



Mitchell Application Process: 2017-2018

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 writing guides, reference letter guides, and application and interview preparation. For More information regarding the Mitchell scholarship please 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.

July 20, 2017	Priority Deadline Pre-Applications Due (4:00 p.m.)
Aug. 23, 2017	CAMPUS DEADLINE (4:00 p.m.): All application materials submitted to fiu.academicworks.com
Mid Sept.	Candidates interviewed by the Mitchell Scholarship Committee.
Mid Sept.	Candidates notified if selected by FIU for endorsement.
Sept. 29, 2017	Application Deadline for Endorsed Candidates.
Late Oct	Semi-finalist Skype interviews
Late Nov	Finalist weekend



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Internal Application Procedure

Pre-Application: To be considered for a Florida International University nomination, candidates must submit the following application materials, no later than **Thursday, July 20, 2017**. **This pre-application deadline ensures priority in working on application materials.**

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

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 Wednesday, August 23, 2017**. **The campus deadline is a hard deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered for university endorsement after this date.** A completed application includes:

1. Complete Mitchell application
2. Four electronic letters of recommendation
3. Official college transcripts (from all colleges attended)
4. 1000 word personal statement
5. Video interview

The Mitchell application system is online and can be accessed by visiting <http://www.us-irelandalliance.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 Scholarship Application.

Students should complete the application, in its entirety, ensure all references have submitted their letters online, and submit the application to the Marshall Program Adviser electronically by using fiu.academicworks.com **no later than 4 PM, August 23, 2017.**

Incomplete applications will not be considered by the FIU Mitchell Faculty Committee. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Office of Scholarships.