

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP PRE-APPLICATION 2014
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 by **Friday October 25th, 2013 at 12noon** (109 Disque Hall or RBuchalter@drexel.edu).

A set of highly qualified applicants will be invited to apply for the campus nomination, which will be due November 25th.

Name _____ ID # _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Major _____ Minor/Concentration _____ GPA _____
Expected Degree(s) _____
Expected Graduation (circle) 2015 2016 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. 25th, if you are invited to apply for nomination.

1.

2.

3.

Other awards you are interested in applying for:

Signature

Date

**GOLDWATER APPLICATION PROCESS 2014
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Steps and Dates in the Drexel Goldwater Application Process 2014

October 25, 12 noon	Required pre-application due to Drexel Fellowships Office.
November 25, 12 noon	Internal application due to Drexel Fellowships Office. Invited applicants only.
December 2	Nominees announced.
January 9, 2014, 10am	Nominees' completed applications due to Drexel Fellowships Office
Week of Jan 13, 2014	Goldwater Campus Committee interview with Nominees
January 28 , 2014, 5pm	National Goldwater Foundation deadline.

FAQ

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

Given Drexel's recent track record of success with Goldwater, we have more students each year interested in applying. Given Goldwater's criteria, there are some baseline accomplishments that make for strong candidates. The goal of the pre-application is to quickly identify highly-qualified candidates to proceed to the Internal Application for University nomination, which will be due November 25th.

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 possibly one alternate), announced by December 2nd.

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 yet, the average GPA of Goldwater applicants is a 3.8 and the average of Scholars is a 3.95. That said, every year there are a handful of exceptional recipients that fall below that. These candidates usually have truly exceptional research experiences and/or publication records. (Nearly all Goldwater scholars intend to pursue a PhD and many have peer-reviewed publications.)

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, DAAD RISE, Fulbright, etc?

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