

# URBAN EXTENSION INITIATIVE

## Leadership Fellows

The Kentucky Urban Extension Initiative (UEI) Leadership Fellows program seeks to support the professional and personal development of Extension professionals at the county and state levels by developing urban education and research opportunities that advance the knowledge base of urban Extension.

After acceptance into UEI, advisors will work with you to create and develop a locally-focused project and support the creation of scholarly work.

## HOW TO START

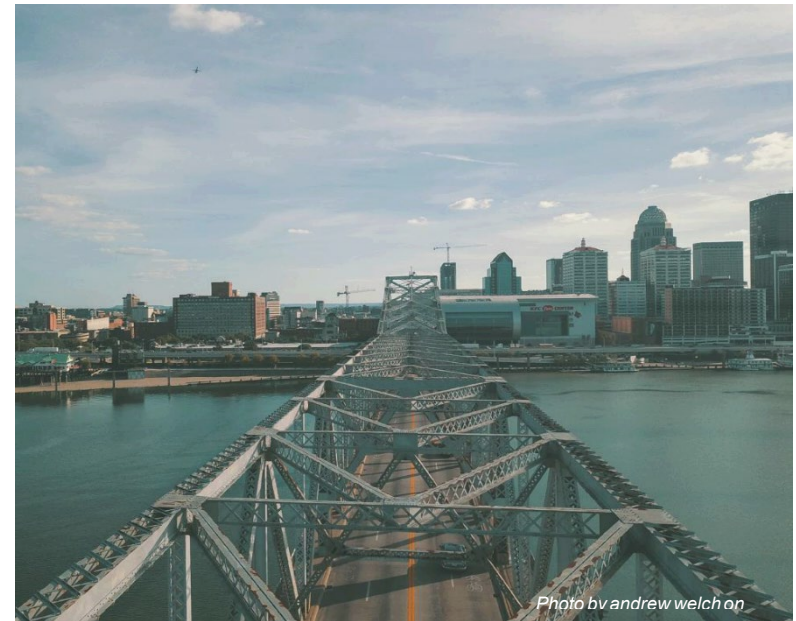
- Applications for UEI Cohort 4 are due **August 15th**.
- Acceptances are announced by **September 15th**.
- Cohort 4 will officially begin on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

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Apply online:

[https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5bvnYKTd0FeJrbU](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5bvnYKTd0FeJrbU)



## KENTUCKY URBAN EXTENSION INITIATIVE

### Fellows Program Overview

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## 2023-24 Program Timeline:

September 4 – Orientation  
(Face to Face?)

October 2 - Urban Extension Defined  
(online Zoom meeting)

November 6 – Innovation and Creativity  
(online Zoom meeting)

December – Bye Month  
(individual project coaching visits)

January 8 – Creative Educational Programming and Design  
(online Zoom meeting)

February 5 – Convening and Engaging  
(online Zoom meeting)

March 4 – Urban Cultural Exploration  
(online Zoom meeting)

April 10 – Bye Month  
(individual project coaching visits)

May 6 – Program Evaluation – Why and How  
(online Zoom meeting)

June 3 – Social Innovations  
(online Zoom meeting)

July 1 – Cultural Innovations  
(online Zoom meeting)

August 5 – Bye Month  
(individual project coaching visits)

September 11 – Celebration and Graduation  
(face to face meeting?)

### *Topics:*

Introduction to Fellows Program, Background of Extension, Communities of Place and Interest

Defining Urban / The Difference between Being a Convenor vs. the Expert / What does Urban Extension Look Like in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

Define Innovation / How can we think creatively? Utilizing Innovation in Program Development?

**Faculty coaches will visit participants at their place of work/or Zoom to discuss/provide coaching on individual project**

Education Program Design Steps / Creative Program Design/ Action Research Methods/ Effective Program Evaluation

Defining Convening / Steps of Effective Convening / Developing Buy-In / Role of the Specialist

Urban Culture / Working with Different Cultures / How to Effectively Engage within Urban Settings

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Economic Gardening / What is Entrepreneurship? Developing a Business Plan / Resources

Define Social Innovation / What does Social Innovation look like? / How to introduce Social Innovation to your community

Identifying and Engaging with Diverse Audiences / Cultural Intelligence / Community Downshifting / Cultural Bias

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Celebration and Sharing of Projects!

## THE LAND GRANT MISSION

For over 150 years, Land Grant Universities have influenced communities through Extension outreach, research, and teaching. The Extension Model of sharing “research-based” information has proven successful and duplicated in many counties across the world. UEI – Leadership Fellows Program seeks to expand the research knowledge base of how Extension can work successfully in urban communities.

## UEI LEARNING EXPERIENCES

UEI is a one-year commitment (this could be extended based on the project), allowing sufficient time to plan, organize, implement, and evaluate your idea.

Coaches will be available every step of the way and will assist with the analysis of data and guidance with submitting research for publication (if you so chose). You can expect to learn more about:

- Practical skills and strategies for practical academic research
- Become familiar with core tools and resources for research productivity
- Connect with relevant support units
- Build community with other Urban Extension Professionals

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Successful completion of the UEI experience will be recognized in “Career Ladder” advancement (UK Extension Agents) and among your peers and leaders as advancing the Land Grant / Extension mission.

Also, by researching and publishing, you can contribute to the “research knowledge base” that has made the Land Grant University mission successful for over 150 years

Finally, research and publication can support applications for master's and doctoral degree programs.

## IS The UEI-FELLOWS PROGRAM FOR ME?

No matter your program area, **the Leadership Fellows Program** has been designed to support Agents, Specialists, and others who wish to develop professionally and contribute to the research knowledge base regarding urban communities and the Cooperative Extension Service.

There is also the satisfaction of knowing that your work will help other Extension professionals across Kentucky and the United States.

*Go Beyond the Textbook*