The UF Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS) announces a new Faculty Fellow award program. ISFS (http://isfs.institute.ifas.ufl.edu/) seeks innovative solutions for a healthy and productive world. ISFS fosters collaborative transdisciplinary teams to conduct integrative, relevant research to analyze and improve terrestrial and aquatic global food systems. ISFS aspires to help scientists from multiple disciplines collaborate on the food system issues facing society.

Key thematic areas are:
- Food Systems and Human Health
- Global Food Security
- Tools for Decision Makers
- Food Production and Environmental Sustainability
- New Metrics

ISFS Fellowships represent a unique opportunity to build and lead a collaborative team over two years to improve the sustainability of food systems and decision-making.

The ISFS Fellow will collaborate with at least one of the ISFS core faculty members to gather specialists with a broad range of skills and experience to collaborate to advance knowledge and identify solutions to issues facing the global food system. Working groups may include scientists, policymakers, funders and business professionals. The ISFS Fellow will lead the group to produce a manuscript for a high-impact scientific outlet such as Science or an outreach piece for a high-impact public outlet such as the Wall Street Journal or NY Times.

**Institute Faculty Fellow Terms:**

- Each Fellow will receive a $3,000 annual salary supplement for two academic years, and up to $9,000 toward working group meeting(s).
- A maximum of two new Fellows will be awarded each year.
- Applications are required by May 31, 2017.
- Awardees will be announced on or before July 1 each year.
- Fellowships begin at the start of the 2017 Fall semester.

**ISFS Faculty Fellows will:**

- Create and lead a transdisciplinary team to address a question or issue directly related to sustainable food systems. This will be undertaken in collaboration with an ISFS core faculty member.
- Present their research in an ISFS seminar.
- Coordinate at least one interdisciplinary paper through ISFS during their 2-year tenure.
- Promote ISFS across campus and externally.
Eligibility:

- Full-time Assistant, Associate and Full Professors (9- and 12-month faculty appointments) who have been on the UF faculty for at least three years (as of May 31 in the year of nomination) are eligible. Part-time faculty members are not eligible.

Institute Faculty Fellow Application:

Candidates must collaborate with at least one of ISFS core faculty members (http://isfs.institute.ifas.ufl.edu/people/core-faculty/). The following must be submitted as a single PDF attachment as an email with subject heading “ISFS Fellow Application” to the Director of ISFS (james.anderson@ufl.edu) with cc to Grace Crummer (gracec@ufl.edu) by May 31.

- A short application letter (1-3 pages) detailing the faculty member’s proposed collaborative project addressing a compelling question or issue in the food system, identification of a collaborating ISFS core member and the identification of a least one external (non-UF) member of the proposed collaborative group.
- Current curriculum vitae.

Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated by the ISFS core team based on the following:

- Relevance of the Fellow’s proposed project to positively influence the global food system or advance system thinking.
- Willingness to collaborate with at least one of the ISFS core faculty members.
- Clearly stated and intriguing food system questions or issues.
- The Fellow’s ability to create and lead a transdisciplinary collaborative team.
- Likelihood of high-impact outputs.

Potential Benefits to Faculty Member:

- Professional recognition and salary bonus for interdisciplinary research and education programs.
- Increased opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration.

Potential Benefits to ISFS:

- Expansion of the active Institute faculty network; increased visibility and impact of the Institute.
- Increased portfolio of interdisciplinary projects and initiatives.