

## Instructions

### **Q1.1.**

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

If your answers are "yes" and "yes," then get started on this 2016 application for nomination. These 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.

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Some great opportunities for scholarships, fellowships, and summer research experiences require formal nomination or other official support from Smith College. This short application represents your request for Smith support. Within the Clark Science Center, we oversee nominations for Churchill, Goldwater, and Udall Scholarships. If you wish to be nominated for another competitive fellowship or scholarship (including Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, please see [smith.edu/fellowships](http://smith.edu/fellowships) or contact the Fellowships Program in the Class Deans Office.

This year, we use this application for:

***\*\*Fall 2017 Nomination for a Churchill Scholarship - The Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States awards scholarships of approximately \$45,000-\$50,000 to fund one year of graduate study in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics at the University of Cambridge. Smith seniors or recent graduates who are US citizens may apply. More information: <http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org>.***

***We ask for your internal application one year in advance because you should apply for a Churchill plus one or more complementary scholarship applications to increase your chances of funding for the UK graduate program of your choice. We want to make sure you have time for the discussion, exploration, and mentoring needed to make a really great set of applications!***

***[Contact Dr. Lamb if you wish to be nominated in Fall 2016 for a Churchill.]***

***\*\*January 2017 Nomination for a Goldwater Scholarship - The Goldwater Scholarship awards up to \$7,500 p.a. to college sophomores and juniors majoring in math, science, engineering, or research psychology (not clinical). Students who are competitive for the award have had significant research experience and have plans for graduate study (aspire to a PhD or MD/PhD) and a career in research. Applicants must be US citizens, US nationals, or US permanent residents. More information: <https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/>***

***\*\*March 2017 Nomination for a Udall Scholarship - The Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation is committed to increasing awareness of the importance of the nation's natural resources. The Udall Scholarship awards \$7,000 and access to the Udall Scholars network to sophomores and juniors who are passionate about the environment (in any field), OR who are Native American and intend to pursue careers in Native health care or tribal public policy. Applicants can come from any relevant academic field. Applicants must be US citizens, US nationals, or US permanent residents. More information: <http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx>***

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**Just like the opportunities themselves, selection for nomination is competitive. The selection committees will consider whether you fit the basic requirements for application, and evaluate the competitiveness of your application for nomination (what your share in your online application and your letters of recommendations).**

**Once your online application is complete, please answer "yes" to the last question and submit your application for nomination. You and your recommenders will receive copies of your application by email. The information that you provide in this online application will be reviewed by the Clark Science Center Distinguished Fellowships & Scholarships Committee. Your recommenders will be asked to provide short, confidential letters of recommendation to the review committee.**

**If you have questions while you are completing the application for nomination, please contact Dr. Margaret Lamb, Administrative Director, Clark Science Center, Burton Hall 115, mlamb@smith.edu.**

**Good luck!**

### **Information about applicant**

**Q2.1. Last name:**

**Q2.2. Preferred first name:**

**Q2.3. Smith College email address:**

**Q2.4. Smith graduating class (choose all that apply):**

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- Check if you plan to graduate in January of the calendar year indicated.
- Check if you are an Ada Comstock Scholar
- Check if you are a recent graduate

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

**Q2.6. I am an international student:**

*Some competitive opportunities are available to US citizens or permanent residents only. Let us know your citizenship/residence status. We will either confirm your eligibility for the particular award or let you know about some wonderful opportunities for international students. (Ask Dr. Lamb to email you a copy of our information sheet: "Scholarships that Accept Applications from International Students.")*

- Yes (If you wish, briefly describe your citizenship/residence status; this will help us to advise you)

- No

**Q2.7. First major/concentration (if you have not yet declared, record "undecided.")**

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| <input type="radio"/> Astronomy                              | <input type="radio"/> Engineering                    | <input type="radio"/> Physics   |
| <input type="radio"/> Biochemistry                           | <input type="radio"/> Environmental Science & Policy | <input type="radio"/> Psychology  |
| <input type="radio"/> Biological Science                     | <input type="radio"/> Geosciences                    | <input type="radio"/> Statistical & Data Sciences                                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Biomathematical Sciences Concentration | <input type="radio"/> Mathematics & Statistics       | <input type="radio"/> Other: <input type="text"/>                                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Chemistry                              | <input type="radio"/> Neuroscience                   | <input type="radio"/> Undecided (tell us your likely major): <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="radio"/> Computer Science                       |  |   |

**Q2.8. (If relevant) Second major/concentration (declared or prospective)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science & Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Science                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Geosciences                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Statistical & Data Sciences  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biomathematical Sciences Concentration | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics & Statistics       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Neuroscience                   | <input type="checkbox"/> My choice, above on this list, has not yet been formally declared. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science                       |   |   |

**Q2.9. Please upload a copy of your unofficial Smith College transcript (attach as a pdf). Include a copy of any other relevant college transcript in the single pdf document. Your transcript information will be reviewed by the selection committee.**

**Q2.10. Current Smith cumulative GPA:****The opportunity for which you seek a Smith nomination or support**

**Q3.1. This application form serves for multiple competitions. You may use it to apply - one opportunity at a time - on multiple occasions.**

**Q3.2. Scholarship, fellowship, or other opportunity (choose only one for this online application):**

- Fall 2017 Nomination for a Churchill Scholarship -
- January 2017 Nomination for a Goldwater Scholarship -
- March 2017 Nomination for a Udall Scholarship -

**Letters of Recommendation**

**Q4.1. Name of first Smith faculty member who is willing to write a letter of recommendation for you for the internal nomination (and, eventually, the external application):**

**Q4.2. Email address of first Smith faculty member who is willing to write a letter of recommendation for you for the internal nomination (and, eventually, the external application):**

**Q4.3. Academic department of first Smith faculty member who is willing to write a letter of recommendation for you for the internal nomination (and, eventually, the external application):**

- Astronomy
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Physics
- Psychology
- Other:

**Q4.4. Name of second Smith faculty member who is willing to write a letter of recommendation for you for the internal nomination (and, eventually, the external application):**

**Q4.5. Email address of second Smith faculty member who is willing to write a letter of recommendation for you for the internal nomination (and, eventually, the external application):**

**Q4.6. Academic department of second Smith faculty member who is willing to write a letter of recommendation for you for the internal nomination (and, eventually, the external application):**

Astronomy

Biological Sciences

Chemistry

Computer Science

Engineering

Geosciences

Mathematics & Statistics

Physics

Psychology

Other:

**Q4.7. 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 or support. Note: You need to include at least one more individual (we recommend two) willing to write a letter of recommendation. We will not contact these individuals for letters of recommendation for our internal selection.**

#### **Application for Smith nomination or support**

**Q5.1. The first four questions require answers from all applicants. Tailor your answers to the requirements of the particular scholarship or opportunity. Rule #1 of fellowship applications: Answer the separate questions but do not repeat yourself; you have limited space so use it well!**

**Q5.2. Identify four important requirements of the scholarship or opportunity for which you seek a Smith nomination or Smith support. Explain how you satisfy/will satisfy these requirements. Use this as an opportunity to present your relevant experiences, academic work, and personal characteristics. (3,000 characters max)**

**Q5.3. Explain how the scholarship or opportunity would permit you to explore or clarify your career aspirations and further educational goals. (3,000 characters max)**

**Q5.4. Applications for competitive opportunities often require a "personal statement." The intention is to give the applicant an opportunity to "paint a picture of who you are and who you want to be" (Churchill Scholarship). For our internal application, use this question to write a first draft of the personal statement or answers to the more personal questions required for the opportunity for which you wish to apply. (3,000 characters max)**

**Q5.5. Please upload a copy of your resume (attach as a pdf). Make sure to include information about research experiences (including presentations and, if relevant, publications), extracurricular activities, and positions of responsibility and leadership,**

**Q5.6. CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY. Provide brief details of a program of study at the University of Cambridge for which you would like to apply. Explain why it is a good fit. It is a requirement of the Churchill Scholarship that nominees will have already applied to the University of Cambridge for admission (1,000 characters max).**

## Submission

### **Q6.1. \* 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 [ > > > ].