Provost Fellows Program

Overview
The Provost Fellows Program is designed to address critical strategic initiatives at the university level and develop leadership skills for tenured faculty. The program complements the University’s commitment to develop and mentor effective leaders by providing intense and focused experiences in leadership and administrative roles at the senior levels of the institution.

Fellows are involved in an issue of strategic importance to the university and become familiar with campus-wide academic initiatives, strategic planning and shared governance. Fellows will assume leadership responsibility for a focused project that supports a strategic need of the university. They are provided opportunities to participate in leadership meetings and engage with colleagues in the Office of the Provost and other academic and administrative units.

Proposed strategic needs for AY21-22 include, but are not limited to, enhancing OSU’s research funding portfolio and support models; addressing transfer student success and degree completion; supporting faculty diversity, engagement and advancement in a post-pandemic environment; and assessing needs and technologies for faculty scholarship reporting and dossier preparation.

Fellowship Appointment
The Office of the Provost will provide support for teaching release and/or other service and assigned duties during the appointment period. Fellows may be provided funding to continue their involvement during the summer and a modest discretionary travel and/or professional development budget. These resources can be used to fund activities on campus, to learn about organizational and academic leadership structures and processes at other institutions, to participate in formal mentoring opportunities, and/or to attend professional conferences.

Previous Provost Fellows
The Provost Fellows Program was piloted in 2018. Alix Gitelman, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, served as a Provost Fellow during 2018. Her focus area involved transfer articulation and high school-based college credit partnerships. Tara Williams and Emily Ho served as Provost Fellows during the 2019-20 academic year. Their focus areas are described here. This academic year (2020-21), the current Provost Fellows are Inara Scott and Chrissa Kioussi. Interested faculty may wish to connect with previous and current Fellows about their experiences.
Call for 2021-22 Provost Fellows

Deans may nominate tenured faculty members by submitting the following:

- A description of the nominee’s leadership interests and professional goals;
- A summary of qualifications and leadership-related experiences;
- A proposed project and its contribution to a strategic need of the university;
- Anticipated time commitment/effort (no greater than 20 hours per week); and
- A short CV (maximum of 4 pages)

Self-nominations from tenured faculty members will also be accepted and should include the materials described above. Self-nominees should coordinate with their dean and include endorsement of the nomination from the nominee’s unit or college leadership. Nominating units should be committed to partnering with the Office of the Provost to provide release support for the nominee’s time if selected for a fellowship.

Due to the continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be shifting the start date of the next cohort. The 2021-22 Provost Fellows program will run from January 2022-September 2022. We anticipate supporting up to two fellows to serve during this timeframe. The program will resume traditional academic year timelines for the 2022-23 academic year.

Application materials, excluding the CV, must not exceed four pages. All nominations and application materials must be received no later than May 15, 2021. Materials may be directed to the Office of Faculty Affairs, attention: Michelle Klotz at michelle.klotz@oregonstate.edu. Decisions will be made no later than June 11, 2021.

Any questions about the Provost Fellows program should be directed to Susan Capalbo, Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, at susan.capalbo@oregonstate.edu.