

## 2019/20 - Application for fellowship nomination, endorsement, and support

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### ▼ Instructions

Q1.1



#### DO YOU HAVE THE ACADEMIC RECORD, AMBITIONS, AND COMPELLING STORY THAT MAKE YOU A STRONG FIT FOR A VERY COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIP? ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO PREPARE A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION?

If your answers are "yes" and "yes," then get started telling us about yourself. You may use this form to request nomination, endorsement, or support for one fellowship at one time or multiple fellowships when they fall in a similar category. If, at a later stage, you wish to apply for the same or other fellowships, please initiate a new application. Contact Dr. Lamb if you would like guidance on how and when to apply.

- *In the fall: You may use one application to apply for all relevant to you of the following: Beinecke, Goldwater, Truman, Udall*
- *In the spring: You may use one application to apply for all relevant to you of the following: Churchill and Gates Cambridge (STEM) or Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes, Gates Cambridge (non-STEM), Knight-Hennessy.*

[Deadlines are summarized here: [https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/1.ALL.2.006\\_Deadlines.pdf](https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/1.ALL.2.006_Deadlines.pdf).]

Some great opportunities for scholarships, fellowships, and summer research experiences require formal nomination or other official support from Smith College. The fellowships listed here ([https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/fellowships\\_quick\\_summary.pdf](https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/fellowships_quick_summary.pdf)) are highly competitive opportunities; each is a long shot, even for very well qualified applicants. Take confidence from the fact that a number of Smithies have secured highly competitive scholarships and placements over the years.

This application form collects information about your qualifications, why you think you are a strong candidate for a particular fellowship, and details of your potential letter writers. The College's Fellowships Program will work with selectors (small panels of faculty and staff) to confirm the College's nominees and endorsement of your applications. Any information that you share in response to this questionnaire will be used for the purposes of evaluating your qualifications to apply for particular fellowships and - if you are selected or endorsed - to give you support as you prepare your application.

Please note that we will share your responses with the first faculty mentor or adviser whom you list. We will ask that individual to provide an informal, but confidential, email recommendation for you in this internal selection and endorsement process. The recommendation is due one week after you submit your application. **Make sure that your recommender knows in advance about your plans and this request for a recommendation. Therefore, have a conversation with your recommender before you submit this form!**

Once your online application is complete, please answer "yes" to the last question and submit your application for support. You will receive a copy of your application by email.

Further information about fall applications for support can be found here ([https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/1.NOM.2.001\\_Fellowship\\_Info\\_Sheet\\_Fall\\_Nomination.pdf](https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/1.NOM.2.001_Fellowship_Info_Sheet_Fall_Nomination.pdf)) and for spring applications, here ([https://www.smith.edu/fellowship/docs/1.NOM.2.002\\_Fellowship\\_Info\\_Sheet\\_Spr\\_Nomination.pdf](https://www.smith.edu/fellowship/docs/1.NOM.2.002_Fellowship_Info_Sheet_Spr_Nomination.pdf)). If you have questions while you are completing the application, please contact Dr. Margaret Lamb, Fellowships Adviser, Lazarus Center for Career Development, Drew Hall, [mlamb@smith.edu](mailto:mlamb@smith.edu).

Good luck!

### ▼ Information about applicant

Q2.1 Last name:

  
  


Q2.2 Preferred first name:

  
  


Q2.3 Preferred pronouns:

She/her/hers  
 He/him/his  
 They/them/theirs  
 Other:

  


Q2.4 Smith College email address (current students)/Permanent email address (graduates):

  
  


Q2.5 Smith ID# (your 9 digit "99" number):

  
  


Q2.6 Smith graduating class (choose all that apply):

2019  
 2020  
 2021  
 2022  
 2023  
 Other   
 Current students: check if you plan to graduate in January of the calendar year indicated.  
 Check if you are an Ada Comstock Scholar

  


Q2.7 I am a US citizen. *[Some competitive opportunities are available to US citizens only. Others are open to citizens of other countries or US green card holders. Make sure that you are eligible to apply for any of the fellowships in which you indicate interest.]*

Yes

No (Briefly describe how your citizenship/residence status qualifies you for the fellowship(s) for which you seek nomination and endorsement.)

Q2.8 First major (if you have not yet declared, record "undecided.")

Your major:

Undecided (tell us your likely major):

Q2.9 (If relevant) Second major (if you have not yet declared, record "undecided.")

Your major:

Undecided (tell us your likely major):

Q2.10 (If relevant) Your minor and/or concentration (if you have not yet declared, record "undecided.")

Your minor and/or concentration:

Undecided (tell us your planned minor and concentration):

Q2.11 Current Smith cumulative GPA or cumulative GPA at graduation:

Q2.12 Most recent Smith semester GPA:

 Q2.13 Please upload a copy of your unofficial Smith College transcript (attach as a pdf and include grades for the most recent completed semester). Include a copy of any other relevant college transcript in the single pdf document. Your transcript information will be reviewed only by fellowship advisors and faculty members enlisted to confirm nominees.



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▼ Current Resume

 Q3.1 Please upload a copy of your 2pp resume (attach as a pdf). Make sure to include full and detailed information about research experiences (including presentations and, if relevant, publications), extracurricular activities, and positions of responsibility and leadership.



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▼ The opportunity(ies) for which you seek a Smith nomination or support

 Q4.1 This application form serves as your request to be nominated and/or receive endorsement in multiple competitions. If you want to add a new request at a later date, please complete the form again. Make sure that you are or will be eligible to apply for the competitions in which you express interest.



Review [https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/fellowships\\_quick\\_summary.pdf](https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/fellowships_quick_summary.pdf) and follow the links to "your" particular fellowships before you complete this next section.

 Q4.2 For review of this application and any subsequent internal applications for the fellowships I list below, I waive my rights under FERPA to see letters of recommendation, nomination, and endorsement.



Yes

No

 Q4.3 Competitive fellowship programs will ask candidates or their institutional endorsers to confirm that there are no relevant disciplinary or legal matters to disclose; if candidates have matters to disclose, they must do so. Matters that would likely require disclosure include academic probation at any educational institution; disciplinary actions by and suspension, dismissal, or enforced leave from any educational institution; and criminal convictions or probation as a juvenile or adult. Just because you have something to report does not mean you are unable to apply for and be awarded a competitive fellowship; the impact on your application will depend entirely on the particulars. What does matter at this stage is that you make appropriate disclosures of potential relevant matters, first, to Dr. Lamb and later, in agreed form after you've received advice and guidance, to internal reviewers and fellowship foundations.



I've read this note and understand that I must consult Dr. Lamb if I have circumstances to report - now or later.

Q4.4

Scholarship, fellowship, or other opportunity for which Smith nomination/endorsement is required, including opportunities of comparable competitiveness (\*) for which you are urged to apply for Smith support:



- Beinecke Scholarship
- Churchill Scholarship
- DAAD Study Scholarship
- Gates Cambridge Scholarship\*
- Goldwater Scholarship
- Knight-Hennessy Scholarship\* (optional endorsement for seniors & those in their graduation year at application date)
- Marshall Scholarship
- Mitchell Scholarship
- Rhodes Scholarship
- Truman Scholarship
- Udall Scholarship

Q4.5

**Note re Fulbright Scholarship.** Check if you intend to pursue; endorsement required via the Smith Fulbright Program (see <https://www.smith.edu/fulbright>)



- I have begun to prepare my Fulbright application and am working with Don Andrew. Type and location:
- I am interested in applying for a Fulbright in the future.
- I am not currently interested in Fulbright.

Q4.6

For Information Only: Indicate your interest in applying for scholarship, fellowship, or other opportunities for which formal Smith nomination is NOT required. You are advised to work closely with your mentors and advisers, including in the Fellowships Program, to prepare strong applications for these highly competitive opportunities.



- Ford Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship
- Foreign Service Officer Graduate Fellowship (Payne/Pickering/Rangel)
- Hertz Fellowship
- NOAA Hollings Scholarship
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- Schwarzman Scholarship
- Soros Fellowships
- Yenching Scholarship
- Other (provide name and website link):
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▼ Letters of Recommendation

Q5.1 We will contact the first faculty member whom you list as potential letter writer for informal, but confidential, notes of recommendation when you submit your application. We will not contact other potential letter writers without further discussion with you. (You are strongly encouraged to talk with all of your potential letter writers about your plans.)

Q5.2 Name of first Smith faculty member:

  
  
  


Q5.3 Email address of first Smith faculty member:

Q5.4 Academic department of first Smith faculty member:

Q5.5 Name of second Smith faculty member:

  
  
  


Q5.6 Email address of second Smith faculty member:

Q5.7 Academic department of second Smith faculty member:

Q5.8



**Name, email, address, and your connection to others willing to write a letter of recommendation for you if you are selected for a Smith nomination. Note: We will not contact these individuals for their input without your prior agreement. You need to include at least one more individual (we recommend at least two) willing to write a letter of recommendation. If your work (especially research) has been supervised outside Smith by an academic or research scientist, your application is likely to be strengthened with a letter from that individual; an outside perspective on you, your accomplishments, and your potential can be helpful to fellowship selection committees.**

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▼ Short Answer Questions:

Q6.1



**Your choices.** For each fellowship for which you wish to be nominated/endorsed and supported, cite (give us a website reference) the fellowship eligibility and selection criteria. Briefly confirm the (main) reasons you qualify and your competitive strengths for each fellowship you have listed that requires nomination (we'll call these "your fellowships" in this application). These are extremely competitive awards; make clear how you will ground your argument that you meet the selection criteria. [5,000 chars. max.]

[Rule #1 of fellowship applications: Answer the separate questions but do not repeat yourself; you have limited space to use well!]

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Q6.2



**Your research.** Tell us how research that you've done or are doing helps to qualify you for the opportunity(ies) for which you seek nomination or endorsement. Make sure that you list here or on your resume all publications, papers submitted for publication, conference presentations, and other public presentations or performances. [3,000 chars. max.]

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Q6.3

**Future programs of study.** What are your post-graduate educational goals and career aspirations?

*Explain how your plans fit the requirements of your fellowship(s). Identify at least two graduate programs consistent with the general requirements of your proposed fellowship application(s). If you plan to do research, tell us what you hope to do; if there is a particular person or group with whom you want to work, tell us who it is and what you find attractive about working with them. [3,000 chars. max.]*

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Q6.4

**Talk about your leadership.**

*Every fellowship program director would tell you that their program looks for future leaders. Tell us what your fellowship(s) is(are) looking for and how you will demonstrate your leadership achievements and potential in your application. Ideally you will provide an example of your leadership and indicate how you made a lasting impact. [3,000 chars. max.]*

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Q6.5

**Additional materials.** Please see particular application for support requirements of the fellowship in which you are interested. Any additional materials should be uploaded here as a single pdf document.

*Detailed instruction for fall applications*  
[https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/1.NOM.2.001\\_Fellowship\\_Info\\_Sheet\\_Fall\\_Nomination,](https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/1.NOM.2.001_Fellowship_Info_Sheet_Fall_Nomination)  
*for spring applications*  
[https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/1.NOM.2.002\\_Fellowship\\_Info\\_Sheet\\_Spr\\_Nomination.](https://www.smith.edu/fellowships/docs/1.NOM.2.002_Fellowship_Info_Sheet_Spr_Nomination)

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▼ Submission

Q7.1

**\* ANSWER THIS QUESTION WHEN YOU ARE READY TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!!**

Yes, my answers to this application are complete (signed by typing your name below):

When I am ready to submit, I will type the word "SUBMIT" below and hit the advance button below [>>>].



