



## BOLD Women's Leadership Network - Cohort 8 Application Outline

This document outlines the information you will be asked to provide in the online BOLD application. The application deadline is **11:59pm on Monday, March 10, 2025**. Access the application and additional information about the program through the UConn BOLD website: [ugradresearch.uconn.edu/bold](http://ugradresearch.uconn.edu/bold)

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Admin #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_ UConn Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Major 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Major 1 School/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Major 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Major 2 School/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled as a full-time student in good standing? Y/N      Do you identify as a woman? Y/N

Current Campus: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you plan to be based at Storrs for the next 4 semesters? Y/N

### BOLD APPLICANT NARRATIVE

1. In 100 words or less, define what "leadership" means to you.
2. In what ways do you believe identifying as a woman influences your perceptions of leadership and experiences as a leader? (200 words max)
3. We are seeking BOLD Scholars who have demonstrated leadership in creative and unique ways. Please highlight **one or two** examples in which you demonstrated creative leadership through formal or informal roles to effect social change. (500 words max)
4. What leadership skills and attributes do you anticipate you will contribute to the BOLD program and cohort experience? (100 words max)
5. What leadership skills and attributes do you hope to learn or develop through your participation in BOLD? (100 words max)
6. The BOLD program is open to any person that meets the eligibility criteria. Priority for acceptance, however, will be given to applicants that demonstrate a high financial need for the scholarship support BOLD provides. We recognize that financial need is not always captured through forms like the FASFA or other quantitative means. We offer space here for applicants to describe the impact BOLD's financial support would have on themselves and/or their families or to describe any financial circumstances you feel are pertinent to understanding your need for financial support in your education. Feel free to be as brief or descriptive as you want. (200 words max)
7. How did you first learn about the BOLD opportunity and application?

### BOLD PROJECT CONCEPT

If selected as a BOLD Scholar, you will conduct a BOLD service/leadership project during the summer of 2026. You will have the opportunity to develop a project plan that will enable you to take a leadership role to effect change on an issue area that is important and meaningful to you. Please respond to the questions below to describe the issue of social good you would work to address if selected to be a BOLD Scholar. Please see the [FAQ section](#) of the website for more information.

- a) In 50 words or less, please articulate a clear, concise problem statement.
- b) Please give a brief overview of why you believe this problem exists. (200 words max)
- c) Briefly describe what you believe is needed to address this issue. (200 words max)
- d) Why does this matter to you? In what ways are you/have you been involved or engaged in this issue? This may be through personal experience, coursework, research, etc., or any combination of these approaches. (200 words max)
- e) How would work in this area enhance your leadership skills and/or enable you to achieve your academic and career goals? (200 words max)

Interview Availability: Please list your availability between 9am and 5pm the week of March 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **BOLD DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

The BOLD Women's Leadership Network is committed to supporting young women from all backgrounds and especially those who have been significantly underrepresented in higher education in terms of socioeconomic class, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, citizenship, and ability. The purpose of the following **optional** questions is to provide us a better understanding of our applicants' backgrounds and help ensure that the BOLD Network is composed of diverse and qualified women. *If* you are willing to voluntarily self-disclose in the following categories, please do so below. Note that you may elect to leave any question blank or write/select "prefer not to answer." We can assure you that your application will be given full consideration whether or not you choose to answer these questions.

**Race and/or Ethnicity**

**Religion**

**Gender Identity**

**Sexual Orientation**

**Country/ies of Citizenship and/or Citizenship Status**

**Disability/ies**

**Are you a first-generation college student?** Y/N/Prefer not to answer

## **REQUEST A RECOMMENDATION**

UConn BOLD Women's Leadership Network applicants are required to have one recommendation form submitted on their behalf by a UConn faculty or staff member. Please send the recommendation request via the online application system as soon as possible, in order to give your recommender sufficient time to complete the online recommendation form.

**Recommender Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## PERMISSIONS & ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

**Permission to print transcript:** I give the Office of Undergraduate Research permission to print a copy of my unofficial transcript to include in my application.

**Permission to access student information for program assessment and matching to funding sources:** I give the Office of Undergraduate Research permission to access information about me from StudentAdmin (ethnicity, first generation status, membership in groups such as Honors, receipt of scholarships such as Presidential Scholarships) and from Student Financial Aid Services (highest need, some need, or no need based on Expected Family Contribution; or no FAFSA filed). I understand that this information will be aggregated and used to assess how representative applicants for and recipients of OUR funding are of the overall undergraduate population. If my application is approved for funding, I understand that this information may also be used to match me to an appropriate funding source.

**Permission to include name and project title in press releases and other publicity relating to this award program:** Yes or No

### **Statement of Academic Integrity**

By signing my name in the field below, I confirm that I have prepared all components of this application in accordance with University standards for academic integrity.