Application Process for Nationally Competitive Fellowships and Scholarships

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| Talk to the campus advisor.*Find out if this is the right fit for you.**Learn about the strategies for this application.**Find resources (sample applications, past applicants).* | **Create a fellowships dossier.** *Research past winners: What are their characteristics?**Make a checklist of application components and dates.**Assess your interest, time, and fit before you continue.* | **Put together your application.***Write essays, get feedback, and revise – then repeat.**Ask recommenders for letters.**Don’t forget about the application itself: transcripts, resume,*  | **Turn everything in by the deadline(s).***Campus deadlines are 1 month (or more) before national deadlines.**Note whether items should be uploaded or mailed as hard copy.**Notify recommenders of their deadlines.**.* | **Prepare for the interview.***Know if an interview is required and what form it might take.**Ask the campus advisor and past applicants for tips.**You might be required to travel for the interview.* | **Await notification.***Know when the awards are announced.**Most awards take 3 to 6 months to determine recipients.**Have a plan for your next steps.* |
| *When to start: 3-6 months before deadline(s)* | ***Do this before moving on to step 3.*** | ***How many drafts? Usually close to a dozen.*** | ***Deadlines are FIRM.******Get your app in early.*** | ***Schedule interview prep at least 2 weeks in advance.*** | ***Good luck!*** |

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