

# EEB Scholars Application Guide

## About the program

The EEB Scholars Program will be held in conjunction with the Graduate School's Prospective Ph.D. Preview (P3) program. Acceptance into the EEB Scholars Program will assume automatic participation in the P3 general programming session, including a dinner hosted by the Graduate School.

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.

**If you are reading this guide, it means you are submitting your application June 15th or later, using the new system. Please follow the instructions below when completing your application.**

## Document submission

You are required to submit a CV, a personal statement and your academic transcripts to the EEB Scholars team via email. Please send these documents to us in a single email at [eeb.scholars@princeton.edu](mailto:eeb.scholars@princeton.edu). Each file should not exceed 2MB. Include your name and "Documents for EEB Scholars Application" in the email subject.

Please ask your recommender to transmit their letter to the EEB Scholars team at [eeb.scholars@princeton.edu](mailto:eeb.scholars@princeton.edu). The email subject should be your name and "EEB Scholars Letter of Recommendation".

## Areas of interest (Q6)

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.

## Letter of Recommendation

**One (1) letter of recommendation is required.** 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?

## 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.

## 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.