

# 2017 MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP CAMPUS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

## Description

The Mitchell Scholarship Program, named to honor former US Senator George Mitchell's pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, is designed to introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland, while recognizing and fostering intellectual achievement, leadership, and a commitment to community and public service.

Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars between the ages of 18 and 30 are chosen annually for one academic year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland.

Applicants must be nominated by UCLA's Mitchell Scholarship Committee to be considered as applicants by the Mitchell Scholarship Commission.

The June 30 campus deadline allows the campus committee to review applications carefully and select those nominees who seem most competitive before the Mitchell Scholarship Program's September 29, 2017 deadline. Applications received after this date will be accepted at the discretion of the Scholarship Resource Center.

## Eligibility requirements. Applicant must be:

- A U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States prior to and including at least 5 years of the application deadline.
- Be 18 years of age or older, but not yet 30, on September 29 of the year of application (those who turn 30 on September 29th are not eligible).
- Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholar. Degrees from international accredited universities are acceptable, if all other conditions are met.
- While married applicants or applicants with partners are accepted, no allowance is made for the expenses of an applicant's spouse, partner, or dependents. It is important to note that the relevant government agency may require spouses or partners who are non-EU citizens to enroll full-time and prove financial resources for the year or to obtain a work permit before seeking paid employment in Ireland. Please check with the Department of Foreign Affairs (Ireland) for details.

## Selection criteria

There is no single thing the committee is looking for in a Mitchell Scholar. Successful applicants have documented evidence of significant achievement in:

- Academic excellence
- Leadership

- Commitment to community and public service

Successful candidates have come from a variety of large and small universities both public and private, as well as the workforce.

START EARLY. Carefully read the “[Information for Applicants](#)” on the Mitchell Program website before completing the application. The UCLA Scholarship Resource Center provides individual advising to help students prepare competitive applications. **We suggest that you meet with us to discuss your application plans and your profile. However, per the Mitchell Scholarship Program requirements, we will not advise you on or review your application essay / personal statement.**

**To apply for a University nomination, you must submit the following materials by Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> to the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center (233 Covel Commons):**

- A copy of your Mitchell Scholarship application, including the personal statement. The personal statement must conclude with the following statement, followed by your personal signature: “I attest that this essay is my own work and is wholly truthful. Neither it nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application.”
- An annotated resume that details your research experience, honors, and awards. Click [here](#) to learn how to prepare an annotated resume.
- Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. For the campus application, these may be unofficial. (If you receive UCLA’s nomination, you will submit official transcripts with your full application in Sept.)
- Two letters of recommendation. These can be submitted with your application or can be emailed directly to Dr. Rebecca Blustein at [rblustein@college.ucla.edu](mailto:rblustein@college.ucla.edu). As with all other materials, the letters must be received by June 30, 2017.
- The names and affiliations of the additional two people from whom you will request recommendations if you are selected as a UCLA candidate for the Mitchell Scholarship.

PLEASE PAPERCLIP YOUR MATERIALS.

**NOTE: The number of letters of recommendation, resume requirement, or essay topic may differ between campus application requirements and application requirements. DEADLINE: Friday, June 30, 2017. Applications received after this date will be accepted at the discretion of the Scholarship Resource Center.**