

Dear Colleagues:

The Office of the Provost is requesting nominations for Provost Research Fellowships to support research of tenured faculty currently at SMU. Prospective candidates for FY 2024 Provost Research Fellowships may be nominated by Deans and Faculty Senate as follows.

**Dedman College:** One nomination for each Dedman Division from the Dean.

**Dedman School of Law:** One nomination from the Dean

**Simmons School of Education and Human Development:** One nomination from the Dean

**Lyle School of Engineering:** One nomination from the Dean

**Cox School of Business:** One nomination from the Dean

**Meadows School of the Arts:** One nomination from the Dean

**Perkins School of Theology:** One nomination from the Dean

**Faculty Senate:** Three nominations from the Faculty Senate, ideally representing different schools, but not necessary.

Letters of nomination are due by **September 15, 2023**, and should be uploaded to the [Box File](#) as a PDF document. The letter should include the reason for the nomination, as well as a detailed evaluation of the nominee's contribution relative to others in the field. If the nominator is unable to provide this evaluation, he/she may request an evaluation from a suitable colleague of the nominee.

Subsequently, the Vice Provost for Research will request that the nominated faculty members submit the following supporting materials by **October 13, 2023**: 1) a two-page summary of immediate research goals; 2) a copy of the most recent, or updated, multi-year developmental plan (see University Policy 2.12: Policy on Tenured Faculty Development [Policy on Tenured Faculty Development](#)) not to exceed three pages; 3) an updated vitae not to exceed three pages; and 4) a one- to two-page description of creative contributions in the field of specialty written in such a way that the narrative can be understood by persons outside the field.

These research proposals and supporting materials will be sent to the University Research Council, which is broadly representative and charged with the responsibility of making University-wide, research-related awards. The University Research Council will

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forward six names to the Provost's Office for final selection. Those selected will be announced before the end of the fall 2023 semester.

To assist the preparation of letters of nomination and faculty supporting materials, I have attached the scoring guide for the previously offered Ford Fellowship that is utilized by the University Research Council to facilitate comparison of candidates across disciplines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth G. Loba', written in a cursive style.

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**SMU.**

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## Scoring Guide for the Provost Research Fellowship Nominee

	<b>0 points</b>	<b>2 points</b>	<b>4 points</b>	<b>6 points</b>	<b>8 points</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Scholarship</b>						
(1) Productivity to date	No evidence of recent productivity	Productivity has been less than expected for current faculty rank and discipline	Sustained productivity appropriate to current faculty rank and discipline	The nominee is among the most productive members of his/her rank in their discipline at SMU	The nominee is among the most productive in their field	
(2) Impact/Recognition of scholarship to date	No evidence that scholarship has received external recognition	Scholarship has underutilized peer-reviewed journals and (or) respectable presses. Arts: work has rarely been presented extramurally by discipline-appropriate means	Printed work is published in peer-reviewed journals and (or) as books produced by respectable presses. Arts: work is routinely presented extramurally by discipline-appropriate means	Impact of work is demonstrated by invitations from respected international or national organizations to present at important venues and (or) publish, and (or) by receipt of large grants from external funding sources. In the Arts, products are displayed or performed in prestigious venues, and(or) widely cited by others in the field, and(or) receive positive attention nationally or internationally.	Impact of work is demonstrated by awards from highly respected international or national organizations. Work has been seminal within the nominee's discipline and(or) has received broad societal attention beyond the nominee's discipline	
<b>Objectives</b>						
(3) Achievability and Significance of planned scholarship	Work plan will have little or no positive impact in the nominee's field and will not significantly enhance the stature of the University	Work plan is unlikely to lead to completion of books published by respectable presses, or publications in peer-reviewed journals. In the arts, work plan is unlikely to reach audiences outside the University	Work plan has a reasonable probability of success and will lead to completion of books, and(or) publications in peer-reviewed journals, and(or) discipline-appropriate products that will reach audiences outside the University	Work plan has a high probability of success and completed objectives will command wide attention within the nominee's field, significantly enhancing the stature of the nominee and their department or school.	Work plan has a high probability of success and completed objectives will receive wide attention inside and outside the nominee's specialty and will greatly enhance the stature of the University.	

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