



Summer Scholars 2018 Application

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The Summer Scholars program funds Tufts undergraduates to pursue ten-week independent research projects in which each student works closely with a faculty mentor to create a poster that s/he will present at a poster session in the fall. Summer Scholars then present the next stage of their research at a public forum on campus. Often, the summer project will culminate in the student's [Senior Honors Thesis](#).

The application consists of the following sections:

- A series of short-answer questions
- A 1-2 page CV or resume
- A copy of your transcript(s)
- A brief abstract, in accessible language, free from jargon or acronyms (100 words or fewer)
- A 750-word project proposal that you author yourself
- A letter of collaboration, co-authored with your faculty mentor
- A signed copy of the [Program Requirements](#)
- Two letters of recommendation, sent directly to anne.moore@tufts.edu

Eligibility:

- Tufts undergraduates in their second or third year at the time of application
- Minimum GPA of 3.0

Students and faculty are each limited to **one application**.

You may go back and change previous answers at any point while working on this application.

All materials are due by 5 PM, March 2, 2018

If you have any questions, please direct them to Anne Moore, Program Specialist in Scholar Development. She can be reached at anne.moore@tufts.edu or (617) 627-5808

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Last Name



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First name

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■ Q3 Faculty Mentor (Last name, First name)



■ Q4 Mentor Department



■ Q5 Project title



■ Q6 Major



■ Q7 Year of Graduation



■ Q8 GPA



■ Q9 Gender



Male

Female



Non-binary/ third gender

Prefer to self-describe

Choose not to answer

Q10 Race/Ethnicity

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino/a
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Other
- Choose not to answer

Q11 Check here if you wish to be considered for a summer housing scholarship. These scholarships are available to students receiving Tufts financial aid; winners will be placed in Campus Housing for the first and second summer sessions with a meal plan free of charge and will also receive the full Summer Scholars stipend.

Yes

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Q12 Abstract:
This summary of your project should be easily understood by someone outside your field of study. Please refrain from using jargon or unidentified acronyms. (1000 characters)

Q13 Please attach a 1-2 page resumé or curriculum vitae. Only include information and experience that is relevant to your experience as a researcher. (Word or PDF files only)

No file chosen

Q14 Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript (unofficial transcripts are fine). (Word or PDF files only)

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Q15 What previous experiences have prepared you for the research you propose here, and how? (1500 characters max)

Q16 Independent research calls for a great deal of self-directed motivation and high organizational skills. Describe a time in your life when you balanced competing demands and followed through on a challenging project. (1500 characters max)





Q18 How do you envision this experience impacting your long-term career or educational goals? (750 characters)





Q21 The Summer Scholars program aims for a diverse representation of student experience at Tufts. Please share with the committee any important details about your background or experience that have shaped your intellectual perspective. (1500 characters)





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Q19 **Project Proposal.** In 750 words or less (including captions), describe your proposed research project. Please address the following questions:



- What research question do you hope to answer through this work? How does this question address a current issue in your field of study?
- What previous work/theories in your field do you hope to build on? What new questions do you hope to pose?
- What will be your research methods? (Interviews: Who are you interviewing and why? Textual analysis: What texts do you plan to read, and how? Experiments: What's your experimental design? Artistic practice: describe your process.)
- What's at stake in your project? What larger issue or question are you hoping to address, and/or what new knowledge are you helping to create/discover?
- What is the anticipated product of your research? (e.g. the literature review section of your senior thesis, an academic paper that you plan to present at a conference, a performance or series of performances, a documentary film or video)

Q20 **Please attach PDF of your research proposal here**

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No file chosen



Q22 **Letter of Collaboration.** The student and the faculty mentor should *co-author* a letter which addresses the following topics:

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- The ways in which the student's and mentor's research interests overlap
- Means and frequency of advising by mentor during the summer
- Outline of mentor expectations of student over summer (and beyond if applicable)
- Expectations for those involved with the project, including graduate students or post-docs, if applicable

Q23 Please attach a PDF of your letter of collaboration here. The letter should be signed by the student and the faculty mentor.



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Q25 Please fill out and sign the Summer Scholars Program Requirements and attach a PDF of the signed copy below. This form will serve as a contract if you are selected as a Summer Scholar.



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Q27 Does your research involve human subjects?

Yes



No



Condition: No Is Selected. Skip To: Does your project require travel outs....

Q28 If your research involves human subjects, is it exempt from federal regulations?

Yes



No

Q29 If your research is exempt from federal regulations, please indicate the appropriate exemption number (1-6)



Q30 If your research is not exempt from federal regulations, please list the IRB approval number or indicate the anticipated date of its review. (Month and date is sufficient)



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Does your project require travel outside the United States?

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Yes

No



Condition: No Is Selected. Skip To: Please have two letters of recommenda....

Please read [this overview](#) of the Tufts policy on international travel for Summer Scholars

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LETTER OF AFFILIATION

Please include a PDF of a signed letter on letterhead from an official at a supporting institution in your host country. Acceptable affiliates include universities, NGOs, government ministries, and research institutions. The letter should indicate how this organization will support you in your research (access to local populations or archives, administrative support such as a desk and printer, etc.)

Please attach a PDF of your affiliation letter here. The letter should be signed and on official letterhead. Copies of email correspondence are not sufficient.

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Please have two letters of recommendation sent directly to anne.moore@tufts.edu. These letters should be addressed "Dear Selection Committee" and should come from someone familiar with your skills as an independent researcher. **Neither letter can come from your faculty mentor or anyone associated with that lab, and at least one letter needs to come from a Tufts faculty member.**

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Please list the names and email addresses of both your recommenders below.

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ATTENTION! This is the final page of the application. Before hitting the "next" button, be sure to go back and double check your answers.
If you have any questions about the application, please contact anne.moore@tufts.edu or call (617) 627-5808

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