

Fellowships Nomination Committee

Spring 2023 Final Report

Membership

Chair: Meredith Malburne-Wade

Members: Alysia Davis, Mike Davis, Dymphna De Wild, Jared Diener (departed January 2023), Phil Frana, Susan Halsell, David Hardy, Nusrat Jahan, Kevin Molloy, Tomas Regalado-Lopez, Daniel Robinson, Laura Ryman, Amanda Sawyer, Eric Stark, Trevor Stokes

Charge: To evaluate and select student and alumni nominees for fellowship, scholarship, and award competitions requiring JMU nomination and to contribute to the growth of the Office of Fellowships and Awards.

Summary of Current Semester Activity:

- In Spring 2023, the committee split into small groups to interview our four Boren applicants. In late Spring 2023, 3 were selected to receive the Boren Scholarship and 1 was named an alternate.
- We did not have a Truman finalist this year, so we did not conduct Truman mock interviews; however, we had our first ever Gaither interviewee, the furthest a JMU candidate has achieved thus far in the competition.
- The committee met asynchronously to review and advise our sole Udall candidate this semester.

Future Work Planned:

- The committee will meet very early in the Fall 2023 semester to evaluate Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell and Knight-Hennessy applicants. Fall 2023 is expected to again be a busy semester as the Office of Fellowships and Awards.