

# The Beckman Scholars Program

## Summer 2009 – Summer 2010

### Supporting Information

To apply for the Beckman Scholar program, you need to complete an online application form, linked from our website <<http://research.cm.utexas.edu/beckman/>> and supply the supplementary material listed below.

**Your application form and supporting material are due by noon, Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009** to the Chem/Biochem undergraduate course office (WEL 2.212), or by email to the Beckman Scholar Director ([DrRuth@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:DrRuth@mail.utexas.edu)).

1. Do you have any lab research experience? For each experience, list the location of that research, when you did it and for how long, the name of your supervising scientist, and in one paragraph describe the research and what you personally contributed to it.
2. Are you a co-author on a scientific publication? Have you presented your research in front of an audience? If so, please list the relevant information for us.
3. If you do not win a Beckman Scholarship, what do you plan to do during the summer break? Would you be interested in getting into a lab to do research (for credit, not pay)? In what scientific field? If you are awarded a Beckman Scholarship, please describe any dilemmas you may have with your current summer plans.
4. Provide a printout of your current course schedule for this semester.
5. Write a single page essay mentioning the following topics:
  - Your reasons for pursuing your major
  - Your thoughts on graduate school
  - Your current ideas on what your future holds for you
  - The growth of your interest in science
  - Your motivation for research.
6. (Optional, but recommended) Include a letter of recommendation from someone familiar with your class or lab work, or your recommender may send it by the due date to [DrRuth@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:DrRuth@mail.utexas.edu)

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All people who submit an application will be contacted by email by early April and be told whether or not they successfully made it to the semifinal round. Semifinalists will have a further round of application to complete. Finalists will be interviewed in the last week of classes, and final selection of this year's Beckman Scholars will be made before the last class day. For assistance in completing your application, you may contact the Beckman Scholar Director, Dr Ruth Shear at [DrRuth@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:DrRuth@mail.utexas.edu). Additional copies of this information may be downloaded from our website, listed at the top of this page.