

Presidential Research Scholars (PRS) Program

PRS Call for Nominations: Academic Year 2026-2027

For FY2026-27, applications are being solicited for nominated faculty in the areas of (1) Arts and Humanities and (2) Life and Biomedical Sciences. Applications for faculty in the areas of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Physical Sciences and Engineering will be solicited in FY2027-28.

DEADLINES

Nomination deadline: Thursday, April 16, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Application deadline: Thursday, June 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Through the Presidential Research Scholars (PRS) program, the University recognizes faculty excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activity. This program is targeted to scholars who have garnered national and international reputations within their respective fields and who demonstrate clear promise for continued, significant productivity in their research/creative activity. Each Presidential Research Scholar will receive \$6,000 to be used at the scholar's discretion as an honorarium or to support their research or creative works.

ELIGIBILITY

Scholars must be tenured, full-time faculty from one of Ohio University's campuses. Scholars must have been employed by Ohio University for at least three years.

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REVIEW AND EVALUATION/SELECTION CRITERIA

Each year nominations will be solicited in two of the following four categories: Arts and Humanities, Life and Biomedical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Applications from nominated individuals will be reviewed by the Council for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity and previous PRS recipients, with recommendations for selection given to the Vice President for Research and Creative Activity for final approval. The review committee can select up to two faculty members per category. However, the review committee may choose to make fewer awards in a given category if the committee deems that applicants do not meet standards. The scholarly, technical, or artistic merit of the applicant's body of research or creative works is the primary criterion used for evaluation.

NOMINATIONS

All faculty of Ohio University may submit nominations; faculty also may self-nominate. Nominations must be emailed to research@ohio.edu by the nomination deadline. The email subject heading should state "Presidential Research Scholar Nomination." The email should include the nominee's name and department/school and may include a brief statement in support of the nomination. Announcements inviting nominations will be sent out university-wide during the spring semester of each year. All faculty who are nominated will be notified via an e-mail sent to their OHIO address. Nominated faculty interested in proceeding will then be required to submit an application, as described below, by the stated deadline.

APPLICATION PREPARATION GUIDELINES

These guidelines supersede previous versions. Please review the guidelines before submitting an application.

The applicant must submit the following:

- **Cover page** – use the PRS form (see below)
- **Resume/Curriculum vitae** –no spacing, margin or font size requirements. The resume/CV should include the following, and other sections as appropriate:
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Professional Experiences
 - Professional Memberships
 - Honors, Awards, and Competitive Grants
 - Publications, Presentations, or Exhibition Record
 - Students Advised – with graduation years and thesis/dissertation titles
- **Statement of Scholarly Goals** – up to two single-spaced pages, using a standard size 12-point type that is clear and legible. Figures, charts, tables, legends, and footnotes sections may use a smaller font size and may be single-spaced, but all text and graphics **must** be clear and readily legible. Margins **must** measure one inch (1") or greater on all sides. The type size, spacing, and margin requirements are intended to provide legible documents of roughly similar length. The use of unusual typefaces defeats the goal the committee hopes to achieve.

This section should detail the:

- Research or creative strategy and vision of the applicant to date and plans for future scholarship.
- Contribution of the applicant and their research/creative works to the greater field.

LIST OF RECOMMENDED REVIEWERS

Applications will be reviewed with the assistance of persons who have expertise in the area of the applicant's research or creative works. The applicant **must** supply the names of **five persons**

who are not affiliated with Ohio University and are qualified to review the application. External reviewers should not be mentors, former advisors, or current collaborators or co-authors (within the last 48 months). The applicant **must** provide a *current phone number and e-mail address* for all reviewers. A brief description (not more than 100 words) of each reviewer's expertise and a statement describing the relationship, if any or not, to the applicant/application also should be included. The committee will solicit three reviews; however, it is not bound to solicit reviews from recommended reviewers and may, at its discretion, ask for reviews by other persons.

Questions concerning the application preparation process should be directed to Kim Littlefield, kplittle@ohio.edu.

****Please Note: The committee has the right to return without review any applications that do not conform to these format requirements.****

AWARD

Each award recipient will receive \$6,000 to be used at the scholar's discretion as an honorarium or to support their research or creative works.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Submit **(1) one electronic copy** of the entire application no later than 4:00 p.m. on the deadline date to research@ohio.edu; the email subject heading "PRS Application". All applications **must** be a single file in Adobe Acrobat format (Mac users must include the file extensions .pdf in the file name) and **must** contain the entire application unless authorized prior to the deadline.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

If there is anything about your application that requires special handling or consideration, it is essential that you contact Kim Littlefield, kplittle@ohio.edu for approval prior to submission.

PRESIDENTIAL RESEARCH SCHOLAR COVER PAGE

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

STATUS: _____ Assoc. Prof. _____ Prof.

DEPARTMENT: _____

CAMPUS ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURES:

Applicant's Signature		Chair/Director's Signature	
Signature		Signature	
Name		Name	
Dept/School		Unit	
Date		Date	
Dean's Signature			
Name		Signature	
College		Date	