The EEB Scholars Program will occur in conjunction with the Graduate School's Prospective Ph.D. Preview (P3) program. While applications are submitted through a unified platform, some additional clarification is provided to aid EEB Scholars applicants. Please follow the instructions provided below when completing your application.

1. To apply to the EEB Scholars Program, applicants will need to complete the online application and make sure to select "Ecology and Evolutionary Biology" under “Field of Study Selection” in order to be considered for acceptance as an EEB Scholar.

2. Under “Other Areas of Interest” please state EEB subfields that particularly interest you. This is indeed optional, but we encourage you to indicate your interests here, this will make it possible for us to match you with faculty/grad students who share your research interests, where possible.

3. The pre-doctoral fellowship is a one-year, fully funded fellowship that includes an offer of regular admission to the sponsoring doctoral program the following year. The fellowship is intended for students who would benefit from an additional year of training before formally entering the sponsoring departments' PhD program.

4. The EEB Scholars Program is not an application for admission to Princeton EEB, and the meetings that successful applicants have with faculty are not interviews. This simply allows us to note that you have expressed an interest in a faculty member’s research.

* These instructions are for page 2 of the online application form. See the next page of this document for further instructions.
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### Recommendations

**One (1) letter of recommendation is required** (info on online application form incorrect)

Letters of recommendation should be written by someone who is equipped to address your potential and promise as an independent, curious scientist. Who knows you best as an individual and as a scientist? Who has seen you face a challenge and overcome it, or grow in some capacity?

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### Personal statement

The personal statement should include information that will highlight an applicant’s personal and professional experiences and goals. You should discuss your academic interests and aspirations, and how your academic or research experiences have shaped these interests. What would you like to study in a PhD program? What research questions are you interested in answering, or are you answering currently?

Where appropriate, describe examples of how you have overcome challenges/adversity.

We understand that as budding scientists, applicants will come from a range of backgrounds with varying research experience. A lack of previous opportunities will not affect your chances of being selected for the program, your personal statement is an opportunity to share what drives your passion for science and how you believe participating in the EEB Scholars program will benefit you.

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### Transcripts

**For the initial online application, an unofficial transcript is fine.** Applicants advancing to the final stages of the selection process will be asked to submit an official copy if they have completed a course of study. If the applicant is still enrolled in a course, unofficial transcripts will be accepted.