Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Fall Application for Nomination

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Where nomination or endorsement is required, we work with others on campus to make selections and provide campus support for our endorsed candidates.

US citizens may apply for all opportunities listed below. Goldwater and Udall apply a slightly broader definition of citizenship eligibility (but still focused on attachment to the US).

Fellowships Requiring Smith Nomination:

All principal fellowships requiring nomination or endorsement are listed in this quick summary, together with the main benefits of each fellowship.

Goldwater
– STEM sophomores & juniors apply – foundation weblink – information sheet
Truman
– juniors apply – foundation weblink – information sheet
Udall
– sophomores & juniors apply – foundation weblink – information sheet

Applying for Smith Support:

Make your internal Application for Smith Support using the form here: appln4support
or scan the QR link here to the right to reach the internal application

Here's what the internal application involves:
All questions – Example of email applicant gets – Example of email recommender gets
Make sure you note the requirements for "Additional Materials" for each award.

Talk with your advisers before you apply for nomination. In particular, make sure that the person you ask for a recommendation knows you are applying, why, and what you hope the fellowship will permit you to do.

Special instructions for completing the Application for Support form:

- **Goldwater: You should prepare an Application for Support form for a Goldwater on its own.**
  - If you also want to apply for a Truman, or Udall, you will need to complete a separate Application for Support (Why? Because the Goldwater focus on natural science research demands quite different responses than the others).
  - **Please register and complete the pre-application form on the Goldwater website.** Doing so will ensure you receive updates about the application from the Goldwater Foundation. Look at Goldwater's Eligibility Criteria and FAQs before you complete your Application for Support and the Goldwater pre-application.
  - **"Additional Materials": Please prepare a draft of how you would respond to the Goldwater research essay requirement.** This document should be uploaded in pdf format in response to Question 6.5 of the Application for Support. Discuss your prior or current research experience: describe the issue or problem; discuss your research methodology; discuss your findings. The research essay requirement is explained in these notes, including formatting.
- **Udall: You should prepare an Application for Support form for a Udall on its own.**
  - If you also want to apply for a Goldwater or Truman, you will need to complete a separate Application for Support (Why? Because the Udall focus on the environment is distinctive in its requirements).
  - If you are interested in the Udall, email fellowships@smith.edu to request that we register you. Please include your full name, citizenship status, class standing (sophomore or junior), and the category you are applying under (Tribal policy and Native health care are only open to Native Americans and Alaska Natives).

This will permit you to explore the application in detail and begin the application itself. A pdf of the application can be found via the foundation's application page.

- o **"Additional Materials": Please prepare a draft of how you would respond to the Udall public service prompt:** "Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your interests in the environment [or tribal public policy or Native American health care] in which you regularly participate." This document should be uploaded in pdf format in response to Question 6.5 of the Application for Support.

- **Truman: You should prepare an Application for Support form for a Truman on its own.**
  - o If you are interested in the Truman, email fellowships@smith.edu with the request that we register you. This will permit you to explore the external application in detail and – once you are selected for nomination – begin the online application itself. A pdf of the application can be found via the foundation's sample application.
  - o **Truman "Additional Materials":** Please upload as a pdf document your draft answers to Truman Q8 (discuss a particularly satisfying public service activity) and Q9 (discuss the problem or social need you want to address in public service) as your answer to Question 6.5 of the Application for Support. More details about the Truman application.
  - o If you wish to be considered for both Beinecke and Truman, please prepare your answers for Question 6.5 to be uploaded in ONE pdf document.

Deadlines:

Fellowship	Express intention to apply by …	Formal application for nomination by …	Green light to proceed with complete application	Internal deadline for complete application	Deadline for letters of recommendation [# letters required]	External deadline
Goldwater	Early November 2023	11/16/2024	12/15/2023	1/5/2024	1/19/2024 [3]	1/26/2024 (requires formal College nomination summary)
Truman	Early November 2023	11/16/2024	12/15/2023	1/5/2024	1/19/2024 [3]	2/6/2024 (requires formal College nomination letter)
Udall	November-December 2023	1/24/2024	1/31/2024	2/7/2024	2/12/2024 [3]	3/6/24

The red deadlines are the most important ones for you to work to. For nominations by the College we have to do a final review and complete nomination letters or statements. Letters require consultation with faculty and administrators after they have reviewed the complete application – the candidate's formal application and letters of recommendation. This last block of work is why internal deadlines fall well ahead of external deadlines.