Procedures for Watson Fellowship Applicants
Davidson College

Important Dates & Timeline:
- Watson Fellowship Information Session, Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hance Auditorium, Chambers Building.
- Visit website for application details: [www.davidson.edu/fellowships](http://www.davidson.edu/fellowships)
- Proposal submittals due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 6, 2017; email to watsonproposals@inside.davidson.edu
- The Watson Selection Committee will select up to fifteen (15) students to be interviewed from the submitted proposals. Those interviews will take place from mid-late October.
- The Watson Selection committee will choose four (4) finalists to be submitted to the Watson Foundation by Wednesday, November 8, 2017; no later than 3:00 p.m.
- The Watson Foundation will announce the forty (40) Watson Fellows in mid-March 2018.

Proposal Submittal Requirements:
You must use the template provided and not alter any of the formatting. Samples of past proposals are available in the Dean of Student’s Office and the Fellowship and Scholarship Program, Center for Career Development.

A. **Project Outline** (one page maximum)
B. **Project Proposal** - There is a 1,500 word limit for this statement describing how you intend to spend a year of travel-study under the aegis of the Watson Fellowship. You should describe your plan for the 12-month fellowship year, including a description of your project and details about how you intend to carry it out. In addition to focusing on a topic you are passionate about, the project should be personally challenging (yet feasible), independent, and sustainable over 12 months. Because this is not a research paper, please do not include a bibliography, and keep footnotes to a minimum. Paragraphs should be separated by a blank line, making the material easier for the Selection Committee to review. The project proposal is read in tandem with your personal statement, so you want these two documents to complement each other. **Please submit your proposal as a Microsoft Word document**.

C. **Personal Statement** - There is a 1,500 word limit for this statement that illustrates the connections between your project, personal experiences, academic interests or co-curricular involvements. You should discuss why you chose your topic, how it developed out of previous interests or experiences, and how it represents a challenge for you. It should be clear from your personal statement why, of all the topics you could have chosen, you choose this one. Paragraphs should be separated by a blank line, marking the material easier for the Selection Committee to review.

D. **Co-curricular Activities List** - A list of all your co-curricular activities while at Davidson or away from campus.

E. **Letter of Recommendation** – From a Davidson faculty member and using the form provided. You may have other persons inside/outside Davidson write an additional letter if they have particular light to shed on you and your project. The recommendation should be sent separately (not a part of your proposal) by the faculty member to watsonproposals@inside.davidson.edu --- the faculty member should name their recommendation document the student’s name and recommendation (Example: Doe, John Watson rec.docx).

**Please submit your proposal as a Microsoft Word document** to watsonproposals@inside.davidson.edu.
Your proposal will be in a document library for the Watson Selection Committee to review. Please name your document using your last name, first name (Example: Doe, John.docx) and submit your entire proposal/personal statements/etc. as one document --- do not separate into 2 or 3 documents. (Use the TEMPLATE available).