

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP PRE-APPLICATION 2013
DREXEL FELLOWSHIPS OFFICE

All Drexel students who wish to apply for the Goldwater MUST complete this pre-application in full and submit it to the Drexel Fellowships Office (109 Disque Hall or RBuchalter@drexel.edu) by **Monday October 29th, 2012 at 12noon.**

A set of highly qualified applicants will be invited to apply for the campus nomination, which will be due Nov 28th.

Name _____ ID # _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Major _____ Minor/Concentration _____ GPA _____

Expected Degree(s) _____

Expected Graduation (circle) 2013 2014 Other

Citizenship _____

Briefly describe your educational and career plan.

Do you have significant undergraduate research experience? (Briefly describe)

Do you have, or expect to have, undergraduate publications and/or conference presentations? (Briefly list).

List the people you expect will write your letters of recommendation, including title and department or organization. **Indicate the one you expect will write for your Internal Application**, due on Nov. 28th.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Other awards you are interested in applying for.

Signature

Date

GOLDWATER APPLICATION PROCESS 2013
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Steps and Dates in the Drexel Goldwater Application Process

October 29, 2012, 12 noon	Required pre-application due to Drexel Fellowships Office.
November 28, 2012, 12 noon	Internal application due to Drexel Fellowships Office.
November 30, 2012	Nominees announced.
January 10, 2013, 10am	Nominees' completed applications due to Drexel Fellowships Office
Jan 11 or 14, 2013	Goldwater Campus Committee interview with Nominees
January 28 th (approx.), 2013	National Goldwater Foundation deadline.

FAQ

What is the Pre-application? Why do we need to do this?

Given increasing numbers of Drexel students interested in applying for Goldwater, the Goldwater Pre-application is a way to certify that you are a strong candidate for Goldwater before you even begin completing an official application. Highly qualified, pre-certified candidates will be invited to submit applications for university nomination (due Nov.28th).

What's in the Internal Application?

The Internal Application is a reduced form of the final Goldwater application. The application requires three short answer questions, your CV or resume, one letter of recommendation, and a transcript (unofficial is OK). From these materials, the Committee will select four nominees and one alternate, announced on Nov 30th.

I've heard that Goldwater 'won't even consider you' with less than a 3.8 GPA. Is this true?

Sort of. Officially, Goldwater requires a B average or better. And while it is true that the vast majority of Goldwater Scholars are in the 3.8-and-above range, every year there are a handful of exceptional recipients that fall below that, sometimes by a good margin. These candidates usually have exceptional research experiences and/or publication records. (Nearly all Goldwater scholars intend to pursue a PhD and many have peer-reviewed publications.)

Is it true that I no longer need my high school transcript and SAT scores?

Correct, these are no longer needed for Goldwater applications.

I'm confused by...the application process, how to put together a resume, etc. Who should I contact for help?

You have three go-to sources for advice and support on your Goldwater application. They are:

1. The Goldwater website: www.act.org/goldwater;
2. Your research mentor(s) – you should be in close contact with this person throughout the application process.
3. Rona Buchalter, Director of the Drexel Fellowships Office: rbuchalter@drexel.edu. She can answer questions about application processes, read drafts, and so on.

Can you help me with applications for...NSF GRFP, NASA MUST, Fulbright, etc?

Yes. Make an appointment with the Drexel Fellowships Office: fellowships@drexel.edu.