

RCPRS Upperclass Student Application

Hunter R. Rawlings III Cornell Presidential Research Scholars

Instructions

Be sure to read the RCPRS Application Criteria before applying. Students who do not meet the minimum requirements will not be considered.

Application components

1. **Student Information Record:** This is primarily contact and mentor information. You will complete this online.
2. **Research Proposal:** In consultation with your research mentor, you will prepare a 1,200 word (~3 page) research proposal. See details toward end of application. You will upload your proposal as a .pdf to this online application.
3. **Statement of Interest:** Your 750-word statement of interest should include why you are interested in research, in RCPRS, how it fits into your career goals, and how this opportunity might open doors for you. Upload your statement as a .pdf to this online application
4. **Resume:** Upload as a .pdf in this online application.
5. **Transcript:** You will upload a copy of your transcript as a .pdf. If you transferred into Cornell or took courses elsewhere, you will also need to upload any other transcripts.

All components of the application, including faculty nomination, must be received by **May 2** (11:59pm EST).

Helpful hints for completing this application: If you close the application before you finish, it will be saved automatically. When you return to your application, it will bring you to the last question you answered. You should use only one device and the same browser to complete your application; you will not be able to start where you left off on a different device. We recommend that you write your proposal and essays in Word then copy onto the application. Once you click "submit" at the end, you will not be able to make any more changes. Until you click "submit," your application is considered incomplete. All inquiries should be directed to RCPRS or call 255-8595.

Student Information

Student First Name:

Student Last Name:

Net ID:

Cornell ID (7-digits):

Student CU Email Address:

Brief statement of research topic: In 3-5 words, how would you summarize your research? (E.g., "stealth marketing," "robotic arms," "democratization in West Africa"). *This is not the same as your research title.*

College Information

Student College:

Major:

Cumulative GPA:

Graduation Date:

Permanent/Home Address Information

Permanent Street/Mailing Address:

Permanent City:

Permanent State:

Permanent Country:

Permanent Postal or Zip Code:

Research Mentor/PI Information

Mentor First Name:

Mentor Last Name:

Mentor NetID:

Mentor College/Unit:

Mentor Department:

Other Questions

Are you a member of any of the following programs?

(Please note, the Cornell Commitment programs are mutually exclusive; if admitted to RCPRS, you will need to resign from Meinig or Tradition. This may also be the case with other programs on campus; you may want to check.)

- Biology Research Scholars
- College Scholars
- Cornell Tradition Fellows
- Dean's Scholars
- OADI Scholars
- Meinig Family Cornell National Scholars
- Mellon-Mays Scholars
- Other (details)

If you have received any prestigious fellowships or scholarships (e.g., Udall, Goldwater, etc.), list them here.

Are you a transfer student?

Will you be on campus during the upcoming fall semester?
If not, where will you be?

Do you plan to be enrolled at Cornell and on campus in Ithaca for at least 3 remaining semesters?

Do you plan to graduate early?

Submit Required Documents (.pdf only)

You must include your full name at the top of every uploaded document. Be sure to include your name in the filename as well: last_first_(and name of document)

Research Proposal

Prepare a proposal (3 page/1,200 word maximum; single-spaced, 1 inch margins, 10-12 pt font) that includes the following information:

1. Title
2. Description of the proposed project
 - Explain why the project is important.
 - What is/are the question(s) you are attempting to answer? How will you go about finding answers?
 - Briefly discuss relevant literature and/or previous work in the area done by you or others. This need not be an extensive literature review but is intended to provide context; 8 sources maximum.
3. Timeframe for carrying out this research. Membership in RCPRS is for 2 years, including the summer between jr-sr years, so this should be taken into consideration.

Please note, your sources should fit within the 3-page limit. Any graphics (maximum one additional page) should be included in your uploaded document.

IMPORTANT: Your proposal will be read by a diverse group of reviewers, so write for a wide-ranging audience. Avoid excessive use of jargon or field-specific terms. Your ability to communicate with a diverse audience is one of the criteria upon which your proposal will be evaluated.

Statement of Interest

Prepare a statement of interest (750 word maximum) that addresses the following:

- Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Hunter R. Rawlings III Cornell Presidential Research Scholars program?
- How will you contribute to this community of scholars? What would participation in RCPRS mean to you?
- What doors or opportunities do you anticipate membership in RCPRS would open for you? Why does undergraduate research of scholarly study interest you?
- How does it fit in with your career goals and future plans?
- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Please note that we are looking for your statement of **interest in RCPRS**-- not research in general.

Additionally, please answer the following questions (100 word maximum, in the same document): How does summer research fit into your plan? How would you hope to make use of the Research Support Account?

Upload your **resume**. 2 page maximum.

Upload your **transcript**. You can request a copy of your transcript via Student Center or directly through the bursar's office. *Do not include instructions or cover pages.*

If you transferred into Cornell or took courses elsewhere, please upload your **other transcript(s)** here.

Thank you for your interest in the Hunter R. Rawlings III Cornell Presidential Research Scholars Program.

By submitting this application form, I acknowledge that I am applying to be a Hunter R. Rawlings III Cornell Presidential Research Scholar. I affirm that I have completed and reviewed the responses to the application and agree that the information is correct. I understand that if I knowingly have given false or misleading answers to these questions, I will jeopardize my eligibility for membership in RCPRS.

Once this application form has been submitted, the application will be considered final. I may not be able to submit any additional information.

Any questions regarding the application process should be directed to RCPRS or call 255-8595.

PLEASE NOTE: If you were nominated by a faculty member and received an invitation to apply from RCPRS, your application is now complete.

If you began the application process independently or if you did not receive an invitation to apply from RCPRS, it is your responsibility to ask your faculty research mentor to submit a recommendation here.

All Materials are Due May 2.