

## 2023 Alumni Fellows FAQs

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The Alumni Fellows recognition program was established by the Oregon State University Alumni Association in 1988 to recognize eminent alumni. Every two years, the OSU Alumni Association recognizes new fellows that distinguished themselves in their professions and communities, as well as thank them and celebrate them for all that they have done and will continue to do.

Many of our alumni in Oregon live and work in the Portland-metro area, and in 2023 we are showcasing the amazing ways they have impacted the community. Beavers are known for making the unbelievable happen. Through the Alumni Fellows program, Oregon State is reaching out to Portlanders to show our gratitude and support for their great work and celebrate their success and love for the city and the state.

**Nominations are due Jan. 13, 2023.**

- [Nomination information and criteria](#)
- [Information for OSU colleges and departments](#)

### **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 submit the nomination in partnership with the alumnus' graduating college. In this case, the college is welcome to have more than one 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 online Zoom celebration on April 11 and participate in a group podcast (more on this below). Please be sure to tell them it is a nomination and decisions will be made in January 2023.

### **Does my nominee have to live in Portland?**

No, but the reason why they are being nominated must relate to and have a positive impact on the Portland Metro community. It is more about the work (volunteer or paid) they do and how it impacts the community than where they physically live.

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

Once a fellow is chosen, we will notify the college (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 final alumni fellows online celebration the evening of April 11. Please refer to [this document](#) for more information.

**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.

**What do you mean by podcast? Can you explain?**

We are using the term "podcast" loosely. Once the fellows are finalized, we will determine the final schedule of events. We are planning podcasts, or recorded Zoom conversations, with a few of the fellows at a time. These will be recorded in late February, early March. We may ask a few of the fellows to join us in person for a live event instead of a podcast. This live event will most likely be recorded in Portland and be formatted like a "fireside chat" or "coffee conversation" with a few fellows and an audience for a question-and-answer session. The final type and list of events will be determined in late January. All events will be recorded for viewing on demand.

**When is the online celebration? Who should attend? How much does it cost?**

The Alumni Fellows online recognition event is Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. PT. This is a FREE Zoom event, but we are happy to take donations. All alumni fellows are required to attend, and we encourage all college leadership to save the date. We are currently planning breakout session after the main presentation for additional engagement with the colleges.

**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 social media files and videos. 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.