

2026 DaVinci Fellowship Award Selection Criteria

Each institution may nominate up to two faculty members for this award.

The award selection committee will judge nominees according to the following 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

Anyone is eligible to make nominations for this award. Nominators must submit the following documents for the individual they wish to propose for the 2026 DaVinci Fellowship.

1. **Nomination Information Form** with required signatures of the nominator and a representative of the provost's office at the nominee's institution.
2. **Letter of Recommendation from the Nominator** (not to exceed one typewritten page) that introduces the nominee's academic credentials and describes their exceptional merits.
3. **Narrative of Nominee** (not to exceed three typewritten pages):
 - 3.1 Identification of the complex issue(s), problem or situation to be addressed in the project proposed for Fellowship funding
 - 3.2 Explanation of the creative approaches employed in the proposed project
 - 3.3 Description of how the project will be completed
 - 3.4 Description of the effectiveness and/or results of the nominee's previous related accomplishments (this may include, but is not limited to: published scholarly works, completed presentations/lectures/exhibitions/performances, programs or other initiatives already in place or completed [summer programs, long-term, continuing community engagement, etc.]
4. **Supporting materials** directly related to Narrative (not to exceed ten pages) [this may include, but is not limited to: visual materials, letters of commitment, evidence of similar projects successfully completed by the applicant, promotional materials, research data, etc.]

For applicants' reference, the scoring rubric is also available for download at <https://davinciok.org> under "DaVinci Fellowship Information."

NOMINATION SUBMISSION

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

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

An Awards Celebration is held every year in March. Previous recipients are featured on the website at <https://davinciok.org>.

Awardee attendance at the DaVinci Awards Celebration is required. More information on the Award Celebration will be provided after winners are notified.