Dean's Research Innovation Awards

Notes:

- The Dean's Research Innovation Awards was formerly known as the Dean's Fellowship Program, and was renamed in fall 2021.
- Nominations for the 2020-21 Dean's Fellowship Program are now closed. Information for 2021-22 is forthcoming.

Dean’s Fellowship Program and Process: Applications for AY 2021-2022

Timeline

- Call for nominations sent to departments March 1.
- Nominations submitted to Dean’s Office by May 1.
- Dean’s Fellows notified by June 1.

Guidelines

The Dean’s Fellowship program is shifting to a college-wide program in which recipients are determined by the Dean. Each department can submit up to three nominations, and a total of eight fellowships will be awarded each year. The general expectation is that each department will receive at least one Dean’s Fellowship during each awarding year.

Generally, fellowships are awarded based on the use of the award to be generative in terms of the research trajectory for the more senior faculty members, including grant seeking, pilot research leading toward mature research projects, and seminal scholarly work (e.g., conceptualizing/writing a book). Usually, these awards are designed to be facilitative of the research enterprise.

Priority for Dean’s Fellowships will be for associate and full professors. If a chair believes they have an exceptional case for an assistant professor, they can discuss that with the Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Educator Preparation prior to putting forward the nomination.

Recipients of Dean’s Fellowships generally will receive a two-course release for one long semester.

Process

1) Any faculty member can submit nominations to the department chair via the Dean's Fellowship Nomination Form.
   - Each department should have a documented process to review the applications before submitting to Claire Bush.

2) Each chair submits nomination proposals to the dean.
   - Each proposal should be 1-2 pages in length, and should include the following:
     (i) a description of the departmental selection process
     (ii) an explanation of how and why the nominee meets the Dean’s Fellowship criteria/guidelines
     (ii) a ranking of the nominations

3) Associate deans will review the recommendations and provide recommendations to the dean.

4) The Dean will consult with chairs about finalists.

5) The Dean makes the final decision.

6) Dean’s Fellowship award recipients will submit a report that summarizes their fellowship work within one month of the conclusion of the semester for which they received the award.

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