



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?

Applications will be evaluated according to their potential to fulfill one or more of the program objectives: (1) to promote faculty collaboration that advances OSUN's academic [themes](#) and engagement strategies and spurs curricular integration and innovation; (2) to foster the exchange of ideas across the network, diversify knowledge and learning across intellectual traditions, and seed innovative scholarly collaborations; or (3) to build teaching capacity, enhance expertise, and expand course offerings at under-resourced partner institutions. OSUN will give preference to faculty of institutions committed to integration and to collaboration in teaching, course design, curriculum development, and research.

Do I need to identify a host before I apply?

No. 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 in February 2022 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, except for short-term fellowships, will be contingent upon the host institution's formal appointment process for visiting faculty and the Dean's or Chief Academic Officer's confirmation of the placement dates, scope of work, and host institution resource commitments.

Is January 31, 2022 a firm deadline for applications?

Applications submitted by January 31 will receive priority consideration. OSUN will accept applications after that date but cannot guarantee that they will be reviewed in time to set up faculty mobility placements for the 2022-23 academic year.

When will OSUN announce its decisions on faculty mobility fellowships?

OSUN expects to inform applicants of final decisions on faculty mobility fellowships by late spring 2022.

May recipients of faculty mobility fellowships bring their family?

Yes. The faculty mobility fellowships are open to faculty with families, and OSUN has allocated funds for dependent support in faculty mobility placements.

Who should I contact for more information?

Please email applications@opensocietyuniversitynetwork.org with any questions.

If I have technical difficulties in submitting my application, who do I contact?

Please email applications@opensocietyuniversitynetwork.org to resolve any technical difficulties you may experience.