

The Beckman Scholars Program

Summer 2015 – Summer 2016

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. **By noon, Monday April 6th, 2015, your application form must be completed and supporting material needs to be submitted** by email to the Beckman Scholar Director (DrRuth@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, or will you soon be, 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) A letter of recommendation from someone familiar with your class or lab work sent by the due date to DrRuth@utexas.edu

All people who submit an application will be contacted by email by April 10th 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 by the last class day. For assistance in completing your application, you may contact the Beckman Scholar Director, Dr Ruth Shear at DrRuth@utexas.edu. Additional copies of this information may be downloaded from our website, listed at the top of this page.