



# 2024 Presidential Fellowship and Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship (AGGRS) Information Session

Department of Educational Studies

# Presenters

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# Session Outcomes

## **Application process**

Attendees will know application deadlines, requirements, and processes to submit complete Presidential Fellowship and AGGRS applications.

## **Creating a strong application**

Attendees will be able to identify strategies to strengthen their Presidential Fellowship and AGGRS applications.

## **Further questions and support**

Attendees will be able to identify a departmental contact to reach out to with further questions as they work on their application materials.



# Session Outline

## Presidential Fellowship information

- Overview
- Application materials
- Dates and deadlines

## Strengthening your application

- Common questions, tips, and suggestions

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## Q&A

# Presidential Fellowship

- Provide financial support so the fellow may devote one year, 3 consecutive semesters, of full-time study to the completion of the dissertation or degree project and to graduate unimpeded by other duties.
- Award
  - Payment of tuition as well as general, non-resident, and learning technology fees
  - Monthly stipend (24-25: \$3,000/month)
  - \$500 supplemental payment added to first stipend payment



# Presidential Fellowship

- Eligibility
  - PhD student who is in candidacy or will have passed their candidacy exam by October 23
  - 3.5 minimum GPA for all Ohio State course work
  - All degree course work completed by fellowship activation term
  - At least one autumn and spring semester remaining in candidacy
  - Not previously awarded a Grad School Fellowship with dissertation year support
  - Must not hold another paid student appointment or student employment during the term of the fellowship
  - Students previously nominated who were not awarded may be nominated again provided they still meet all other eligibility criteria

# Presidential Fellowship

- Nomination procedures
  - Students do not apply directly to the Graduate School for the Presidential Fellowships. Nominations are made and submitted by department's Graduate Studies Committee.
  - The Grad Studies Committee may nominate up to six candidates for the competition.
  - Nominated student's research/project should be sufficiently advanced so that the selection committee can make a comprehensive evaluation. Completion of the dissertation or degree project within the fellowship tenure is expected.

# Presidential Fellowship

- Application materials
  - Students must submit to [ehe-es-gsc-chair@osu.edu](mailto:ehe-es-gsc-chair@osu.edu):
    - Current academic advising report (can be found in Buckeye Link)
    - Complete graduate vitae
    - Abstract of dissertation proposal (350 words or less)
    - Research statement (no more than 5 pages double-spaced with 1" margins and 12 font size)
    - Advisor statement of recommendation (more info on next slide)
    - Three letters of evaluation (excluding the advisor's statement)
      - It is highly recommended that at least one of the letters be from an external reviewer, typically one at another institution



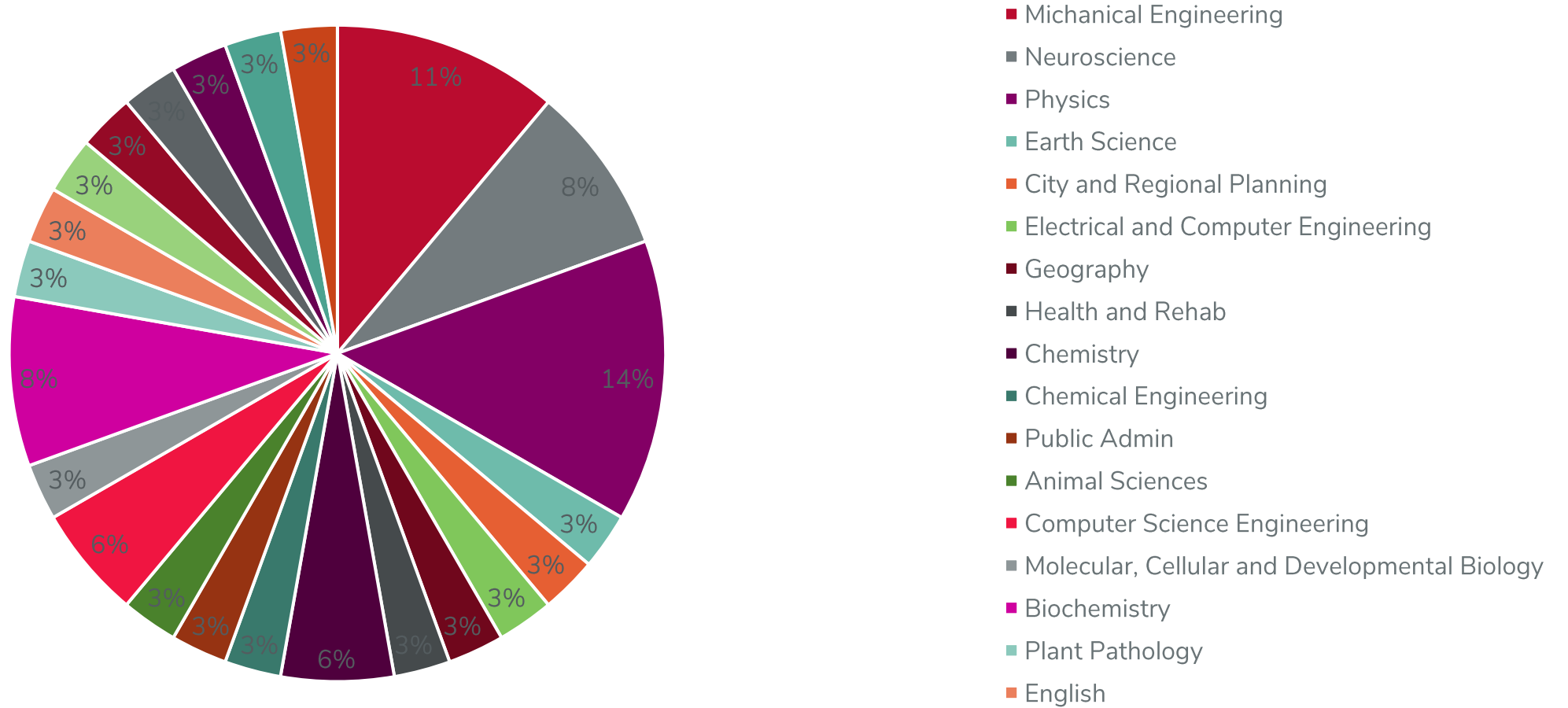
# Presidential Fellowship

- Application materials (cont.)
  - Advisor statements (no more than three, single-spaced typed pages) should describe:
    - Major significance of the student's research project
    - Relevance of the project to the field of study and, if appropriate, to the advisor's and/or graduate program's research efforts
    - Student's unique contribution to the project
    - Evaluation of the student's research progress to date
    - Projected plan of research and time table for completion of the degree
    - Summary of the professional reputations of individuals submitting letters of evaluation and any professional connections they might have had with the student and/or advisor
  - Grad Studies Committee Chair will submit nomination letters for students selected by the committee

# Presidential Fellowship

- Dates and deadlines
  - **October 9, 2024:** All application materials due to the Ed Studies Graduate Studies Committee ([ehe-es-gsc-chair@osu.edu](mailto:ehe-es-gsc-chair@osu.edu))
  - **October 10-22, 2024:** Ed Studies Graduate Studies Committee members review applications and select nominees to move forward to the Graduate School
  - **October 23, 2024:** Ed Studies Graduate Studies Committee will submit department nominations to the Graduate School

# 2023-24 Presidential Fellowship Recipients



# Presidential Fellowship

- Common questions reviewers are asking
  - To what extent does the narrative discussion of the proposal show knowledge of relevant research in the field?
  - To what extent is the study's argued relevance convincing? To what extent is the study likely to yield new knowledge about an important issue?
  - To what extent is the research plan logical and clear?
  - To what extent does the proposal make a case that the project is likely to be compelling and important to the broader field of the applicant's research?
  - To what extent does the narrative discussion display strong authorship skills, with clear organization and structure?
  - Is the applicant likely to complete their project within the time-frame the fellowship allows?
  - Does the applicant have relevant expertise to carry out the work?

# Presidential Fellowship

- Tips on Writing a most Excellent Fellowship Application
  - Study the fellowship selection criteria and any instructions
  - Consider what questions that reviewers may ask (see previous page)
  - Begin strong
  - Write for a general academic audience
  - Avoid turgid writing
  - Articulate your distinct contributions if your study is part of a larger collaborative work
  - Write from the heart
  - Be explicit about your study timeline
  - Articulate your expertise and relevant experience (in the proposal and the CV)

# Presidential Fellowship

- Suggestions for Faculty Writing Letters of Recommendation
  - Address all criteria specifically requested by the fellowship
  - Address what is intellectually distinctive about the applicant
  - Include personal stories that shed light on their character, intellectual distinction or promise
  - Letters address how the quality and quantity of their scholarship compares to other scholars at a similar point in their career in their discipline

# Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship (AGGRS)

- Provides small grants up to \$5,000 to support the research and scholarship of doctoral and other terminal research degree candidates for their dissertations or theses.
- Award
  - Most grants will be made at the \$2,000 or \$3,000 level. Only a small number of awards will be made at the \$5,000 level.



# AGGRS

- Eligibility
  - PhD student who is in candidacy
  - Funding must be for work that is essential to the dissertation
  - Students receiving stipends from associateship, fellowship, or traineeship appointments may apply for AGGRS funding
  - Previous AGGRS awardees are not eligible for a second award
  - Applicants requesting to use AGGRS funds to compensate human research participants must have received full IRB approval before programs can use disbursed AGGRS funds from the Graduate School to compensate human research participants



# AGGRS

- Application procedures
  - Students apply directly to the Graduate School ([grad-schoolfellowships@osu.edu](mailto:grad-schoolfellowships@osu.edu)) for the AGGRS.
  - Final application materials must be submitted as one single combined PDF document.
    - Do not submit a PDF in portfolio PDF format. Combining files converts all files to PDF format. Submissions must be in a combined PDF format. You may contact Ryan Provost at [provost.17@osu.edu](mailto:provost.17@osu.edu) if you need assistance with combining files.
  - Letters of recommendation may be submitted separately (if preferred) via email attachment to the Graduate School.

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    - Budget
      - Detailed line-item budget that provides estimated costs for each item. Please include relevant categories for each line item (e.g. Essential Materials and Supplies, Photocopies of Required Materials, Travel for Data Collection, Equipment Essential to Research, Payments to Human Participants, Payments for Services Essential to Research, etc.)
    - IRB Status
      - Nominees who plan to use AGGRS funds to compensate human research participants are encouraged to submit a copy of their IRB application and/or approval letter. If the applicant has not yet applied for IRB approval, the student may still apply for AGGRS funds, but the program is responsible for confirming IRB approval before using disbursed AGGRS funds from the Graduate School to compensate human research participants.

# AGGRS

- Application materials (cont.)
  - Curriculum Vitae
    - Two-page maximum including degrees received, professional employment, types of financial support received, publications, presentations, juried exhibits, or performances; awards received; membership in honor societies and professional organizations.
  - Advisor Letter of Recommendation
    - One letter from your advisor that addresses the significance of your project, the relevance of your project to the field of study, your unique/original contribution to the field, an evaluation of your plan of work and timetable, and an explanation of why funding is needed.

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# Questions & Answers

Thank you for attending!

- Contact Information: [provost.17@osu.edu](mailto:provost.17@osu.edu)
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