

Duke Science & Society Leadership Award

Duke Science & Society Leadership Awards will offer substantial scholarships for tuition to the <u>Duke Master of Arts in Bioethics & Science Policy program</u>. The awards will be made to the applicants who demonstrate the greatest potential to become leaders in making scientific advancements more accessible, just, and better integrated into society.

Guidelines for S&S Leadership Award

What qualities and accomplishments is Duke looking for in S&S Leadership Award candidates?

Successful candidates are role models with an extraordinary desire to apply science and technology to address today's most pressing problems. Applicants should have a strong capacity to understand the scientific, ethical, and policy issues arising from advances in science and technology. While a previous degree in science is not required, students must demonstrate an intuitive grasp of evolving technologies and have demonstrated leadership in an effort to address social issues through the use of science.

An applicant must possess the following qualities:

- 1. *Academic Excellence:* Exceptional promise in the pursuit of scientific knowledge and understanding, as demonstrated through academic achievement, rigor, and intellectual hunger.
- 2. Collaboration: Desire and commitment to productive and constructive collaboration with others.
- 3. *Service:* Commitment to science in the service of society.
- 4. *Openness:* Interest in learning from others, gathering multiple perspectives, and standing outside of their comfort zone.
- 5. *Potential for leadership:* As evidenced by past leadership, interpersonal skills, and commitment to larger social concerns.

How do I apply for the S&S Leadership Award?

You must submit your completed application for the Duke MA in Bioethics & Science Policy to the <u>Duke Graduate School</u>, including your GRE or MCAT scores, transcripts and three letters of recommendation <u>by January 31, 2018</u>.

In addition, you must submit an essay explaining how your achievements and personal attributes demonstrate the qualities to become a leader in science and society. This essay should be submitted directly to scienceandsociety@duke.edu with subject "2018 S&S Leadership Award Essay" by January 31, 2018.

What is the S&S Leadership Award decision process?

Our admissions and scholarship team, comprised of leading faculty and bioethics scholars, will give careful consideration to every application we receive. The top candidates will be contacted for interviews.

We will announce our selection of Award Recipients by March 1, 2018. Award Recipients must commit to accepting the award no later than April 16, 2018.

Other qualified applicants will be eligible for admission to the program and for consideration of both merit and need-based financial assistance.

Important Dates

January 31, 2018 - Complete applications for the Duke MA in Bioethics & Science Policy and Duke S&S Leadership Award including:

- Complete Application to the Graduate School for the MA in Bioethics & Science Policy, including:
 - o Official college transcript
 - o GRE or MCAT test scores
 - o 3 letters of recommendation
- Submit Essay on your qualifications for the Award directly to scienceandsociety@duke.edu

March 1, 2018 – Scholarship decision announced

April 16, 2018 – Award Recipient acceptance and commitment to attend in the Fall 2018 semester



