

**INTERSTELLAR RESEARCH GROUP
DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM 2025**



PURPOSE: The Interstellar Research Group “was created to foster and assist the study, research and experimentation necessary to make human interstellar travel a reality, with untold benefits to life on Earth,” said IRG President Emeritus John Preston. “We can imagine no better way to demonstrate that goal than the creation of these scholarships, helping new generations of thinkers, builders and explorers to set their sights on the stars.”

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION 2025

1. The application time period for the scholarship is September 15, 2024, to December 15, 2024, at 5 pm EST. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
2. The application must be typed. Do not leave any items blank.
3. Refer to the criteria below for eligibility requirements.
4. Applications that are not in compliance with these instructions will not be considered.
5. Application is to be emailed to:

Scholarship Committee
scholarship@irg.space

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025

1. Applicant must be a full-time student accepted to or enrolled in an accredited program that awards Doctoral graduate degrees for the fall of 2025.
2. Applicant must be a resident of the United States.
3. Areas included can be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) related fields, ecology, social sciences, environmental, business, health, law, agriculture, food sciences, computer science, education, construction, and any degrees which can be applied to interstellar space travel missions and to help establish successful civilizations.
4. Open to doctoral graduate students enrolled at a university in the United States.

APPLICATION PROCESS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025

1. Completed application form and emailed by deadline.
2. A brief (one page) explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information, in .docx format (Word).
3. A 2,000 to 2,500-word essay on the student’s research and its application to achieving interstellar missions, in .docx format (Word).
4. List name of any colleges you have attended, year started, year ended.
5. Describe community service projects you have done and any student activities involvement (positions held, how you were involved): [can be included in biographical information.
6. A copy of transcripts.
7. A copy of your acceptance letter.
8. Please include your last name when saving the document name before emailing.

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Section 1: Student Information

Applicant's Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____

Resident of the United States/US Territories: _____

University: _____

Advisor: _____

Degree Program: _____

Dissertation Title: _____

Section 2: Authorization

I certify that the statements and information provided in this application package are true to the best of my knowledge and grant my permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the Interstellar Research Group, judges, and the scholarship donors. Furthermore, I understand that if awarded the Interstellar Research Group Scholarship, I am required to submit proof of enrollment in a university by September 1, 2025, or the scholarship will be forfeited. I understand that the scholarship check will be mailed to the Bursar Office of the College/University I am attending.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____