

Fellowships Nomination Committee (FNC)
Midyear Report Fall 2022

Membership

Chair: Meredith Malburne-Wade

Members: Alysia Davis, Mike Davis, Dymphna De Wild, Jared Diener, Phil Frana, Susan Halsell, David Hardy, Nusrat Jahan, Kevin Molloy, Tomás Regalado-López, 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 (OFA).

Summary of Current Semester Activity

Meeting: December 11, 2022

The Fellowships Nomination Committee (FNC) met on Zoom on December 11, 2022 at 10:15 AM for its first meeting of AY 2022-2023. The following members were in attendance: Dymphna De Wild, Jared Diener, Phil Frana, Susan Halsell, Meredith Malburne-Wade (chair), Tomás Regalado-López, Daniel Robertson, Laura Ryman, and Eric Stark. Alysia Davis, Mike Davis, David Hardy, Nusrat Jahan, Kevin Molloy, Amanda Sawyer, and Trevor Stokes were unable to attend due to conflicts.

Our goal was to review our two Gaither Junior Fellows Program and two Truman Fellowship applications. We began with a brief discussion of each of the Gaither nominees, followed by a review of the Truman candidates, including strengths and weaknesses of all candidates. Following discussion, we reached consensus on nominating all candidates with significant revisions to their current application drafts. The FNC provided responses, reactions, and feedback to Meredith Malburne-Wade to share with the candidates.

We also discussed upcoming Boren Scholarship applications and the campus interviews that will take place in January 2023.

Future Work

The committee will need to interview Boren applicants in January 2023 and will provide mock interviews to any Truman Finalists. The committee will also convene to determine Udall nominees in the spring.