

Barry M. Goldwater 2013

Campus Process, Timeline, Basic Guidelines

SUMMER:

- complete sample application (see <http://www.act.org/goldwater/apply/facrep.html> - in addition to the application, read every page on the [Goldwater website](#))
- consider best recommendation writers, contact them (all should be in student's field or related field).
- plan project proposal, including reading about topic
- if you are not engaged in research, investigate latest research in your field
- update resume
- send for any non-Pitt transcripts

SEPTEMBER

September 1: REGISTER ONLINE, BEGIN GOLDWATER APPLICATION ONLINE

- Select "University of Pittsburgh" as your current academic institution

PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

NOTE: all letters should be from faculty in your field or related field and PIs from any of your significant research experience.

- put together recommendation packets for recommendation writers. Please read description of packet on scholarships website: <http://scholarships.honorscollege.pitt.edu/recommendationletters.html>
- follow all instructions on website re: acquiring strong letters of recommendation
- include guidelines for writing and submitting Goldwater recommendation letters (<http://www.act.org/goldwater/apply/pdf/GoldRecommendation.pdf>) in packets for each of your writers. READ THOSE GUIDELINES SO YOU ARE AWARE OF WHAT YOUR WRITERS SHOULD DO.

OCTOBER

- continue working on application and 2-page research proposal; find faculty with expertise to review proposal (can be your research mentor) and get on their calendar to discuss their feedback.
- make appointments to review application with Judy for the last half of October and again in beginning of November.

DECEMBER

First Campus Deadline: December 3

- applicants submit completed application online; send research proposal to Judy Zang via email.
- bring in hard copies of transcripts (unofficial Pitt, official all other transcripts) to Judy Zang, CL 1229.

--recommendation letters also due December 3! However, faculty should submit letter VIA EMAIL to Judy Zang, jaz36@pitt.edu. Instruct them NOT to submit it online.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 10

--campus selection committee meets, selects four nominees.

--all applicants notified of status.

--during winter break, 4 nominees continue to tweak applications to incorporate feedback from Goldwater selection committee

JANUARY

--4 nominees continue to finalize applications

--**January 21st: FINAL CAMPUS DEADLINE.**

Everything submitted online (nominees are finished with their work on applications).

--also on Jan. 21st: *recommendation letters for 4 nominees must be now be submitted online* (make sure your writers keep the email prompt with instructions from Goldwater Foundation on how to submit/upload letter to online system).

LATE MARCH

2013 GOLDWATER SCHOLARS ARE ANNOUNCED