**SYNAPTIC SCHOLARS APPLICATION**

**CLASS OF 2018**

*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 Monday April 6th 2015 at 12am.*** *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 (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.

**Your favorite place in the world:**

**I feel most comfortable when:**

**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 time I stepped out of my comfort zone:**

**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.

1. One important aspect of Synaptic Scholars is enhancing life at Tufts. What are your thoughts on ways to do this?

4) What are your intellectual passions and how would like to explore those through Synaptic Scholars and how would you want to educate your peers about these issues? Can you envision a multi-year project on one of your ideads?

**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 | Ideas & Causes**

Please outline a few ideas or causes you are passionate about. Examples include project ideas, event proposals, research initiatives, works of art or literature, community-based programs, conferences, or anything else with tangible outcomes. As a Synaptic, you will be encouraged to accomplish your most extraordinary goals with the support of the IGL and your fellow scholars. If it involves learning, enhances your exploration, and integrates your passions, we are sold!

**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?