

# **The Rollins Society**

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

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026**

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. During Mizzou Tap Day, the Society honors a select group of graduate and professional students whose commitment to service reflects its 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)**

For more than sixty years, Mizzou has hosted the annual Tap Day ceremony to recognize new initiates of several campus honor societies. Membership in these groups is open to upper-class and graduate students across all academic units.

Named for the tradition of "tapping" new members, Tap Day—held in Jesse Auditorium—celebrates exemplary academic, leadership, and service achievements. Honorary groups also "honor tap" a faculty, staff, or community member who has significantly contributed to the student experience.

Initiates' identities remain confidential until the ceremony, during which a current member or designee "taps" each new inductee. The ceremony concludes 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 submitted as **one combined PDF**, saved as: **Last Name\_First Name\_RollinsApplication2026**, and emailed to [rollinssociety@missouri.edu](mailto:rollinssociety@missouri.edu). Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

- ☐ **Completed nomination form**
- ☐ **Personal statement written by the nominee** describing the areas, groups or defined communities they have served.
- ☐ **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 30, 2026**

# Rollins Society Nomination Form

## Section 1: Nominee Information

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

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

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

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

Attach a brief personal statement (up to 500 words) describing the areas, groups, or defined communities the 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**\_\_\_\_\_