



# Scholarships

## Mitchell Application Process: 2018- 2019

### Program Goal

The Mitchell Scholarship supports young Americans of high ability to study a degree in Ireland. A Mitchell Scholarship supports one academic year of post-graduate study in any discipline offered at institutions in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Students with a strong record of scholarship, leadership, and commitment to service are encouraged to apply. Each year approximately twelve students are selected as Mitchell Scholars.

### Eligibility

U.S Citizen

College Seniors & recent graduates with a 3.7 GPA or higher who plan to study in a program at an institution in Ireland or Northern Ireland

### Working with the Office of Scholarships & Fellowships

The Office of Scholarships supports all of FIU's Mitchell Applicants. Assistance is offered in the form of individual student meetings to discuss candidacy and project ideas, essay construction and revision assistance, and technical support. Material resources include Mitchell writing guides, Mitchell Reference letter guides, and interview preparation. Contact:

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### Evaluation and Selection of Fellows

A Mitchell candidate must be endorsed by an institution at which he or she has completed two years of full-time undergraduate or postgraduate study.

Candidates may apply in one region only; either that in which they have their permanent home address or ordinary place of residence/employment, or that in which they are studying. Semi-finalist will be called for Skype interviews in late October. Finalist will be asked to interview in Washington, D.C. in November.

Scholar announcements will take place in late November. Crucial factors in the selection of Mitchell Scholars include: A candidate's choice of course, choice of university, and academic and personal aptitude.

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| March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018  | Pre-Application Deadline  |
| March 30 <sup>th</sup> 2018 | CAMPUS DEADLINE (4:00PM): All application materials submitted on <a href="http://fiu.academicworks.com">fiu.academicworks.com</a> |
| Early April 2018            | Candidates Interviewed by the Mitchell Scholarship committee  |
| September 29, 2018          | Application deadline for Endorsed Candidates  |
| Late October                | Semi-Finalist Skype interviews  |
| Late November               | Regional committee Interview  |



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*Pre-Application:* To be considered for a Florida International University nomination, candidates must submit the following application materials, no later than Thursday, March 1st 2018 on [FIU.AcademicWorks.com](http://FIU.AcademicWorks.com). This pre-application deadline ensures priority in working on application materials and reviewing student qualifications.

1. Names and email addresses of five to eight recommenders
2. A short dated list (maximum length: two pages) of principal activities, honors, prizes, scholarships, offices held, athletic record and extracurricular interests (Academic Resume)

*Campus Application Deadline:* Mitchell Candidates must be endorsed by their college or university. Candidates must submit all application materials, no later than 4 p.m. on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The campus deadline is a hard deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered for university endorsement after this date.

A completed application includes:

1. Completed Draft of the online Mitchell Application (which includes the following):
  - a. Four (4) electronic letters of recommendation
  - b. Official/Unofficial college transcripts (from all colleges attended or FIU)
  - c. Video Interview and 1000 word personal statement

The Mitchell application system is online and can be accessed by visiting <http://www.usirelandalliance.org/content/368/en/Application%20is%20Open.html>. Candidates are strongly encouraged to review the instructions on the website.

All internal application materials should conform to application guidelines determined by the general Mitchell Application. Students should complete the application, in its entirety, ensure all references have submitted their letters online, and submit the application to the Mitchell Program Adviser electronically by using [fiu.academicworks.com](http://fiu.academicworks.com) no later than 4 PM, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. *Incomplete applications will not be considered by the FIU Mitchell Faculty Committee.* Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Office of Scholarships. Email: [scholarships@fiu.edu](mailto:scholarships@fiu.edu)