

ARCS (Achievement Awards for College Scientists) Application Guidelines - 2012-13 School of Humanities & Sciences

Description

The ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Students) Scholar Award is intended to recognize, honor, and encourage outstanding students who have a record of past achievement, who show exceptional promise of making a significant contribution to the scientific and technological strength of the nation, and have a proven need for financial assistance to complete the educational program in progress.

Eligibility

- Must be a registered student for the entire school year (Fall, Winter, Spring).
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be enrolled full-time in Applied Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics (Statistics is not eligible).
- Have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
- Have a proven need for financial assistance to complete the educational program in progress.

Questions about eligibility should be directed to Ayodele Thomas (ayodele.thomas@stanford.edu; 650-724-3712).

Application Procedures

COMPLETED ARCS applications must be submitted **online** by the deadline listed below. Incomplete applications **WILL NOT** be considered and **applicants are urged to arrange for support letters early in the application process**. The H&S Dean's Office will screen, through its own review procedures, the applicants forwarding to the VPGE, three highly qualified nominations. Final selections should be made by mid-April and confirmed by the ARCS organization by May.

The online application can be found by going to <http://gus-humsci.stanford.edu> and clicking on the "Graduate Student Funding" link on the right. Instructions for using the Online Fellowship Application can be found at the end of this document.

A complete online application will include the following:

1. Online Student Profile and application (see instructions that follow)
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Two letters from faculty (one of which should be from your academic advisor). (You can send your recommenders instructions on submitting letters when you initiate your online application).
4. Upload a brief outline of the dissertation research project (of no more than 1000 words).
5. Upload copy of current transcript (unofficial AXESS transcript saved as HTML, JPG, or PDF)

**Deadline for Application:
March 2, 2012 (midnight)**

Instructions for using the School of Humanities & Sciences Online Fellowship Application 2011-12 Academic Year

You may apply for the following awards using these instructions: *GRO, Eisenhower/Roberts, Lurcy, Lieberman (Natural Sciences & Social Sciences), ARCS, Pigott and Kwoks*. For the Mellon, Whiting, and Lieberman in the Humanities & Arts, apply through the Stanford Humanities Center:
<http://shc.stanford.edu/>.

The online application can be found by going to <http://gus-humsci.stanford.edu> and clicking on the "Graduate Student Funding" link on the right. (Direct link is <http://www.stanford.edu/dept/humsci/cgi-bin/gus/content/current-funding>).

There are four steps for submitting an online application. Links for all 4 steps can be found on the "Welcome Page" when you log into the online application.

1. *Edit your student profile*. This single profile will be used with all applications submitted with this system. Please make sure that it remains up to date.
2. *Initiate a new application*. This step should only be completed once each year for each fellowship/award. If you accidentally create a duplicate application, you will be able to delete the duplicate when you go to edit your applications.
 - Note that only the Lieberman, ARCS and Pigott are Fellowship/Award type: "Nomination" and require a nomination from your department. All other awards are "Open" and anyone meeting the fellowship guidelines can apply.
3. *Edit existing applications*. Once you have initiated a new application, you will be able to go back and edit it as many times as you would like before the application deadline. There is no separate process for your final submission of the application (i.e. no "Submit" button). Once the application deadline has passed, all applications on file will be reviewed in their current status.
4. *Request recommendation(s)*. Once you have entered your recommender information in your application, you can request that an email be sent to your recommender(s). We recommend following up with your recommender(s) to make sure that they received the request.

File Format

All files should be submitted as Word (*.doc or *.docx), PDF (*.pdf), or JPG (*.jpg) files. When you update your application, you should receive an e-mail message confirming that the application was updated that lists submitted files.

Questions: Contact gus-helpme@stanford.edu