# **Application Form - Eric and Wendy Schmidt AI in Science Postdoctoral Fellowship Applicants**

**Applicant Details**

Applicant Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Applicant Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Applicant Institution: Click or tap here to enter text.

Applicant Mailing Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

PhD Completion Date / Expected Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Where did you hear about the Schmidt Fellowship: Click or tap here to enter text.

Would you also like to be considered for designation as a Schmidt AI – Acceleration Consortium partnered postdoc? Please indicate yes or no: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Note:** If yes, applicants need to be proposing to work with at least one member of the [AC scientific leadership team](https://acceleration.utoronto.ca/ac-team), and have a proposed project that aligns with the vision of the [Acceleration Consortium](https://acceleration.utoronto.ca/vision).

**Citizenship**

Canadian Citizen [ ]

Permanent Resident [ ]

Indicate date of landing as per Form IMM 1000, if applicable: Click or tap here to enter text.

Foreign Applicant who has a valid work permit or will apply for one [ ]

**Supervisor(s) Information**

Supervisor Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Supervisor Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Supervisor Primary Institutional Affiliation: Click or tap here to enter text.

Supervisor’s University of Toronto Home Division: Click or tap here to enter text.

Supervisor University of Toronto Home Academic Unit: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Co-supervisor, if applicable –**

Co-supervisor Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Co-supervisor Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Co-Supervisor Primary Institutional Affiliation: Click or tap here to enter text.

Co-Supervisor’s University of Toronto Home Division: Click or tap here to enter text.

Co-Supervisor University of Toronto Home Academic Unit: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Disclaimer**

Do you currently hold a postdoctoral fellowship?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**Narrative Sections of the Application (Required)**

**Presentation Standards**

* Body text minimum 12 pt. font (e.g., Times New Roman), black type
* Single-spaced, with no more than 6 lines of type per inch
* All margins set at a minimum of 3/4" (1.87 cm)
* Do not use condensed/narrow font sizes, type density, or line spacing. Smaller text in tables, charts, figures, and graphs is acceptable, if it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%.
1. **Research Proposal (3 pages maximum)**

Describe the proposed research project, highlighting the following: 1) Project title and rationale, 2) Explanation of how the candidate plans to use AI to transform their research, 3) Research objectives, 4) Research approach and plans to engage in research that spans across traditional disciplinary boundaries, 5) Feasibility and timeline, and 6) Anticipated Impact. **Note:** If you are also applying to be designated as a Schmidt AI – Acceleration Consortium partnered postdoc, please briefly explain how the proposed project is in alignment with the [AC vision](https://acceleration.utoronto.ca/vision).

1. **Bibliography (1 page maximum)**

Please provide a list of citations for all works referenced in the research proposal, formatted in agreement with your discipline standards. All citations should be clear and complete.

1. **Training Plan (1 page maximum)**

Please outline your current knowledge of AI-supported research methodologies and what you will need to learn to make your research project successful. If you have identified specific training opportunities you will pursue (i.e., courses, workshops, seminars), please list them here.

1. **Candidate Statement (2 pages maximum)**

Please address the following in your candidate statement: 1) Your rationale for applying to the Schmidt AI in Science Fellowship Program, 2) 1-2 of your most significant research contributions (e.g., publications, presentations, research collaborations, prestigious research recognitions, intellectual property), 3) How this fellowship aligns with your career development and future goals, and 4) Your commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Recommended guidelines are half a page per point.

1. **Significance of Leadership Contributions (1 page maximum)**

Please identify 2-3 leadership experiences which you deem to be most impactful and relevant to this fellowship. For each example, describe its significance in terms of your leadership and impact on your discipline, institution, and society (if applicable). Also comment on how these experiences contribute to your career goals. Examples of leadership may include, but are not limited to teaching activities, supervisory activities, advisory and administrative activities, community and volunteer activities, and memberships.

1. **Applicant’s Curriculum Vitae**
2. **Applicant Demographic Survey\***

A reminder that candidates are also required to complete and submit the [Applicant Demographic Survey](https://redcap.utoronto.ca/surveys/?s=YFRN3ALHNKPDRLRX) as part of their application.

**\*Notice of Collection:** The following short survey is designed for applicants to the Eric and Wendy Schmidt AI in Science Postdoctoral Fellowship program at the University of Toronto. Gathering demographic data supports our ability to evaluate the diversity of our pool of applicants in each competition and allows us to contextualize our adjudications processes and inform our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion reporting and best practices.

While completion of the survey is a required component of the application, candidates have the option of answering "Prefer not to reply" for each of the questions.

The information collected via this form will be kept confidential and will not be used as part of the evaluation of your application or any other future application. Personal information you provide the University is at all times protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Data collected via this survey will be held securely and stored separately from all other employment or personal data. This information will be used solely for the purpose of understanding the diversity of our applicant pools and may not be accessed or used for other purposes.

The data will be held in the office of the Eric and Wendy Schmidt AI in Science Postdoctoral Fellowship program at the University of Toronto and will be accessible only to two designated individuals: the Schmidt Fellows Program Manager and the Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in A&S. Only aggregated and deidentified data will be shared and reported internally and with the program funder as part of our administration and reporting processes; no record-level or identifying information will be shared or reported.

For more information, please contact us at schmidtfutures@utoronto.ca.