



NOMINATING CLASS OF 2026 OVERVIEW, CRITERIA & VERIFICATION

Overview

The Siebel Scholars Program was founded in 2000 to recognize the most talented students at the world's leading graduate schools of business, computer science, bioengineering, and energy science including Carnegie Mellon University; École Polytechnique; Harvard University; Johns Hopkins University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Northwestern University; Politecnico di Torino; Princeton University; Stanford University; Tsinghua University; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, San Diego; University of Chicago; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; University of Pennsylvania; and University of Tokyo.

Each year, outstanding graduate students from each institution are honored as Siebel Scholars based on academic excellence and leadership. Each Siebel Scholar receives a merit-based award of \$35,000 in the final year of his or her graduate studies. The award is granted in addition to any other financial aid, assistantships, fellowships, loans, or other awards he or she may receive.

Today, over 1,900 of the world's brightest minds are Siebel Scholars. This exceptional group has the unique opportunity to directly influence the technologies, policies, and economic and social decisions that shape the future. Siebel Scholars serve as key advisors to the Siebel Foundation, guiding the development of innovative programs the Foundation initiates. The Siebel Scholars community is also integral to a highly outcome-driven Siebel Scholars conference to explore critical social issues.

Criteria

The Siebel Scholars award is based solely upon academic achievement and excellence and is not need-based financial aid. A committee comprised of the Dean and three (3) faculty members or senior staff shall nominate five outstanding students as nominees for this merit-based award. Each of the five nominees must meet **all** of the following criteria at the time of selection:

- ✓ Nominee ranks within the top 10% of their class based on academic results
- ✓ Nominee demonstrates excellence, in terms of leadership qualities, in the discipline of bioengineering, the greater bioengineering community, and in experience prior to graduate program
- ✓ Nominee has a track record of distinguished research
- ✓ Nominee has completed at least one year at the University of California, San Diego and is reasonably expected to have only one year remaining in the Ph.D. program

All awardees must be registered and attend classes at an affiliate Siebel Scholars campus in a degree-seeking program. If a student is not currently enrolled in classes, or transfers to a non-affiliated Siebel Scholars campus, the Foundation must be notified, and the award may be rescinded.

Verification by the Siebel Scholars Foundation

Please have the Dean's office submit the three enclosed forms—in addition to the nominees' resumes, biographies, photographs, and contact information—to the Siebel Scholars Foundation for each of the five nominees by **July 11, 2025**. Please do not notify the candidates until after the Siebel Scholars Foundation has verified the nominations. The Siebel Scholars Foundation will verify that the eligibility criteria are met and confirm the selection on or about **August 25**. Once confirmed, both your school and the Siebel Scholars Foundation may notify the recipients. However, please refrain from issuing public communications, including press releases, until the Siebel Scholars Foundation's public announcement after September 19. Please have your communications team contact us to facilitate.