

College of Criminal Justice Beto Endowed Fellowship

Nomination Process and Selection Criteria

The Beto Endowed Fellowship is dedicated to the professional development and mentorship of graduate students and to outstanding doctoral research and education by a faculty member in the College of Criminal Justice (COCJ). This document establishes the application guidelines and criteria for the selection of Fellow.

1. **Eligibility and the Number of Positions.** Tenure-track and tenured faculty at the rank of Advanced Assistant (post 3rd year review), Associate Professor, and Professor in the COCJ are eligible for nomination. One faculty member in COCJ may be selected for this position every two years. The selection committee may also elect not to bestow the status in any given year, at the discretion of the selection committee. Individuals who have been previously appointed as a Beto Endowed Fellow are ineligible for the position during the five calendar years after they have previously served in the position.¹
2. **Nominations.** Letters of nominations will be accepted from tenured/tenure-track faculty or professors of practice in COCJ, including academic administrators in COCJ. The committee will then invite up to 3 candidates to apply and may also request an interview with prospective candidates and a letter of support from their department chair.
3. **The nature of the position.** The appointed Beto Endowed Fellow will be expected to: 1) organize and host professional development opportunities (e.g., lecture series, workshops, trainings, events, etc.) for graduate students at least once per semester, 2) teach at least one course in the doctoral program per year², 3) present guest lectures in undergraduate and graduate courses (upon request), and 4) conduct at least one colloquium for faculty and students per semester.
4. **Time span.** The selected Beto Endowed Fellow will serve a two-year term.
5. **Nomination process and deadlines & selection committee:** The selection of the Beto Endowed Fellow is administered by the Awards and Beto Chair Selection Committee. The Committee may consult with the Dean, department chairs, and graduate program directors. Letters of nominations are due by the posted deadline in the Spring semester in which the fellow is to be selected. Individuals selected to apply must submit their application packet to the Awards and Beto Chair Selection Committee by the posted deadline, typically 3-4 weeks after nominations are received.

¹ For example, if a faculty member was appointed as a Beto Endowed Fellow in 2022, they would not be eligible again until 2030.

² If the selected faculty member's home department does not have a doctoral program, they can propose to teach an elective in a COCJ doctoral program.

6. **Elements of the application packet.** Individuals invited to apply by the selection committee must submit an application packet that contains: 1) a letter of support from their department chair, 2) an updated CV, 3) a 1 page statement outlining their skills and experiences that would benefit the doctoral students, 4) a 1 page plan outlining their vision and goals for the two-year Fellowship, and 5) a 1-2 page detailed description of the professional development opportunities they propose to organize for the graduate students.

7. **The position:** The selected Fellow will be recognized at the annual Honors Convocation and receive: 1) \$15,000 during the academic year + 1.5 months of annual 9-month salary in the summer, 2) up to \$3,000 in research travel allowance per year, and 3) up to \$15,000 per year to organize and host professional development opportunities (e.g., trainings, workshops, events, lecture series, etc.) for graduate students.

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