

Faculty Mobility Program Frequently Asked Questions

What do you look for in Faculty Mobility applications?

OSUN looks for Faculty Mobility applications with strong potential to promote collaboration and integration across OSUN institutions, particularly to develop substantive partnerships between visiting faculty and host departments and to build on current OSUN programs and/or catalyze new cross-institutional collaborations.

What are your selection criteria?

In this round, the Faculty Mobility program offers only short-term mobility opportunities, which are available to faculty of institutions committed to integration. Priority is given to collaboration in teaching, course design, and curriculum development. Faculty on short-term fellowships are expected to (1) enhance OSUN Network Collaborative Courses; (2) guest or co-teach intensive 1-to 3-week modules that are integrated into courses taught at the host institution; or (3) develop new cross-institutional collaboration to advance curricular integration on OSUN's academic themes, diversify course content, and/or improve teaching capacity with partner institutions.

Do I need to identify a host before I apply?

No, although applications submitted with support from the host institution tend to be much stronger. OSUN encourages broad participation in its Faculty Mobility program, which may serve as your entry point for OSUN activities. If you haven't identified a potential host, OSUN will try to match you with a department at a partner institution interested in your academic expertise. If you have identified a potential host partner, please ask them to provide you with a letter of support to submit with your application.

May I request a placement at a university outside of OSUN?

No. The Faculty Mobility program is designed to promote collaboration and integration within the OSUN network.

May I teach subjects that fall outside of OSUN's academic themes?

Yes, if the subjects you teach are related to OSUN's academic themes. For example, teaching in the humanities will be considered; but a course on astrophysics will not.

What is the selection process?

The Faculty Mobility Steering Committee will review applications after the call is closed and recommend faculty for participation in the program. OSUN will then seek to match recommended faculty to a host department if they haven't identified a potential host, will review the host department's plans for integrating visiting faculty, and will allocate available OSUN funds for faculty mobility. The final decision on faculty mobility fellowships will be contingent upon the Dean's or Chief Academic Officer's confirmation of the placement dates and scope of work.

When will OSUN announce its decisions on faculty mobility fellowships? OSUN expects to inform applicants of final decisions on faculty mobility fellowships by mid-November 2024.

What costs will OSUN cover?

For short-term fellowships: OSUN will pay the travel expenses (airfare, visa fee, travel insurance, and airport transfer costs), lodging, and per diem as per Bard/OSUN Travel Policy. Funds will be disbursed through the successful applicant's home institution as per their financial policies and procedures.

May recipients of faculty mobility fellowships bring their family? Recipients of short-term fellowships may travel with their family members, but OSUN will not take responsibility for any cost related to the accompanying persons.