Office of Distinguished Scholarships

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The **Office of Distinguished Scholarships** (ODS) provides comprehensive advising and mentorship to current UO students and recent alumni exploring and pursuing highly competitive national and international awards and fellowships supporting undergraduate research, graduate study, in the US/abroad, and public service. ODS serves as the official institutional representative to the scholarship foundations and coordinates the internal review and nomination processes for those scholarships requiring institutional endorsement (e.g. Goldwater, Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes, Truman), including the writing and submission of institutional endorsement letters. Through receptions, workshops, class visits, fairs, and weekly open hours (in-person and virtual) the ODS team supports students throughout the scholarship exploration, development, submission, and interview process. To assemble internal review committees, mock interview panels, and individual consultations that best represent the composition of those students will engage with the foundations, ODS partners with University Advancement, Government and Community Relations, and the Alumni Association to involve UO alumni, donors, and advocates in all aspects of the application and interview development and preparation process.