



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION – WINTER 2023

This document contains a list of required application materials, information, and tools you can use to construct an effective application. Descriptions listed by individual award can be found here: <https://www.biology.washington.edu/programs/undergraduate/awards>

If you are applying for multiple award categories, please include all materials required *for each category*. The “Award Type” is listed for each scholarship or award. Please refer to link above for the full list of award offerings and descriptions.

- **Scholarships:** provide tuition support and require demonstrated financial need and a copy of your FAFSA
- **Research Awards:** support research expenses and registration/travel for conferences
- **Prizes:** these have no expenditure restrictions and can be used at the student's discretion, but have specific requirements (see Ingrith Deyrup-Olsen Award and Franco Award)

Application requirements:

- 1) **Basic, Personal Information (online)**
- 2) **Summary Questions (online).**
- 3) **Current CV (PDF):** Including all awards and scholarships you have received to date
- 4) **Transcript (PDF):** Include an unofficial copy of your most recent transcript, accessible to you via MyUW
- 5) **If you are applying for any SCHOLARSHIP or PRIZE,** include a **1-page** personal statement that describes your interest in biology and why you would be a deserving recipient of this scholarship. ***What we want to know:*** how this scholarship will impact your progress toward your degree or career, what steps have you taken to show that you are working on your goals, and how you intend to use your degree in the future.
- 6) **If you are applying for any RESEARCH-RELATED AWARD (PDF),** include a **2-page** proposal that includes **1)** a description of the research you will be conducting, including an objective and why the proposed research is of broad interest, **2)** what role you will play in the proposed project and what training and/or



support you will receive, **3**) how this research would benefit your career goals, and **4**) an itemized budget table and budget justification. *What we want to know:* how and why your research addresses an important problem; how this award will impact your progress toward your degree or career; and if your methods, analysis, and budget are reasonable and match the aims. Make sure to check the specific award you are applying to for the typical size of the awards.

For travel, include the location, dates, and purpose of your travel. The proposed budget and budget justification should include travel expenses and/or research supplies. (Remember to include such expenses as shipping costs and taxes.) For costs associated with travel, use the UW's travel rates, which can be found online: www.washington.edu/admin/finserv/travel/.

- 7) **For Franco apps only (PDF)**, submit your work in the form of a scientific paper, including title, abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion, and references.

- 8) **Faculty Recommendation:** Please direct your faculty advisor and/or another UW faculty member (as applicable) to the following website to submit their answers in support of your application towards your award(s): <https://forms.gle/b3guUEjnUZDG6j1u8>. Be sure to inform your faculty member of which award(s) you are submitting your application and how you plan to use your award, so that they can answer the questions on the Faculty Recommendation Form accurately. Note that the faculty member will have the option of submitting a standard letter of support, but the required questions in the Google Form will ask for specific information, namely:
 1. Why you would be a good candidate for the award
 2. If the research award will provide funding that otherwise cannot be supported by their lab
 3. What role you will play in the research project (if applicable)

- 9) **FAFSA (PDF):** If you are applying for a scholarship, please submit a FAFSA for the academic year in which you are requesting funding. **Demonstrated financial need is REQUIRED for all scholarship and internship applications.** *NOTE: International students are ineligible for scholarships, as your FAFSA will return as "no need".

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

COMPLETE THIS FORM: <https://forms.gle/u33EY8DB42eTQd7c7>

Application materials should be submitted as a SINGLE DOCUMENT:

- Files should be named with your *last name and first initial* (e.g., if your name is John Smith, you would name your file SmithJ.doc).
- Faculty Recommendations can be submitted directly by the faculty member via this online form: <https://forms.gle/b3guUEjnUZDG6j1u8>

ALL application materials must be received by **Monday, January 30, 2023 by 4:00pm.**

****Late applications will *not* be accepted.**



Winter Application Materials Checklist:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Unofficial Transcript
- Research Proposal or Paper (*varying content depending on award, research applicants only*)
- Personal Statement (*scholarship applicants only*)
- Faculty Recommendation from UW faculty member (*sent to directly to link above*)
- FAFSA (*scholarship applicants only*)

