

2024 BECKMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Description of the Beckman Scholars Program:

Funded by the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, the [Beckman Scholars Program](#) (BSP) is a 15-month mentored research experience for exceptional undergraduate students in chemistry, biological sciences, or interdisciplinary combinations thereof. The UW Oshkosh Beckman Scholars Program will accept six Beckman Scholars over the next three years, taking in two new scholars annually (2024, 2025, 2026). Beginning this summer, selected Beckman Scholars will conduct research alongside a [named Beckman Mentor](#) and receive a stipend of \$18,200 over the course of the Program.

Prior to submitting Beckman Application:

- Schedule at least one appointment with [Cordelia Bowlus](#), the Beckman Scholars Program Manager.
- Meet with a [prospective Beckman Mentor](#) who is willing to support your application. Discuss the project you wish to participate in.
- Identify at least one faculty member willing and able to write a recommendation on your behalf.
- Complete the Beckman application (this document) and write a personal statement (500-750 words), articulating your motivation for working with said mentor, personality characteristics you possess that make you suited to become a Beckman Scholar, course work and experiences that have prepared you to conduct research, and how being a Beckman Scholar will advance your short and long-term goals.

Application Checklist

- Submit the following documents to Cordelia Bowlus:
 - Signed Affirmation of Eligibility Form (Below)
 - Completed and signed Application (Below)
 - Personal statement
 - [Support of Applicant Form](#) from proposed Beckman Mentor.
 - One [Recommendation Form](#) from a faculty member other than your proposed BSP Mentor

Deadline: March 11, 2024

Email or drop off completed applications:

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BECKMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM: AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

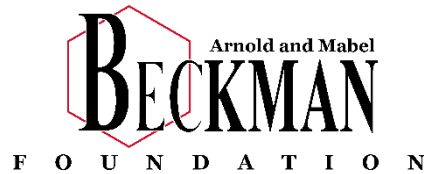
**If you can respond YES to ALL of the statements below,
you meet the basic eligibility requirements.**

Yes	No	
		I am a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its possessions or hold a DACA recipient status.
		I will, for the duration of BSP, be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate majoring in chemistry, biochemistry, the biological and medical sciences, or some interdisciplinary combination of these subjects.
		I am in good academic standing, ideally with a 3.0 or higher GPA. <i>Note: If your GPA is below a 3.0, please provide an explanation with your application.</i>
		I plan to pursue a career in science and am interested in obtaining a PhD, MD, MD/PhD; or other scientific pursuits.
		A UWO Beckman Mentor has agreed to be my mentor and to support my application.
		I am able to commit 40 hrs/wk during the summers of 2024 and 2025 and will be able to commit 10 hrs/wk during the fall and spring semesters of this project.
		I will not graduate prior to May 2025. If I graduate in May 2025, I will be able to continue my work as a BSP scholar through the end of August 2025.

My signature below certifies that I have carefully read all of the above statements and can affirm that I meet the eligibility criteria.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH — BECKMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2024 APPLICATION

*Please provide the following information. All information is confidential.
If you are concerned about any of the questions asked on this form,
please contact the Beckman Scholars Program Manager.*

General Applicant Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle I: _____

Student ID#: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Legal Sex: Male Female

Preferred Gender Identity: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Local (campus) Address:
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Permanent (parent) Address:
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Two emergency contacts.

- Emergency Contact Name: _____
Emergency Contact Phone: _____
Relationship to you: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
- Emergency Contact Name: _____
Emergency Contact Phone: _____
Relationship to you: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Academic Information

Where did you begin your undergraduate studies? _____

When did you begin your undergraduate education (mm/yyyy)? _____

What is/are your major(s): _____

Your minor(s) or certificate programs: _____

Total number of credits completed: _____ Number of credits this semester: _____

Current academic advisor: _____

Department: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ (If your GPA is below 3.0, please provide an explanation.)

Classification: Sophomore Junior Senior Super Senior

Anticipated month and year of graduation: _____

Have you ever participated in any of the following programs? Check all that apply.

- Upward Bound Math/Science
- Pre-College
- TAP
- Talent Search
- Student Support Services
- McNair
- UWO Honors Program
- Other: _____

Extracurricular Activities & Obligations

In each box, write the number of hours per week you currently are enrolled in each activity.

Extracurricular Activity	Position and/or Type of Activities/Work	Hrs/week
On Campus Employment		
Off Campus Employment		
Honor Societies		
Professional Organizations		
Sorority or Fraternity		
Volunteer Work		
Other		

Are there any activities/circumstances that may on occasion interfere with your ability to participate in the Beckman Scholars Program? Some examples include military drills/duty, care for a family member, and concerns about reliable transportation. Please note: Listing concerns will not exclude your application from being considered. Rather this knowledge will help your Mentor and the Beckman Scholars Program Manager work to support you, should you be selected to be a Beckman Scholar.

Demographic Information

First-Generation College: Yes No

Note: Neither parent nor guardian of a first-generation college student completed a bachelor's degree.

Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Resident (*documentation may be required*)

Ethnicity or Cultural Group:

Asian American Southeast Asia Alaska Native African American Caucasian

Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Native American Other: _____

Family Information

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Does this individual live with the family?

Yes No

Preferred pronoun: She He They

Highest level of education (check one):

- Some high school
- High school diploma
- Some college
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Other: _____

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Yes No

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- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree

Other: _____

Special Circumstances

Are you a US Military Veteran? Yes No

Are you in ROTC or Active Reserves? Yes No

Do you have a physical or learning disability? Yes No

If yes, please specify: _____

Do you have any other special circumstances we should know about?

Research Mentorship and Project

Who has agreed to be your Beckman Mentor?

Name: _____ Department: _____

Title of Project: _____

Commitment to Graduate Education

What will be your first anticipated semester of enrollment in graduate studies? _____

What will be your field of study in graduate school? _____

Please assess your current commitment to graduate education (check all that apply):

- I am thinking about graduate school and would like help in exploring my options.
- I plan to go to graduate school but not immediately after graduation.
- I will go to graduate school immediately after graduation but will need financial assistance.
- I will go to graduate school immediately after graduation, with or without financial assistance.
- I am determined to get a master's degree, but I am not certain about a PhD.
- I am determined to get a PhD and/or an MD
- Other: _____

Personal Statement

Please address the following prompts in your personal statement. Your statement must be typed, double-spaced, 500-750 words, and must discuss the following:

- your motivation for working with said Beckman Mentor;
- personality characteristics you possess that make you suited to become a Beckman Scholar (See <https://www.beckman-foundation.org/about-foundation/7-rules-success/>);
- course work and experiences that have prepared you to conduct research;
- how the experience will advance your short and long-term goals.

Certification

I certify all the above information to be true, and I hereby authorize the Beckman Scholars Program to obtain any education records and information, as deemed appropriate by the Beckman Scholars Program Manager.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name

Email or drop off completed applications:

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