**SYNAPTIC SCHOLARS SPRING 2018 APPLICATION**

*Thank you for your interest in the Institute for Global Leadership’s Synaptic Scholars Program! We look forward to reading your application and getting to know you.*

*The application deadline is* ***11 April 2018 at 11:59pm.*** *Please use this document as a template and submit your final application in MS Word (.doc) format.  Email your completed application to tuftsynaptics@gmail.com , with your FirstName\_LastName as the title (e.g. Jane\_Doe.docx). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at that address. Now, sit down with a cup of tea and your favorite playlist, and enjoy responding to our questions below!*

**PART I | PERSONAL INFO**

Full Name:

Age:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Hometown(s) (City, State, Country):

Intended major:

Class Year:

**PART II | SNAPSHOT**

**In one sentence or less**, please respond to whichever of the following prompts you find interesting and be as true to yourself as possible. Feel free to leave some blank.

Your favorite couch:

I feel most excited when:

Your favorite way to spend time with loved ones:

Your favorite way to spend time alone:

Your favorite carb:

An opinion or viewpoint of yours that changed sometime during the last three months:

A time you stepped out of your comfort zone:

Your most beautiful sunrise or sunset:

Your go-to book recommendation:

A word that makes you feel something:

A song:

Stuck in an elevator with two heroes (one from the real world, one from the imaginary world). Who?:

**PART III | EXPERIENCE**

For each of the following categories, please name some of your formative experiences. Then, for each category, choose one experience that you consider to be your most significant and, **in 2-3 sentences**, explain why it is important to you. PLEASE NOTE: You are not required to list more than one item for any category; **we are not looking for a laundry list of items.** Rather, we are trying to learn about experiences that are meaningful to you through your own words.

Education:

Experiences outside of the Classroom:

Other (You do not have to use this category but it is for anything that you want to add that did not fit in the other sections.)

**PART IV | SHORT ANSWERS**

Please answer ***2 of the 3*** following prompts in ***250 words or fewer*** and introduce us to the type of person you are – as a student, a leader, an intellectual, an individual.

1. Socrates proclaimed that the “unexamined life is not worth living.” Describe an experience that challenged you to rethink your life or reshape your theory of knowledge. (Feel free to elaborate on an experience you mentioned above.)
2. We in Synaptic Scholars believe that at the heart of all great thinking and innovation lies a thoughtful question born out of curiosity.  Please write a question that captures your curiosity. There are no limits to the type of question you can ask. Be as introspective, creative, controversial, philosophical, or silly as you want! After writing your question, please thoughtfully answer it.
3. Write a love letter to your favorite place or space on campus. How has it impacted your experience at Tufts?

**PART V | Ideas & Causes**

Synaptics is an opportunity to share your passions and deepen your interest in and understanding of ideas, issues, and concepts that matter to you. Throughout your time in Syns, you will have the opportunity to discuss topics you are passionate or curious about. What would yours be? Why did you pick this topic? This can be something you care about, something you’re questioning, something you’re confused about or want other opinions on, etc. In 300 words or fewer.

**PART VI | ONE LAST QUESTION…**

In 150 words or fewer, please tell us: why are you applying to Synaptic Scholars? What do you hope to gain from being a Synaptic Scholar?

**PART VII | [OPTIONAL]  ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? You may attach a supplement: a video, a photo, a piece of art or writing that you’ve done, the link to your favorite blog or ***anything else.***