

## 2020-2021 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 OSU's most meritorious graduate students. Newly admitted doctoral students, and newly admitted master's students in degree programs where a Ph.D. degree does not exist at OSU, are eligible for nomination for either award. Recipients may receive either a Provost Fellowship or a Provost Scholarship, but may not receive both. Graduate students pursuing a certificate only are ineligible for nomination.

- As a **Provost Fellowship**, the student is awarded a 12-month stipend, disbursed in four equal installments; an academic year tuition waiver; 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 sum, disbursed in three equal installments. Scholarships may be offered in conjunction with a graduate assistantship or a fellowship (excluding Provost Fellowships), but neither is a requirement for receiving a Provost Scholarship.

### Graduate Program Eligibility and Allocations

The Graduate School, in conjunction with the Provost's Office, will allocate Provost Fellowships and Scholarships directly to individual colleges during fall quarter 2019, to be dispersed during the 2020-21 academic year.

Colleges will decide internally how to distribute awards competitively, with the Graduate School continuing to set the minimum selection criteria, oversee the award schedule, and disburse 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.

### 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 12-month stipend (\$32,000 for doctoral students, \$24,000 for master's students, both with a \$2,000 fee subsidy), disbursed in four equal installments; an 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 sum, disbursed in three equal installments. Individual Scholarship amounts may vary by recipient and are at the discretion of the Dean, but *can be no less than \$3000 in total for the academic year and no more than the in-state base tuition by college/program.* Colleges may offer scholarships in conjunction with a graduate assistantship or a fellowship (excluding Provost Fellowships), but neither is a requirement for receiving a Provost Scholarship. As such, Provost's Scholarship funds are separate from and in addition to any financial support offered by the unit. The Graduate School encourages colleges to consider amounts distributed within a program and possible guidelines to address consistency among recipients.

The Graduate School will manage term-to-term allocations in conjunction with minimum 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 in the admitted degree program, as defined by the Graduate School and the program, for the duration of the award.
- Be poised to elevate the profile of graduate education at OSU given their outstanding academic and scholarly achievements and promise. Evidence of this includes, but is not limited to, the student's: (a) previous academic achievement demonstrated by GPA, GREs, and/or other 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:

1. A systematic and transparent plan for selection of Fellowship and Scholarship recipients, including additional internal award criteria specific and unique to their discipline(s), scoring guide(s) that point to a competitive process, timeline(s) for review and selection activities, and a process for identifying alternate awardees should any awardees decline the offer of funding.
2. 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. Colleges must submit new or updated documentation annually.

1. A detailed document, received no later than **December 1, 2019**, explaining how colleges will meet the two expectations listed above. Documentation should include the college's competitive selection plan, award criteria, scoring guide(s), timeline for review and selection, process for identifying alternate awardees, and financial plan for sustaining Fellowship awardees through degree completion.
2. Student recipient names, graduate programs, and ID numbers for all Fellowship and Scholarship recipients along with accompanying Scholarship award amounts, received no later than **June 30, 2020**. Colleges will submit this information *for each award recipient* via a Qualtrics form and may do so at any time before and up to the June 30 deadline. Should original awardees decline Provost funding offers, academic units may offer subsequent awards as their allocations permit and in accordance with their selection plan. The Graduate School will not accept additions or changes to Provost Fellowship and Scholarship awardees beyond June 30.