

2019-2020 PROVOST'S DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP

Provost Fellowship/Scholarship Overview

The purpose of the Provost's Distinguished Fellowship/Scholarship program is to support programs in the recruitment of high quality graduate students who will elevate the profile of graduate education at Oregon State University. The target population is newly admitted doctoral students and newly admitted master's students in research/creative degree programs where a Ph.D. degree does not exist here at OSU.

- As a **Provost Fellowship**, the student is awarded a one-time 12-month stipend, academic year tuition waiver, and supplemental funds to cover the cost of enrollment in three graduate credits during summer term, and subsidized health insurance.
- As a **Provost Scholarship**, the student is awarded a one-time sum disbursed to the student's account. Scholarships are separate from and must accompany an academic year assistantship offered by the unit.

Graduate Program Eligibility and Allocations

Graduate programs offering doctoral degrees, or graduate programs offering research and creative master's degrees where a Ph.D. degree does not exist, are eligible for Provost's Distinguished Fellowship and Scholarship awards.

The Graduate School, in conjunction with the Provost's Office, is employing a pilot program during the 2018-2019 academic year (2019-2020 award year) to allocate Provost Fellowships and Awards directly to individual colleges during fall quarter 2018.

In this pilot program, **colleges will internally decide how to distribute awards** with the Graduate School continuing to set the minimum selection criteria, oversee the award schedule, and administer the distribution of the awards. This approach will allow colleges/units to recruit on their own timelines and permit them to offer awards to alternate candidates in their own units, if needed.

Allocated award amounts for Provost Fellowships and Scholarships, detailed below, are based on the number of graduate students per college, number of graduate programs per college, historical average of Provost Awards per college, and availability of funding in specific discipline.

College	Number of <u>Provost Fellowships</u> Allocated	Amount of <u>Provost Scholarship Funds</u> Allocated
Agricultural Sciences	2	\$60,000
Business	1	\$60,000
Earth, Ocean, & Atmospheric Sciences	2	\$60,000
Education	2	\$60,000
Engineering	3	\$60,000
Forestry	2	\$60,000
Graduate School	2	\$60,000
Liberal Arts	3	\$60,000
Pharmacy	1	\$60,000
Public Health & Human Science	2	\$60,000
Science	3	\$60,000
Veterinary Medicine	1	\$60,000
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL ALLOCATIONS	24 Provost Fellowships	\$720,000 in Provost Scholarships

Funding Format Details

Provost's funding is available for award in two formats: (1) Fellowship or (2) Scholarship.

1. As a Fellowship, the college will award the student a one-time 12-month stipend (\$30,000 for doctoral students, \$22,000 for master's students, with a \$2,000 fee subsidy), academic year tuition waiver, and supplemental funds to cover the cost of enrollment in three graduate credits during summer term. The Graduate School will formally appoint recipients as OSU graduate fellows to allow access to subsidized health insurance under the prevailing graduate assistant/fellow health insurance plan.

2. As a Scholarship, the college will award the student a one-time sum (\$6,000 for doctoral students, \$4,000 for master's students). Units are required to offer scholarship recipients an academic year/9-month assistantship with FTE appointment levels appropriate to the unit and work. As such, Provost's Scholarship funds are separate from and in addition to a full-year assistantship offered by the unit.

The Graduate School will disburse funds to student recipients at the beginning of the academic year. Term-to-term allocation is managed centrally and done so in conjunction with student enrollment requirements.

Student Eligibility and Minimum Selection Criteria

All Provost Fellowship and Scholarship recipients must meet the minimum selection criteria outlined below. Colleges may develop additional criteria specific to their disciplines and are encouraged to do so. At a minimum, all Provost Award recipients must:

- Be degree-seeking, regularly-admitted, and accepted through OSU's electronic DAF system.
- Make satisfactory academic progress as a graduate student, as defined by the Graduate School and the program, in the specified degree program for the duration of the award.
- Be poised to elevate the profile of graduate education at OSU given their academic and scholarly promise. Evidence of this may include, but is not limited to, the student's: (a) previous academic achievement demonstrated by GPA, GREs, and other related metrics; (b) previous scholarly productivity, including publications, presentations, and research grants; (c) scholarly distinction, including honors, awards, and other recognitions; and (d) record of leadership, including professional, community, and/or civic engagement.

Expectations for Colleges

All colleges choosing to accept Provost award funds are expected to develop the following:

- A systematic and transparent plan for selection of Fellowship and Scholarship recipients, including additional internal award criteria specific and unique to their disciplines, scoring guides, and timelines for review and selection activities.
- A financial plan to sustain Fellowship awardees through degree completion. The requested plan need not guarantee long-term funding as this may not be possible for all programs. In these cases, programs should provide evidence of specific ways in which the program will work with students to help financially sustain their studies and timely degree completion, e.g., nominations for professional organization scholarships.

Documentation Required

All colleges must submit the following documentation to the Graduate School in order to remain eligible for their allocated Provost award funds. All documents should be sent directly to Jessica.Beck@oregonstate.edu

1. A memo, received no later than **December 1, 2018**, explaining how each of the expectations above will be met.
2. Student recipient names, graduate programs, and ID numbers for all Fellowship and Scholarship recipients along with accompanying award amounts in one document, received no later than **May 15, 2019**. The final recipient list must provide clear evidence that the college dean has approved the final plan for distribution.