THE HORACE W. GOLDSMITH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The purpose of the Goldsmith Scholars Program at The City University of New York is to identify and support Macaulay students for whom graduate education is an essential foundation of their aspirations. These high achieving students are then guided through their application process, with special emphasis on applying for national scholarships and fellowships to pursue graduate studies.

We are looking for students with a focused sense of their academic program and an innovative approach to their discipline. The specific field of study is less important than the passion, creativity, and initiative the student has demonstrated—and the faith placed in the student by his/her professors and academic advisors.

Goldsmith Scholars receive guidance on the graduate school and fellowship application processes, as well as coaching in personal essay writing and interviewing. Scholars benefit from hands-on instruction and mock-interviews with Goldsmith Scholars who have won major scholarships.

Scholars will also participate in other special events such as a Goldsmith overnight retreat to the Harvard Forest, and will develop a yearly Goldsmith Speaker Series. In addition, the Goldsmith Scholars will be eligible for a group leadership grant to fund public service projects developed by the Scholars themselves. These group projects and events will help build an enriching sense of intellectual camaraderie among the Scholars.

Application materials, including faculty recommendations may be mailed or e-mailed to Dr. Mike Lamb, Macaulay’s Scholar-in-Residence. Please review the instructions for submitting the letter of recommendation and writing the personal statement.

Please note: If accepted into the program, you must be available during four Sundays in the Spring of 2016 to attend the Personal Essay Writing Workshop with Cameron Stewart. It is anticipated that the program will involve a time commitment of 6-10 hours per semester, in addition to an overnight retreat to the Harvard Forest, which takes place during the fall, approximately a year after selection.

The entire application must be submitted by Friday, October 16, 2015 to:

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Horace W. Goldsmith Scholars Program Application Sheet

Name__________________________________________________________

Campus________________________________________________________

Year of Graduation _____________

Majors and Minors __________________________________________

GPA___________ Credits Accumulated__________________________

Intended Field of Graduate Study___________________________________________________

Graduate Degree Goal (please circle) MA/MS MPH MPA PhD MD JD

Recommending Faculty Member___________________________________________

Signature of Academic Advisor___________________________________________

Directions for submitting your letter of recommendation:

Your letter of recommendation may be mailed directly by the faculty member to Mike Lamb, Scholar-in-Residence, to the address given above (if mailing, please provide your recommending faculty member with the attached letter of recommendation form and a stamped, pre-addressed envelope) or can be emailed to mike.lamb@mhc.cuny.edu

Directions for writing your personal statement:

The personal statement is your opportunity to inform the selection committee about yourself. We are interested in the evolution of your academic interests as well as the personal qualities that would make you a strong candidate for this program. Fellowship committees will assume that their applicants are excellent students; they are looking for the unique, personal spark indicating that an applicant will make a unique contribution in his/her field.

In your personal statement you should address your interest in the Goldsmith program and explain specifically how you think it will further your development. The essay should include: (1) a brief description of your personal and academic journey leading to college (2) references to experiences—college courses, as well as community service and leadership activities—that have been particularly significant in shaping your intellectual development and in helping you define and attain your goals; (3) reference to any significant research planned, in progress, or completed; and (4) a sense of your future plans—What do you plan to do this summer to prepare yourself for your future goals? What do you hope to be doing five years from now, and how will graduate study help you attain your goals?

The statement should be approximately two double-spaced pages.
Application Checklist:

- Resume
- Personal Statement
- Application Sheet (Signed by Academic Advisor)
- Recommendation from faculty member
Horace W. Goldsmith Scholars Program
Faculty Recommendation Form

**Applicant:** Please provide the information below.

Applicant’s Name (print) ____________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________________

Phone number: __________________________    Email _________________________________

**Referring Faculty Member:** The individual named above is applying for the Goldsmith Scholar Program at the Macaulay Honors College. Your comments and assessment of the applicant’s abilities are important to the selection process. Please provide your candid assessment of the applicant’s academic abilities, special qualities, particularly in terms of leadership and/or research, and potential to undertake graduate work. (You may write your recommendation on a separate sheet of paper, if you prefer. If so, please attach this information page as a cover.)

Signature ________________________________________________________________________

Name (print) ____________________________ Date _________________________________

College ______________________________ Title _________________________________

Phone ______________________________ Email _________________________________