

## **Fellowships Nomination Committee (FNC) Final Report Spring 2022**

### **Membership**

**Chair:** Meredith Malburne-Wade

**Members:** Alysia Davis, Mike Davis, Jared Diener, Phil Frana, Susan Halsell, David Hardy, Nusrat Jahan, Shraddha Joshi, Tomás Regalado-López, Dymphna De Wild, Trevor Stokes, Eric Stark, Virginia Trovato, Laura Ryman, Kevin Molloy, Amanda Sawyer

**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:**

- The Fall semester is the busiest semester for this committee, including multiple meetings, as evidenced in the Fall 2021 report.
- In Spring 2022, the FNC broke into subcommittees to interview four Boren candidates with 2-3 interviewers on each panel at the end of January.
- Per Boren guidelines, all Boren candidates are nominated (similar to Fulbright), but the interview is a required component of the application. Feedback was provided to each candidate in the interview session.
- In February, all FNC members received the application from our one Udall candidate this year. FNC members completed an evaluation of the application and made recommendations; the Udall candidate was nominated with feedback from the committee members for application improvement.
- FNC members also suggested ways to enhance interactions with the Office of Fellowships and Awards. These suggestions are being reviewed and implemented.

### **Future Work:**

- The committee will meet very early in the Fall 2022 semester to evaluate Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell and Knight-Hennessy applicants. Fall 2022 is expected to again be a busy semester as the Office of Fellowships and Awards has expanded, adding a second advisor, with a focus on reaching as many students and alumni as possible.