

2026 Call for Applications

Why Apply?

Our Fellowship enables the world's best emerging scientists to **pivot from their PhD discipline and pursue their goals through bold interdisciplinary research.**



Are You Eligible?

- PhD in natural sciences, engineering, math, or computing.
- Complete all requirements for the conferral of your PhD between **May 15, 2025, and June 30, 2026**, and start your Fellowship in July or October 2026.
- Be nominated by your PhD institution.

What Will You Receive?

- **Generous support:** \$110,000 per year for up to two years of postdoctoral research.
- **Science Leadership Training and Mentorship:** Tailored professional development to help you grow as a leader.
- **Lifelong Fellowship:** A stimulating, caring and collaborative community.



Next Steps

Contact your university coordinator.
To find out who this is, please contact nominations@schmidtsciencefellows.org

Key Dates

- Application opens: **May 8, 2025**
- Preliminary details due: **May 29, 2025**
- Application deadline: **July 14, 2025**

Sample Application Form 2026

This is the external application form. Do not submit this form for your internal Dartmouth application for this limited opportunity.

- *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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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

Previous Postgraduate Degrees

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.

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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).

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Notes

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

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

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

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| Recommender Title, First Name, Family Name, Email, Role |
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Once the invitation is submitted, the Recommenders will receive an email invitation to send in their recommendation.