The Graduate School is pleased to announce the new Promising Scholar Fellowship. This award is intended to support the recruitment of graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds who demonstrate scholarly promise at OSU. Eligible nominees must have participated in scholar programs that support undergraduate students from low income, first generation, and/or historically underrepresented backgrounds in their pursuit for graduate education.

In the online nomination form, be prepared to provide the following information:

1. Has the nominee been regularly admitted or recommended for graduate study through the domestic student application?
2. Will the nominee be a full-time, graduate degree seeking student in an OSU doctoral program, or in an OSU master's program where a doctoral degree does not exist at OSU during the 2021-2022 academic year?
3. Does the nominee have a GPA of 3.0 or above?
4. Did the nominee participate while as an undergraduate student in a scholar program supporting undergraduate students from low income/first generation or historically underrepresented backgrounds aimed at diversifying enrollment in graduate study, with verification confirmed by a program coordinator/director from the prior undergraduate institution?
5. Nominee first name
6. Nominee last name
7. Nominee OSU ID
8. Nominee degree type
9. Nominee college
10. Nominee program
11. Nominee OSU email
12. Submitter first name
13. Submitter last name
14. Submitter OSU email
15. Submitter title/position at OSU
16. Award contact first name (this person will be notified of any award decisions)
17. Award contact last name
18. Award contact OSU email
19. **Nomination Materials** – Nominators will be required to prepare the following materials as one PDF document and upload it to the nomination form:
   a. A nominating letter from the unit head/chair/graduate program director describing: (a) the nominee’s eligibility for the award, with supporting documentation including verification of participation in a scholar program; and (b) a detailed explanation as to how they envision the unit will financially support the student for the remainder of their graduate degree.
   b. A nominating letter from the nominee’s major professor addressing the following:
      i. The nominee’s academic excellence and intellectual vitality demonstrated in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, the student’s commitment and persistence related to previous academic pursuits, their intellectual curiosity, and the strengths and skills they bring to their graduate studies.
      ii. An explanation as to how the award will support the nominee’s graduate studies.
c. A statement from the nominee that speaks to the following areas:
   i. Their academic excellence and intellectual vitality demonstrated in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, their commitment and persistence related to previous academic pursuits, their intellectual curiosity and commitment, and the strengths and skills they bring to their graduate studies.
   ii. A discussion of their personal strengths, skills, and previous experiences and how those contribute/will contribute to the creation of a diverse and inclusive university.
   iii. How this award will support them in their graduate studies.

d. A copy of the nominee’s résumé or curriculum vitae.

e. Verification from the nominee demonstrating participation while as an undergraduate student in a scholar program supporting undergraduate students from low income/first generation or historically underrepresented backgrounds aimed at diversifying enrollment in graduate study. Verification can include emailed confirmation by a program coordinator/director from the prior undergraduate institution.

*The information on this handout is subject to change at any time. Please review the award page and nomination form for the most current award information/requirements. All nominations must be submitted electronically through Qualtrics.*