

# **The Rollins Society**

## **The MU Graduate & Professional Honorary**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025**

Established in 1994 by the Graduate Professional Council (GPC), the Rollins Society recognizes graduate and professional students who have significantly advanced the well-being of self-defined communities beyond the scope of their academic work. GPC named this honorary after James S. Rollins, the former Missouri Senator, celebrated as the “Father of the University.” Throughout his career, Mr. Rollins advanced the welfare of the University of Missouri through generous financial contributions and numerous legislative efforts, most notably his sponsorship of the bill that established the Columbia campus as the official university of the state. During Mizzou Tap Day, the Rollins Society will continue its tradition of honoring Mr. Rollins’ memory by inducting a select group of graduate and professional students who follow his example of dedication to public service and whose record of service affirms the importance of the Society’s watchwords **Officium (Duty), Fides (Faithfulness), and Ductus (Leadership)**.

Selections are based primarily on the **quality** of the nominee’s service rather than the **quantity** of contributions or communities served.

### **Mizzou Tap Day (Tentative: April)**

Every spring, for more than sixty years, Mizzou has sponsored a Tap Day ceremony to recognize new initiates of several campus organizations. Membership of these groups is open to upper-class and graduate students regardless of their academic school or college. Tap Day, named because of the “tapping” of new members, is held in Jesse Auditorium. Tap Day recognizes the exemplary performance of students in the academic and non-academic arena. Students are selected based on their academic, leadership, and/or service achievements. Each honorary group also “honor taps” a faculty, staff, or community member whom they feel has significantly contributed to the educational experience of students at the University of Missouri. Like all traditions, certain aspects of the ceremony have remained constant throughout the history of Tap Day. The identity of the initiates is held secret. As the new initiates’ names are announced, a current member or designee “taps” the initiate. The ceremony officially closes with the singing of the Alma Mater, “Old Missouri.”

### **Criteria for Nomination**

- Must be enrolled at the University of Missouri-Columbia as a graduate or professional student.
- Must be in good standing (as defined by each department/college/school).
- Must be nominated by another person associated with Mizzou or Rollins Society.

### **Submission Requirements**

All required materials must be combined into a single PDF, saved with the file name format **Last Name\_First Name\_RollinsApplication2025**, and submitted electronically to [rollinssociety@missouri.edu](mailto:rollinssociety@missouri.edu). Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

- Completed nomination form**
- Nominee’s CV or resume**
- Nominating letter** (maximum 2 pages) from the chief nominator, addressing their relationship to the nominee, the name and purpose of the self-defined community (with any abbreviation or nickname), and personal observations of the nominee’s contributions.
- Three additional recommendation letters** (maximum 1 page each) from others acquainted with the nominee’s service record (e.g., supervisors, faculty/staff, community leaders, peers).

Submissions are due by **5:00 PM on Friday, January 24, 2025**.

# Rollins Society Nomination Form

## Section 1: Nominee Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Program/Department \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown (City, State, and/or Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas, Groups, or Defined Communities which nominee has served:**

**Brief List of nominee's contributions toward advancing the community's purpose (include length of service):**

**Section II: Chief Nominator Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section III: Additional Letters of Recommendation**

**Additional Recommender #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Recommender #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Recommender #3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Organization \_\_\_\_\_