Pre-selection Application Form

Purpose:
The HHMI International Student Research Fellowships are designed to facilitate the research training of outstanding international predoctoral students (who are ineligible for fellowship or training grant support through federal agencies) in the biomedical or related sciences, including physical and mathematical sciences. Further information about this fellowship, can be found on HHMI’s website: http://www.hhmi.org/grants/individuals/intl_fellows.html.

Fellowship Description:
HHMI will award three-year fellowships to students while they are engaged in their doctoral dissertation research. Continuation beyond the initial year will be contingent upon an annual assessment showing the fellow has made appropriate academic and research progress towards their degree.

For the 2015-2016 fellowship year, HHMI will provide each fellow a $30,000 stipend. Each fellow will also receive an annual educational allowance of $3,000 which may be used for health insurance, health care expenses, books and supplies, journal subscriptions, computer-related expenses, travel to scientific meetings, professional dues, tuition for special courses, and other purposes relevant to the fellow’s study. HHMI will also provide an annual $10,000 institutional allowance for tuition and fees. The Graduate School will provide any remaining tuition not covered by the institutional allowance.

Eligibility:
Eligible students are international graduate students in the biomedical or related sciences who:

- have demonstrated exceptional talent for research,
- are in the second (or third) year of graduate study,
- have entered a laboratory in which they will conduct their dissertation research, and
- are not U.S. citizens, noncitizen nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S.

*Eligible biomedical related fields include biology, chemistry, physics, math, computer science, engineering, and plant biology - as well as interdisciplinary research.*

Predoctoral students pursuing a joint professional and doctoral degree are eligible, but will only be supported during their Ph.D. research and study (i.e. M.D./Ph.D. program)

*Note: Preference will not be given to students who are working in an HHMI lab or who are under the mentorship of an HHMI investigator or HHMI early career scientist.*

Nomination Process:
UNC Chapel Hill can only nominate seven graduate students each year for the HHMI International Student Research Fellowships and uses a pre-selection process to determine those 7 nominees. Your department may nominate 2 students for consideration in the pre-selection process. **Departmental nominations are due October 15, 2014.** Please note that departmental review and approval are required prior to nomination to The Graduate School. You should check with your department for its internal deadline. You must complete your application early enough for your department to nominate you to The Graduate School.

The Graduate School will notify the seven selected nominees by November 14, 2015 and then submit the list to HHMI by their deadline of November 18, 2014. HHMI will provide the individual applicants information needed to complete an
online application, which is due to HHMI by 2:00pm February 12, 2015. HHMI will send out award notifications in June 2015.

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Each academic department/program can nominate a maximum of two students each year for these fellowships. Each applicant should submit an original pre-selection application including the following items to their academic department before their internal departmental deadline. If your department selects your application, they must nominate it by submitting an electronic copy of your application and associated materials to The Graduate School via email by October 15th, 2014.

A complete pre-selection application includes, in this order:

1. **Signed and completed pre-selection application form**
2. **A Summary of your proposed dissertation research - no more than five pages, including citations**
   In preparing this application, please remember to write to an audience of faculty reviewers who may not be very familiar with your specific field or discipline. Your narrative should be written without jargon or technical, field-specific language.
   
   The summary should include a description of your intended dissertation research as well as an explanation of the significance and innovation of the intended research project, a limited bibliography of key references, and a list of any publications (including submitted or in press) or presentations resulting from the thesis research.
3. **List of Research Experiences - no more than 2 pages**
   Include dates, project summary, and your role in the project. When describing research experiences, the applicant should make very clear his/her intellectual and physical contributions. If applicable, a list of publications or presentations resulting from each research experience should be included.
4. **Curriculum Vita - no more than 2 pages**
   Include relevant honors, awards, and professional activities; list publications, presentations, and posters.
5. **Unofficial Graduate Transcripts**
   For more information on printing unofficial transcripts, please visit the Registrar’s [website](#).
6. **GRE or MCAT scores**
7. **Letter of Recommendation from your dissertation advisor – no more than 1 page**
   The recommender should include a specific description of the applicant’s role in developing and implementing the project, and his/her contribution to any publications which might have already come from the project. The letter should also address the significance and innovation of the intended research project.

**Format:**
The Summary of your Proposed Research must be double-spaced, with 12 point font, 1-inch margins, pages numbered, and the applicant's name on each page (references can be single spaced). The list of Research Experiences and Curriculum Vita must have 12 point font, 1-inch margins, pages numbered, and the applicant's name on each page. Applications will not be considered if they exceed the page limit and/or the proper formatting is not followed.

**Deadline:**
Academic departments should submit an electronic copy of the completed pre-selection applications for their nominees (no more than two) to Julie Montaigne, Fellowship and Funding Manager, via email at julie_montaigne@unc.edu no later than October 15, 2014.
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Departmental Nomination Due: October 15, 2014

Name: ______________________________________ PID: ________________________

Department/Program: ________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________ Year entered program: ______________

Home address: ____________________________________________________________________________

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Gender: __________ Country of citizenship: _________________________________________

Research Area: _______________________________________________________________________

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Dissertation advisor: ______________________________________

Dissertation Advisor email: _____________________________________

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Director of Graduate Studies/Chair Name: ________________________________________________

Signature Director of Graduate Studies/Chair: ____________________ Date: __________