

Call for Faculty Fellows, Center for Faculty Excellence

The Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) requests proposals for year-long Faculty Fellowships (Jan.-Dec. 2026) that build upon and enhance CFE's existing programming, resources, and activities to further support OU faculty as they develop their scholarship through research and creative activities, teaching, community engagement, and service.

All OU regular faculty are eligible to apply. Interested faculty should submit:

1. A cover letter (1 - page)

This should (1) briefly describe your proposal, (2) explain how your relevant experience, knowledge, interests, skills, etc. prepare you to carry it out effectively and during the time frame of the fellowship, and (3) briefly explain how this proposal will provide valuable support for faculty excellence.

2. A proposal (2 page maximum using the template below)

This should describe your plan for creating and implementing faculty development programming and other resources that complement or expand upon [current CFE offerings](#). Some broad categories that such proposals might fall under include (but are not limited to) the following:

- innovative teaching practices (e.g., flipped classrooms, gamification,...)
- practices, resources, and/or conceptual tools to help faculty adapt to the effects of AI in their teaching, research, or workflows
- building infrastructure for faculty mentoring and/or activities that build faculty community and/or support holistic wellbeing
- resources aimed at preparing faculty to step into leadership roles, particularly within their research and creative activities
- supporting faculty efforts in community-engaged research and creative activities, such as designing service-learning courses and/or connecting with community partners, nonprofit organizations and other community stakeholders

3. C.V., including a list of 3 references who may be contacted regarding their application.

Faculty selected to receive fellowships will work with current CFE staff and other faculty fellows to develop and implement effective and impactful faculty development activities and resources from January-December 2026, meeting bi-weekly throughout the academic year and once over the summer. Fellows will receive a 1-course teaching release and \$5000 as supplemental salary or as discretionary funds.

Application materials should be combined into a single pdf document and emailed to cfe@ou.edu by October 17th to ensure full consideration. If you have questions or would like to discuss potential proposal ideas, please contact CFE Director Wayne Riggs (wriggs@ou.edu).

Proposal Template (2 pages maximum)

1. What specific goals do you hope to accomplish in your CFE Faculty Fellowship?
2. How do you plan to reach these goals within the fellowship year? Include an estimated timeline with milestones distributed throughout the fellowship year:
3. How does this work expand upon or complement [current CFE offerings](#)?
4. What resources do you anticipate creating and how will faculty access these resources (e.g. website, Canvas, etc.)? All proposals should include the creation or curation of resources that faculty can continue to utilize once the fellowship is complete.
5. Describe the expected impact of this work on you as a faculty member and on the broader OU community. How will you assess this impact?