



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION – AUTUMN 2026

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://biology.washington.edu/awards-scholarships>

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, on Google Form)
- 2) **Summary questions** (online, on Google Form)
- 3) **Current CV (PDF):** Including all awards and scholarships you have received to date
- 4) **Unofficial Transcript (PDF):** Include a copy of your most recent transcript, accessible to you via MyUW
- 5) **Notice of Financial Aid Offer (PDF):** If you are applying for a scholarship, please submit your FAFSA for the academic year in which you are requesting funding. Your “Notice of Financial Aid Offer” letter from the Office of Student Financial Aid is sufficient documentation. **Demonstrated financial need as determined by the Office of Student Financial Aid is REQUIRED for all scholarship applications – a FAFSA application alone does not confirm financial need.**

If you receive financial aid from the UW, your aid package is determined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Your Total Budget (Cost)} \\ - \text{Your Total Resources} \\ \hline \text{Your UW Need} \\ \\ \text{Your UW Need} \\ - \text{Any UW financial assistance} \\ \hline \text{YOUR REMAINING NEED} \end{array}$$



If your remaining need is '0', you may need to work with the Office of Student Financial Aid to reduce existing aid in order to accept any Biology awarded funds.

Regardless of whether you are applying for a scholarship, research award, or prize, if you receive financial aid of any kind, we strongly recommend that you check with the Office of Student Financial Aid to see how a Biology departmental award will affect your need package.

*NOTE: International students are ineligible for scholarships, as your FAFSA will return as "no need".

- 6) **Personal Statement and/or Research Proposal (PDF):** Outlined below are the different personal statements and research proposals required for each award category. If you are applying for multiple scholarships and/or awards, please remember to include ALL the required materials for each category.
- i) **If you are applying for any SCHOLARSHIP**, include a **1-page personal statement (PDF)** that describes your interest in biology and why you would be a deserving recipient of this scholarship. Pay close attention to the scholarship descriptions and tailor your statement to the purpose of the scholarship(s) you are applying for (only one personal statement needed, even if applying for multiple scholarships). ***What we want to know:*** how this scholarship will impact your progress toward your degree or career, what steps you have taken to show that you are working on your goals, and how you intend to use your degree in the future.
 - ii) **If you are applying for any RESEARCH-RELATED AWARD**, include a **2-page proposal (PDF)** 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 amount 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/
 - iii) **If you are applying for the Franco Award**, submit your work in the form of a **scientific paper (PDF)**, including title, abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion, and references.
- 7) **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/YpnNC8igifJQBt27>. 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:** this year, we are removing the option to submit a letter of recommendation, as the required questions in the Google Form will ask for all the necessary information, namely:
- i) Why you would be a good candidate for the scholarship/award



- ii) If the research award will provide funding that otherwise cannot be supported by their lab
- iii) What role you will play in the research project (if applicable)

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

COMPLETE THIS GOOGLE FORM: <https://forms.gle/Wyt1kfMJF16LrPfVA>

Application materials should be submitted as a SINGLE DOCUMENT:

- Personal statements and research proposals should be formatted with 1" margins, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, and be no less than single spaced.
- 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.pdf")
- Faculty Recommendations can be submitted directly by the faculty member via this online form: <https://forms.gle/YpnNC8igifJQBrT27>

ALL application materials must be received by **Friday, October 23rd, 2026 by 4:00 PM.**

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

FALL APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST

Submitted in this order via PDF to the Google Form:

- ☐ Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Unofficial Transcript
- ☐ Notice of Financial Aid Offer Letter from OSFA for the **current academic year** (*scholarship applicants only*)
- ☐ Research Proposal or Paper (*varying content depending on award; for research applicants only*)
- ☐ Personal Statement (*for scholarship applicants only*)

Other tasks:

- ☐ Faculty Recommendation from UW faculty member (*sent directly to link above*)
- ☐ Get in contact with the Office of Student Financial Aid to understand how a departmental scholarship/research award/prize could potentially affect your financial need package