

Watson Fellowship, Instructions for On-line Video Submissions

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Since the Watson Fellowship seeks to identify individuals of “unusual promise,” getting a sense of the person behind each paper application helps the selection committee decide who they would like to call for a campus interview. Therefore, as part of the initial Watson application process, we require you to submit an on-line video that introduces who you are and why you are interested in the Watson. Uploading your on-line video submission is easy, but it is essential that you reserve enough time to make sure that there are no technical difficulties. **Videos must not exceed two minutes in length.** Have fun!

You can use a personal digital camera to record video, loan a camera from the IT Help Desk in Coles Tower, or use your computer’s webcam to record video. The latter option is more than sufficient. YouTube offers an on-line tool for you to record video from a webcam [here](#). After recording your video, follow the instructions below.

Step 1: Set-up a YouTube account at <http://www.youtube.com/>.

Step 2: Click the “upload” link at the top of the website next to your username.

Step 3: Title your video “[First & Last Name’s] Video for [Year] Watson Fellowship.” For example, “Franklin Pierce’s Video for 2012 Watson Fellowship” is an acceptable title.

Step 4: Make sure the video you upload is publicly viewable. Since we will receive a large volume of video submissions, it is essential that you double-check whether or not everyone can see your video. The option to make videos public or private is available right before you click the “upload” button.

Step 5: Upload. Send the public URL for your YouTube video to Emily Briley (ebriley@bowdoin.edu) with the e-mail title “Video for Watson Fellowship Committee, [First & Last Name].” Emily will confirm receipt of your video. Congratulations and good luck!