

Alumni Fellows FAQs

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The Alumni Fellows program was established by the Oregon State University Alumni Association in 1988 to recognize some of our most eminent alumni in partnership with university colleges and units. ([View previous Alumni Fellows here.](#)) By honoring our Alumni Fellows, colleges and the alumni association reconnect with alumni that have distinguished themselves in their professions and communities and celebrate them for all that they have done and will continue to do.

Nominations are due Feb. 23, 2024.

Can a college nominate more than one fellow?

We prefer the college to only submit one nomination. The nomination should be submitted with approval of the dean. For any departments outside of the colleges (such as student life, cultural centers, etc.) please notify the alumnus' graduating college of your nomination. The alumni association will choose the top candidates submitted each year to be named a fellow – it is not guaranteed that every college will have a fellow.

Can anyone nominate a fellow?

Technically, yes – but it doesn't happen often. If we receive more than one nomination for a specific college, we will notify the college/development directors/college alumni relations professionals of the additional nominations.

Do I tell my fellow about the nomination?

It is a good idea to let them know about the nomination to be sure they can attend the celebration in September 2024. Please be sure to tell them it is a nomination and decisions will be made in March 2024.

Does my nomination have to live in a specific geographic area to be nominated?

No.

What is the role of the college and specifically the college dean?

Once a fellow is chosen, we will notify the college/unit (the nominator, college dean, dean's assistant and the director of alumni relations) as well as associated development officers. The college/unit is welcome to send notes of congratulations and share the excitement in any news/social media sites and publications. We ask that the college/unit promotes and attends all alumni fellows' events and activities. They are also encouraged to invite their fellow to campus for additional engagement activities. The dean or a member of the leadership staff may be asked to participate in the Black and Orange Awards Celebration on Sept. 19. We also ask that the nominating unit help cover the cost of the fellow's hotel and items for a gift basket.

If a unit such as student affairs or the graduate school has a fellow, what is the role of the fellow's graduating college?

The alumni association will be sure to recognize the unit that nominated the fellow but will also note the person's graduating college. We ask that the nominating unit take the lead in communicating with the alumni association and any additional engagement activities. We also ask the unit to update the fellow's college on any/all activities and invite them to participate where appropriate. In this case, it is the unit that would be responsible for helping with hotel costs and gift basket items.

What materials will my college/unit receive to assist in marketing?

OSUAA will develop marketing toolkits with graphics and text, similar to all of our events. We will also share any social media files and videos that are created. We ask that the colleges/units use these materials to aid in promoting their fellow/events. Colleges and units are also welcome to create additional marketing assets using the overall look and feel of the main graphics. We will share images and recordings of the events with the colleges/units post-event as well.