Conyers Graduate Scholars Program

Application Essay Questions

Please respond to the following (500 words each on separate page):

1. Some people believe that genuine Christian faith is incompatible with a rigorous life of the mind. Yet through the ages one can point to countless Christians who exemplified extraordinary intellectual accomplishment and who pursued a thoughtful life of the mind not despite-but rather because of-their faith. What relationship do you see between Christian faith and the life of the mind? How does your chosen course of study at Baylor reflect your understanding of this relationship?
2. The Conyers Graduate Scholars Program is an extraordinarily rewarding program that requires significant commitment from both its students and faculty leaders. You will be expected to faithfully attend and contribute to a variety of Graduate Scholars activities, including monthly dinner/discussion meetings, special conferences, and other gatherings. Please address whether you are willing and able to devote the considerable time and energy required to fully commit to the program- and why becoming a Conyers Scholar is important to you.
3. Please prepare a short biography (one paragraph, approx. 150 words); this will help the committee better know you and, if selected, we will feature your biography on the Conyers Scholars website. Please note that it should be written in the third-person. For examples, see [the biographies of our current cohort of Conyers Scholars.](https://graduate.baylor.edu/student-resources/faith-scholarship/conyers-scholars/current-conyers-scholars)