

Sample Application Form 2026

- *This sample application form is provided for guidance only.*
- *This is not the official application form for Schmidt Science Fellows (cohort 2026) and some sections, specific instructions and word limits may vary.*
- *Applications for Schmidt Science Fellows (cohort 2026), may only be submitted via the online platform using a designated access link.*
- *Please note that all application fields are text-only format and you may not add figures or graphics.*
- *For queries, please contact nominations@schmidtsciencefellows.org*

Preliminary Information

PhD Details

PhD - Primary research discipline
PhD - Secondary research discipline
PhD keywords – Enter 1 to 5 keywords that describe your PhD research
Date of completion / expected completion of PhD
PhD dissertation title
Nominating Institution

Research Statements

PhD Details

Provide a brief description of your PhD research (in up to 5500 characters).
Provide a lay summary of your PhD research (in up to 750 characters)

Future Research Plans

Pivot - Primary research discipline
Pivot - Secondary research discipline
Pivot keywords – Enter 1 to 5 keywords that describe your PhD research
Title for the Fellowship Research Proposal
Provide an outline of your Fellowship Research Proposal (in up to 7000 characters)
Describe the new tools and skills you will need to develop to achieve the goals of your pivot (in up to 1500 characters).
Describe how your proposed Fellowship research represents an interdisciplinary pivot from your PhD (in up to 1500 characters).
Describe the potential for short- and long-term impact (in up to 1250 characters).
Provide a lay summary of research proposed during your Fellowship (in up to 750 characters)
Provide 1 – 2 short sentences to describe how you hope your research can make a positive impact on the world (in up to 200 characters)

Options for Placement

General goals for placement

Describe your general goals for Placement (in up to 1500 characters).

Placement options 1 to 3:

Please propose **three** potential options for where and with whom you could undertake the research outlined in your Fellowship Research Proposal. Please note these are **not binding** at this stage.

PI and/ or Group

Country

Institution

Describe your reasons for consideration (in up to 1250 characters).

Achievements, Personal and Collaboration Statements

Scientific Highlights

Describe up to three of your most significant contributions to science (in up to 2250 characters)

Collaboration

Describe your approach to collaboration, highlighting any experience you might have participating in or leading collaborations and explaining how you will approach initiating collaborative ventures in the future (in up to 1500 characters)

Personal Statement

Describe your personal motivations and interests and how the Schmidt Science Fellows program would benefit you (in up to 3700 characters).

Academic History

Postgraduate studies

PhD Institution Name if different from Nominating Institution
Department
PhD start date
Optional PhD transcript upload

Previous Postgraduate Degrees

Institution name
Degree/qualification obtained or studying for
Result/grade/classification/GPA
Main subject(s)/major(s)
Start date and completion date
Please upload your additional Postgraduate degree transcript if available (optional).

Additional Postgraduate Institutions can be added if required

Undergraduate Studies

Institution Name
Degree/qualification obtained or studying for
Result/grade/classification/GPA
Main subject(s)/major(s)
Start date and completion date
Please upload your Undergraduate transcript if available (optional).

Additional Undergraduate Institutions can be added if required

Publications

Persistent Identifier

Persistent Identifier, such as ORCID ID, Researcher ID or other – if you have one.
ID Number

Published Research

Please include all papers/manuscripts that are published in a specific journal or conference proceedings only.

Publication Year
Journal Name
Your position in Author list
Author(s)
Article title
Link or paper upload

Articles in Press

*Please include all papers/manuscripts that have been **accepted** in a specific journal.*

Publication Year
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Article title
Link or paper upload and please upload letter from the journal confirming acceptance of paper

Preprint Articles

Please include all manuscripts uploaded to a preprint repository which have a permanent identifier, such as a Digital Object Identifier (DOI).

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Articles in Preparation or Submitted

Please include all papers/manuscripts that are under preparation or submitted but not yet accepted and that you expect to be published within the next year.

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Author(s)
Article title
Summary of paper
Link or upload a copy of the manuscript, summary, or abstract if no link is available.

Other Outputs

Please provide details of any other outputs you wish to highlight, e.g. book chapters, patents, software, data, but NOT poster presentations or copies of your previous dissertations).

Type (Book chapter, patent, software, data, other)
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Please only upload other output files - if absolutely necessary.

Notes

This section is optional, and many applicants will leave it blank. Please note that reviewers do not see this section directly.

Is there any other information that you would like to let the program team know regarding your application?

Letters of Recommendation

Please enter the contact details of 3 to 5 recommenders, **one of which must be your PhD supervisor**.

Recommender Title, First Name, Family Name, Email, Role

Once the invitation is submitted, the Recommenders will receive an email invitation to send in their recommendation.