

# APPLYING FOR CAMPUS NOMINATION | BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

Interested students must complete the campus nomination process and be selected to represent the University of Iowa as an institutional nominee. The University of Iowa's Undergraduate Fellowships Committee may nominate up to four students for the national competition each year.

- ❖ For more information on the **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**, visit <https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org>

Our Campus Nominees are selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- ✓ Evidence of academic and intellectual achievement – UI Applicants should have at least a 3.7 GPA
- ✓ Experience conducting research at the undergraduate level
- ✓ Demonstrated vision and leadership within their chosen fields of study
- ✓ Clearly articulated plans to pursue graduate work in the STEM fields
- ✓ Prospective MD/PHD candidates are acceptable if the medical degree is necessary to conduct research in the chosen field with credibility.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR CAMPUS NOMINATION APPLICANTS:

All Applicants for Campus Nomination MUST submit the following components to the UI Undergraduate Fellowships Committee by the established campus deadline.

- A complete Application for Campus Nomination form** – All information and essays entered into the form should be formatted with single spacing, using an 11-point San Serif font (Calibri or Segoe UI are preferred).
- A DRAFT Research Proposal** – Two page limit, including citations – Please format using single spacing and 11-point font. There is more information about this piece inside the Application for Campus Nomination Form.
- A MINIMUM of TWO Letters of Recommendation** - The UFC Nomination Committee requests that each campus applicant invite two writers to submit letters for review at this stage of the competition. Three letters of recommendation are required for Institutional Nominees, but only two are required for the campus nomination application. The nominating committee welcomes the submission of the third letter whenever possible and appropriate, but we will not penalize applicants with only two letters.
  - Primary Investigator/Research Supervisor REQUIRED** for Campus Nomination
  - UI Faculty Perspective on Academic Ability and Intellectual Curiosity REQUIRED** for Campus Nomination
  - The third letter can focus on either your academic or research potential – Letters from other faculty or research investigators are preferred, especially for third year candidates. **Recommendations from faculty or staff outside of the STEM fields are not appropriate for the Goldwater competition.**

**Not sure of the deadline?** Visit our [Goldwater Opportunity Profile](#) or check out our full [deadline schedule](#).

## SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION FOR CAMPUS NOMINATION

To submit a complete Application for campus nomination, students and referees should follow the steps outlined below:

- Campus applicants should share electronic versions of your Application for Campus Nomination Form and DRAFT Research Proposal with me by emailing the PDF files to [kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu](mailto:kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu) in a SINGLE message titled "YOUR Last Name, YOUR First Name – 2017 Goldwater Scholarship Campus Application".
- Referees are asked to submit their draft recommendations to [kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu](mailto:kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu) by 12 NOON on the established campus deadline. To view a formatted sample letter, visit our visit our "Supporting Recommenders" page at <https://honors.uiowa.edu/supporting-recommenders>.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If campus applicants or referees are not able to meet the established deadline, they should contact the Director of Scholar Development prior to the campus deadline to request an alternate deadline. She will evaluate each request individually, but reserves the right to deny a request if it will impede the committee's ability to conduct the endorsement process in a timely manner.

### UI Institutional Representative:

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