**SYNAPTIC SCHOLARS APPLICATION**

**CLASS OF 2017**

*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 Wednesday, March 12th at 11:59 p.m.*** *Please use this document as a template and submit your final application in MS Word (.doc) format. Email your completed application to* [*synapticscholars2017@gmail.com*](mailto:synapticscholars2017@gmail.com)*, with your FirstName\_LastName as the title (ie Jane\_Doe.docx). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at that address.*

**PART I | PERSONAL INFO**

Full Name:

Date of birth:

Email: Cell Phone:

Hometown (City, State, Country):

Intended major:

**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 any or all of them blank.

**The place you most want to travel:**

**Your favorite place in the world:**

**Your dream job:**

**Your favorite way to spend time with friends:**

**Your favorite way to spend time alone:**

**Your favorite food:**

**An opinion or viewpoint of yours that changed sometime during the last year:**

**The last new thing you tried:**

**Something you consider beautiful:**

**PART III | EXPERIENCE**

For each of the following categories, please name some of your 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. We ask that you maintain the same format for this category and explain the importance of the most significant item.)**

**PART IV | SHORT ANSWERS**

Please answer each of the following prompts in **250 words or less** 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) (Optional Question - skipping this question will in **no** way influence our reading of your application) One important aspect of Synaptic Scholars is enhancing life at Tufts. Briefly tell us about an experience at Tufts that has significantly affected you. Then, how will you take this same spirit and channel this into the Tufts Community?

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

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

**PART VI | PROJECT PROPOSAL**

In the Synaptic Scholars community, you are encouraged to explore and grow. This exploration may manifest itself in the form of a personal project that each Synaptic works on over the course of her or his time at Tufts.

Please write a **250 to 500 word proposal** for an independent project **(Note: longer is NOT necessarily better)**. This can be something you are already working on or something completely new! Potential projects include, but are not limited to, research initiatives, works of art or literature, community-based programs, conferences, or anything else with tangible outcomes. If it involves learning, enhances your exploration, and integrates your passions, we are sold!

Please consider the following: timeline, potential obstacles and, if relevant, sources of mentorship and/or support. For the purposes of this exercise, please do not consider funding a major constraint. **You are in no way bound to your project proposal if you are accepted into the Synaptic Scholars Program.**

**PART VII | ONE LAST QUESTION…**

In 150 words or less, please tell us: why are you applying to Synaptic Scholars? What are your expectations of the program, if any?