

To be eligible for a nomination as a Schmidt Science Fellow, you must expect to receive your Ph.D. between May 2026 and May 2027. Please submit the following materials in a single pdf to [GSASadministrativedean@yale.edu](mailto:GSASadministrativedean@yale.edu), **no later than noon on Friday, April 24** (A single letter of recommendation from your primary thesis advisor can be submitted separately to the same address by this deadline).

1. Schmidt Science Fellow internal application coversheet.
2. A description of your dissertation research with an emphasis on why the research represents a significant advance in the field and current/future benefits to society (up to one page).
3. Short, one or two paragraph statements addressing the six criteria listed in the pdf (up to a total of two pages).
4. A statement (up to one page) describing what field, different from the dissertation field, you plan to study and a tentative research plan. **Applicants who are not planning a significant shift in discipline should not apply for the Schmidt Fellowship.**
5. Updated CV or resume.
6. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's dissertation adviser addressing the six selection criteria in the pdf. The letter should be submitted to [GSASadministrativedean@yale.edu](mailto:GSASadministrativedean@yale.edu) directly by the adviser, separate from the rest of the application packet.

Applicants will be notified by mid-May as to whether they have been nominated by Yale to the Foundation. Nominees will be given instructions to register their intent to apply. They will then have until July 13, 2026 to submit a full application directly to the Foundation.

Additional information can be found at <https://schmidtsciencefellows.org/>.

Students who are considering applying for the Schmidt Fellowship may wish to send an email to [Robert.harper-mangels@yale.edu](mailto:Robert.harper-mangels@yale.edu) to note their interest.