

2025-2026 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 (i.e. for the 2025-2026 academic year) 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; a matriculation fee waiver, if applicable; a partial mandatory fee waiver each term; 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, but an assistantship is not 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 2024, to be dispersed during the 2025-26 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, generate award letters to students, and administer the disbursement 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.

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 including a matriculation (if applicable) and fee subsidy (\$40,000 total for each doctoral student, \$35,000 total for each master's student), disbursed in four installments each term (Fall 2024, Winter 2025, Spring 2024, and Summer 2025).
 - An academic year tuition waiver.
 - Supplemental funds to cover the cost of enrollment in three graduate credits during summer 2025 term.

In addition, the Graduate School will formally appoint recipients as OSU graduate fellows to allow access to subsidized health insurance under the prevailing graduate 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 within a college and are at the discretion of the Dean but *can be no less than \$3,000 over the academic year and cannot exceed the full-time enrollment cost at resident tuition rates in the student's respective college/program; currently \$13,716 for full-time students in most colleges/programs*. Colleges may offer Scholarships in conjunction with an academic year assistantship, but an assistantship is not required to receive 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 (i.e., not conditionally or provisionally admitted), and accepted through OSU's electronic DAF system.
- Be a newly admitted (i.e. for the 2025-2026 academic year) doctoral student, or a newly admitted master's student in a degree program where a Ph.D. degree does not exist at OSU. Students who successfully completed a previous degree within the same program are eligible if their continuation to another degree meets with the spirit and intent of recruiting new graduate students. In these cases, the student must have submitted a new application for admission or a Change of Degree to add the new degree. These documents must indicate an official start date of summer 2025 or fall 2025. Please note that a student who has been readmitted to the same degree within the same degree program (e.g., after an unauthorized break in enrollment) is not considered a newly admitted student for purposes of this award.
- Make satisfactory academic progress as a graduate student in the admitted degree program each term of the award, as defined by the Graduate School and the program.
- 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 standard metrics and more holistic measures; (b) scholarly promise evident through the student's commitment to and persistence in previous academic pursuits, intellectual curiosity, as well as 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.

Program Eligibility

Only those graduate programs that actively engage in [holistic admissions](#) are eligible to receive and distribute Provost funding. Active engagement must include, at a minimum:

- a) evidence of a holistic approach in the program's outward facing recruitment materials and communications with prospective students,
- b) an application process carefully designed to elicit valuable information about a candidate's strengths in a variety of dimensions,
- c) a rubric for evaluating those strengths in several relevant areas, and
- d) a collaborative method by which faculty and staff make final admissions decisions.

Distribution plans for Provost Fellowships and Scholarships will require confirmation as to which graduate programs are actively engaging in holistic admissions/are eligible, per the criteria outlined above, to receive Provost funds.

Expectations for Colleges

Each college choosing to accept Provost award funds is expected to develop and submit the following as part of its Provost Distribution Plan:

1. A proposal detailing the number of Provost Fellowships (including doctoral or master's award in programs without a PhD) and/or Scholarships it intends to distribute within the allocated Provost funding. A College may choose to have fellowships, scholarships, or a combination of both, though its proposal may not exceed the total allocated amount of funding.
2. A list of all graduate programs that actively engage in [holistic admissions](#), per the criteria outlined above, and are thereby eligible for receipt of Provost funding. Academic colleges are tasked with carefully reviewing individual program documentation to confirm their engagement in holistic admissions prior to submitting this final list of potential recipient programs.
3. A systematic and transparent plan for selection of Provost Fellowship and/or 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.

4. A financial plan to sustain *Provost 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

To remain eligible for its Provost funds, each college must submit the following to the Graduate School:

- 1. By December 11, 2024**

A response to the [Provost Distribution Plan Qualtrics form](#). This Qualtrics form will request detailed information related to each of the four expectations listed above. Respondents should be prepared to share the college's fellowship/scholarship distribution proposal, 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. Please note this December 11 deadline is essential so that programs may engage in recruitment activities in winter term and meet the May or June deadline for Provost Award offers. The form can be accessed by following this link:

https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3IQSwWVKLYuMmTs

- 2. For Colleges whose Provost Distribution plans include funding for fellowships and scholarships, by May 19, 2025**

Student recipient names, graduate programs, and ID numbers for all Provost Fellowship and Scholarship recipients along with accompanying Scholarship award amounts. Colleges will have designee(s) submit this information *for each award recipient* via the [Provost Awardee Allocation Qualtrics form](#) and may do so at any time before and up to the May 19 deadline. Student awardees must be degree-seeking, regularly admitted, and accepted OSU's electronic DAF system. Once the Graduate School receives a Provost Awards Allocation Request, it will send award notices to the student and award designee within five business days. 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 form can also be accessed by following this link:

https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Vdg1EPZpaBJK9o. The Graduate School will not accept any additions or changes to these distribution plans beyond May 19.

- 3. For Colleges whose Provost Distribution plans include funding for scholarships *only*, by June 30, 2025**

Student recipient names, graduate programs, and ID numbers for all Provost Scholarship recipients along with accompanying Scholarship award amounts. Colleges will have designee(s) submit this information *for each award recipient* via the [Provost Awardee Allocation Qualtrics form](#) and may do so at any time before and up to the July 1 deadline. Student awardees must be degree-seeking, regularly admitted, and accepted OSU's electronic DAF system. Once the Graduate School receives a Provost Awards Allocation Request, it will send award notices to the student and award designee within five business days. 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 form can also be accessed by following this link:

https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Vdg1EPZpaBJK9o. The Graduate School will not accept any additions or changes to these distribution plans beyond June 30.

Units that do not submit the requested information by the designated date(s) will forfeit the funds.