

2026 DaVinci Creativity in Education Fellowship Award Selection Criteria

There is no institutional limit for the number of Creativity in Education Fellowship proposals that can be submitted.

Each submission must include the Applicant Information and Institutional Approval Form with all required signatures. Anyone is eligible to apply for this award. **Deadline for applicants is Friday, February 6, 2026.**

The award selection committee will judge applicants according to the following criteria. The proposal must directly address the kind of topics outlined in the description of the Creativity in Education Fellows Award:

The DaVinci Creativity in Education Fellows Award seeks to encourage increased understanding of the efficacy of various approaches to developing human creativity. Researchers are encouraged to submit proposals that answer questions such as: How do you develop the aptitude to be creative? How do you know when it works? What assessment tools could be used to measure creativity? What are the effects and what is the value of developing creativity in students? These projects may apply to a wide variety of educational settings, including K-12, higher education, corporate training, and community development.

Additional criteria:

- Complexity of issue(s) to be addressed in the proposed project
- Fresh perspective/creative approaches employed in the proposed project
- Record of effectiveness of previous projects
- Potential of the grant to lead to future research

Applicants must submit the following documents for the DaVinci Creativity in Education Fellowship:

1. **Applicant Information & Institutional Nomination Form** with required signatures of the applicant's immediate supervisor (Department Chair, Dean, etc.) AND a representative of The Office of the Provost or Academic Vice President.
2. **Letter of Recommendation** (not to exceed two typewritten pages) from a person that can attest to the applicant's qualifications and the potential value of the applicant's project.
3. **Applicant's Curriculum Vitae**
4. **Research Proposal**
5. **Supporting materials** where applicable (not to exceed ten pages). This may include, but is not limited to: visual materials, material supporting the need for the project and potential value for use of the results.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Submit all of the documents in as few files as possible. File labels should include the nominee's name and "DaVinci Creativity Fellow Application". **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Applications and supporting materials must be submitted electronically to davinci@osrhe.edu **no later than Friday, February 6, 2026.** All applicants will receive a notification of application receipt.

The Award Celebration will be held on March 27, 2026. Previous recipients are featured on the website at www.davinciok.org. Awardee attendance at the DaVinci Awards Celebration is required. More information on the Award Celebration will be provided after winners are notified.