

Faculty Scholar – College of Engineering Government Relations

Position Summary

The College of Engineering seeks a Faculty Scholar to support the development and expansion of strategic partnerships with government agencies, programs, and contractors. This position will provide both strategic and operational support to advance collaborative research, educational initiatives, and workforce development opportunities between the College and key government partners.

The Faculty Scholar will work collaboratively with the Associate Dean of Research and Assessment, the Director of the Noyce School, faculty, the Office of Research, Economic Development and Government Relations staff to identify, develop, and implement partnership opportunities that support faculty research, student engagement, and government collaboration.

This is an excellent opportunity for a faculty member (tenured, probationary, or lecturer) interested in government engagement, research development, and external partnership building. The Faculty Scholar will work closely with College leadership, Government Relations, and research administration to help coordinate, implement, and advance key government-facing initiatives.

This position includes 4 WTUs over the academic year. The Faculty Scholar will remain based at their home campus, with periodic travel and external engagement as needed. Regular coordination meetings with faculty, staff, and external partners will support ongoing initiatives and partnership development. The successful applicant must have ability to obtain authorizations to enter U.S. Government labs and facilities. Some of these authorizations require U.S. Citizenship.

Primary Responsibilities

Government Partnership Development and Engagement

In collaboration with the Senior Director of Government Relations, support the College in developing and maintaining relationships with government agencies and affiliated organizations, including:

- Meeting regularly with technical points of contact at agencies with existing agreements (Lawrence Livermore National Labs, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Airforce Research Labs) to identify and develop collaborative project opportunities for faculty, students, and government personnel
- Supporting ongoing relationship management to foster long-term collaboration and partnership growth
- Reaching out to additional government agencies and programs to explore potential partnerships
- Supporting the development and execution of any required formal agreements to enable collaboration

Grant Development and Sponsored Research Support

Enhance faculty engagement with research opportunities, including:

- Identifying and disseminating grant and funding opportunities that support collaboration with government partners
- Supporting faculty in the development, preparation, and submission of proposals
- Coordinating with the Office of Research and other campus units to align proposal development with institutional priorities and partnership agreements

Student Career Pathways and Workforce Development

Support the development of student pipelines into government careers, including:

- Designing and coordinating programs that prepare students for careers with government agencies, including those requiring security clearances (e.g., Cleared for Success training program, cybersecurity training initiatives, etc.)
- Working with government partners to align student preparation with workforce needs and hiring pathways
- Facilitating student awareness of and access to internships, fellowships, and employment opportunities with partner agencies

Export Control and Compliance Coordination

Support compliance and feasibility of government-sponsored activities within the campus environment, including:

- Working with export control and compliance personnel to determine which projects can be executed within campus constraints
- Developing familiarity with export control, cybersecurity requirements, and related policies impacting government partnerships

Collaboration and Leadership Opportunities

The Faculty Scholar will have an opportunity to:

- Work collaboratively across campus units including the Office of Research, Information Technology Services, Government Relations, and Economic Development
- Facilitate communication and coordination among faculty, administrators, and external partners
- Oversee and help develop opportunities with government agencies that support faculty and student research
- Gain experience with export control, cybersecurity requirements, and the regulatory environment associated with government partnerships
- Contribute to strategic initiatives that enhance the College's visibility and impact with government partners

Eligibility

Applications are open to faculty members within the College of Engineering and interested in advancing government partnerships and research collaboration. Experience with government agencies, sponsored research, and/or external engagement is desirable. The successful applicant must have ability to obtain authorizations to enter U.S. Government labs and facilities. Some of these authorizations require U.S. Citizenship.

Preferred Qualifications

- Strong organizational, communication, and relationship-building skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with faculty, administrators, and external partners
- Interest in research development, government engagement, and partnership building
- Familiarity with government contracting, research agreements, or compliance requirements
- Experience working with federal or state agencies, national laboratories, or defense-related organizations
- Interest in policy, regulatory environments, and applied research collaboration

How to Apply

Applicants should submit the following materials to Marissa Maloney at mjmalone@calpoly.edu **by Monday, June 1:**

- A brief statement of interest describing relevant experience and proposed goals for the Faculty Scholar assignment
- A current curriculum vitae
- A letter of support from their department chair