Application Process for Nationally Competitive Fellowships and Scholarships

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| Talk to the campus advisor.  *Find out if this is the right fit for you.*  *Learn about the strategies for this application.*  *Find resources (sample applications, past applicants).* | **Create a fellowships dossier.**  *Research past winners: What are their characteristics?*  *Make a checklist of application components and dates.*  *Assess your interest, time, and fit before you continue.* | **Put together your application.**  *Write essays, get feedback, and revise – then repeat.*  *Ask recommenders for letters.*  *Don’t forget about the application itself: transcripts, resume,* | **Turn everything in by the deadline(s).**  *Campus deadlines are 1 month (or more) before national deadlines.*  *Note whether items should be uploaded or mailed as hard copy.*  *Notify recommenders of their deadlines.*  *.* | **Prepare for the interview.**  *Know if an interview is required and what form it might take.*  *Ask the campus advisor and past applicants for tips.*  *You might be required to travel for the interview.* | **Await notification.**  *Know when the awards are announced.*  *Most awards take 3 to 6 months to determine recipients.*  *Have a plan for your next steps.* |
| *When to start: 3-6 months before deadline(s)* | ***Do this before moving on to step 3.*** | ***How many drafts? Usually close to a dozen.*** | ***Deadlines are FIRM.***  ***Get your app in early.*** | ***Schedule interview prep at least 2 weeks in advance.*** | ***Good luck!*** |

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