

ADVICE FOR FUTURE APPLICANTS
from the Landry Fellows



"Apply!"

"Be yourself!"

"Find out what you care about, and study that. To us nerds, everything seems cool. But, at the end of the day, there are only a few things that we really, truly care about. And those are usually personal. Find those things and write a proposal about that - the writing process itself will be immensely exciting and rewarding."

"Clearly define the scope and goals of your research project. Do the necessary background reading and start writing early. Write a proposal about a topic that excites you."

"Use the application process as a way to hone and refine your research project. Great practice for grant applications in the future."

"Think boldly (as well as rigorously) and don't be afraid to initiate collaborations."

"Collaborations between biological disciplines are a good idea, both for the fellowship and for research."

"Make sure to take advantage of the community of your peers."

"Have as many people read and give feedback as you can."

"Make use of the community of students and faculty for support and inspiration."

"I would recommend attending as many of the events put on by the LCBC as possible before applying as an introduction to the community and the resources the LCBC provides."

"Make clear the significance of your proposed research and the connection to the goals of the Landry Cancer Biology Consortium."

"Be specific in your proposal. Although you don't have much space to elaborate, being specific about what you plan to do shows you have really thought about your proposal."

"Make the proposal short and succinct."

"In your application think big picture and use language geared for a lay audience."

"The advice I would give to prospective applicants is to have a strong, relevant research proposal, CV, and recommendation letters."