BOLD WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK

COHORT 6 APPLICANT INFORMATION SESSION

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WHAT IS BOLD?

The BOLD Women's Leadership Network is a grant-funded program designed to facilitate opportunities for women's career development and networking. BOLD Scholars' leadership development is supported through:

- Scholarship funding
- Service/leadership project funding
- Cohort experience
- Multigenerational networking

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR COHORT 6?

Eligibility criteria:

- Identify as a woman.
- A rising junior: Pursuing a bachelor's degree at UConn, planning to graduate with that bachelor's degree in May or August 2025.
- Based at the Storrs campus for the following four semesters (Fall 2023 through Spring 2025) in order to participate fully in program activities.
- Full-time student in good standing.
- Have demonstrated exceptional academic promise, strong leadership potential, creative and critical thinking skills, and a commitment to social change.

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WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM ENTAIL?

To receive the scholarship and other program funding, BOLD Scholars must participate fully for both their junior and senior years. Full participation in BOLD includes:

- One or two cohort meetings per month
- One monthly special event
- Regular 1:1 advising meetings with the BOLD Director
- Development and implementation of a summer leadership project to address an issue of social change in the summer between junior and senior year
- Annual retreats

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WHAT DO BOLD SCHOLARS RECEIVE?

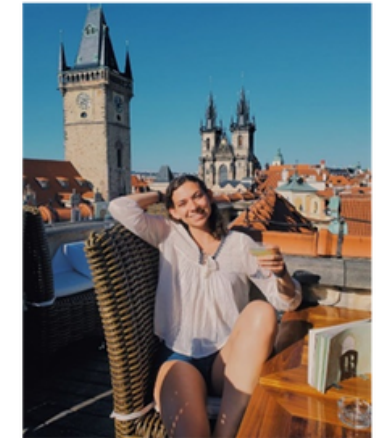BOLD Scholars receive generous support during their participation in BOLD, including:

- A substantial academic scholarship that will cover most, if not all, of the cost of attendance for their junior and senior years (minimum of $15,000/year).
- Funding to conduct an intensive summer service/leadership project.
- Access to a multi-generational support network of women leaders that includes fellow BOLD Scholars, faculty, staff, alumnae, Helen Gurley Brown Foundation affiliates, and BOLD participants at other colleges.

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THE SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROJECT

- Can involve a social issue in any field!
- Can be research, exploratory, or programmatic.
- Should span the entire summer. No other full-time or substantial work commitments are allowed simultaneously.
- Will involve a project mentor who can serve as a content area expert as you plan your project.

Your application should clearly identify the social issue you would like to address and the general approach you would take. However, you do not need to have a finalized action plan - that's what your junior year in the program is for!

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THE BOLD APPLICATION

The online application includes the following sections/tasks:

- Applicant information
- Applicant narrative
- Project concept
- Demographic information
- Recommendation
- Permissions & academic integrity

All questions are listed in the application outline available on the BOLD Cohort 6 webpage.

DEADLINE: 11:59pm on Friday, March 10, 2023

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QUESTIONS?

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