at all convenings in full is required)
- Engage with dedicated veteran journalist mentors for one-on-one coaching (weekly/regular)
- Gain access to weekly webinars and monthly expert talks with senior media insiders, and weekly customized email support and news alerts
- Gain access to a powerful network of peers, as well as to The OpEd Project's national network of high-level journalist mentors
- Commit to publishing 2 op-eds through the course of the fellowship

Impact: The fellowship has a track record of great results, generating personal, professional, and public outcomes with far-reaching implications. [UM's first cohort](#) of fellows were [highly successful](#) and have published, so far, over 40 op-eds, including those in the Washington Post, US News & World Report, Scientific American, Paris Review, Boston Review, Ms. Magazine, Chicago Tribune, The Hill, Slate, and Psychology Today. Many of these successes also led to expansive impact in the public sphere, driving interview requests, expert citations, invitations to speak at conferences, congressional funds and more.

Apply: Full-time University Faculty (i.e., regular, research, librarian, and educator faculty) and instructors are eligible to apply. Adjunct instructors are not eligible for this fellowship. Emphasis is on thought leaders who identify as part of an underrepresented group in the public sphere (e.g., BIPOC male or female, white female).

¹ Convening One (via zoom): 10/7/21; 10/8/21; 10/9/21 (10am – 1:30pm each day)
Convening Two: 1/14/22 (10am-5pm)
Convening Three: 4/1/22 (10am-5pm)
Convening Four: 5/20/22 (10am-5pm)

Submit the following materials at this link <https://miami.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1845716> (contact Eva Olivares at eolivares@med.miami.edu with any questions on the application system):

- In 200 words or less, provide a professional bio
- In 300 words or less, describe your expertise(s).
- In 300 words or less, describe why your knowledge is of public value.
- In 300 words or less, from a personal perspective, why do you want to have a public voice?
- In 300 words or less, why are your voice and/or ideas underrepresented?
- Letter of support from a peer who can speak to your:
 - Status as a thinker of the highest caliber
 - Expertise in topics that are of public value
 - Commitment to having a public voice
- Curriculum Vitae (in UM format, preferably)

The Public Voices Fellowship is an initiative launched by The OpEd Project in partnership with leading universities and foundations nationwide. Additional information may be found at the following sites:

More info about UM's participation in the fellowship last year:

<https://news.miami.edu/stories/2019/12/breaking-out-of-the-academic-bubble.html>

<https://news.miami.edu/stories/2020/12/public-voices-fellows-make-themselves-heard.html>

More info about Public Voices Fellowship:

<https://www.theopedproject.org/public-voices-fellowship/>

More info about The OpEd Project:

<http://www.theopedproject.org/>

What's it like? Watch a short video: Public Voices Fellowship at Emory University:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kj8WD_K2FHE

Contact Eva Olivares (eolivares@med.miami.edu) with questions regarding this opportunity.