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**David L. Boren Fellowships** – [http://www.borenawards.org/boren\\_fellowship](http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship)

**Description:** Boren Fellowships—funded by The National Security Education Program (NSEP)—support graduate students pursuing the study of languages, cultures, and world regions that are critical to U.S. interests (including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the Middle East). Boren Fellowships are intended to provide or add to the international component of U.S. graduate students' educations, providing support for overseas study, domestic study, or a combination of both. Although study outside the United States is not required, successful applications generally include a significant overseas component. Boren Fellowship awards are made for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of two academic years.

In exchange for fellowship funding, all Boren Fellows must agree to the NSEP Service Requirement.

**Dollar Value:** The maximum level of support for a combined overseas and domestic program is \$30,000 over 24 months. Actual support levels will be determined by each individual project budget and the length of the project. No fellowship, whether overseas only, domestic only, or combined, may exceed a total of two academic years. Funding from other sources may be combined with the fellowship, but Fellows must inform IIE of any additional funding they receive.

**Number of Scholarships:** Varies

**Eligibility:** U.S. graduate students are eligible to apply for an Boren Fellowship if they are:

- ✓ A U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- ✓ Either enrolled in or applying to a graduate degree program at an accredited U.S. college or university located within the United States. To receive the award students must provide evidence of admission and enrollment in such a program. Boren Fellows must remain enrolled in their graduate programs for the duration of the fellowship.
- ✓ Studying a foreign language appropriate to the country in which they are studying abroad.

**Application Procedures:** All applications must be submitted online through the NSEP website. Applicants design their own programs and may combine domestic language and cultural study with overseas study. Study of a foreign language appropriate to the identified country or region must be an integral part of each application proposal.

**Deadline:** January 31, 2012

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Must a candidate be an enrolled graduate student to receive an Boren Graduate Fellowship?**

Yes. Applicants must be enrolled at an accredited U.S. institution of higher education located within the United States and be in the process of pursuing a graduate degree at the time the award commences. Boren Fellows must remain matriculated in their graduate programs for the duration of the fellowship. Universities will usually allow students to maintain matriculation while they are abroad pursuing curricula outside the standard requirements. The option of registering for independent study or directed reading credits during the semester(s) of absence from the home institution is available.

### **Can a candidate apply for an Boren Fellowship, if they have applied to graduate school but have not yet been accepted?**

Yes. If not currently enrolled but are applying to graduate school, an applicant may apply for a Boren Fellowship. Candidates are eligible for the program if they are a graduating college senior and applying to graduate school. The application must indicate the graduate school programs to which they have applied. If selected for a fellowship, the award will be contingent upon acceptance into a graduate program, and Fellows will be required to provide IIE with proof of the intent to enroll in that program.

### **If the proposed country, language, and/or field of study is not on the preferred list, should the candidate still apply?**

Yes. Boren is interested in encouraging applications for study in non-preferred countries, languages, and fields of study when the applicant can make a compelling argument that increased understanding and appreciation of that particular country, language, and/or field of study through international study represents an important contribution to U.S. national security and the goals of the National Security Education Program.

### **What level of language proficiency is required?**

Boren is committed to both new language acquisition and improvement of language competence for advanced language students. Thus, there are no minimum levels of language proficiency required for Boren Fellowships, except in the study of French or Spanish. Fellowship funds cannot be used for the study of French or Spanish unless such language instruction is at an advanced level or is combined with study of applied science or engineering. IIE will verify the self-assessed competency level of these grant recipients through a commonly used testing instrument.

### **What is the NSEP service requirement?**

The NSEP Service Requirement stipulates that an award recipient work in the Federal Government in a position with national security responsibilities. The Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or any element of the Intelligence Community are priority agencies. If an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in one of these agencies, the award recipient must seek to fulfill the requirement in a position with national security responsibilities in any Federal department or agency; the award recipient may petition NSEP to fulfill the requirement in an education position directly related to the language[s] or area[s] studied by the individual under NSEP support or to another language or area where the individual has demonstrated competency. The education option is available only after exhausting all opportunities to fulfill the requirement in the Federal Government in accordance with conditions established by NSEP.

The duration of the NSEP Service Requirement is one year or the duration of assistance provided under the program, whichever is longer.

Boren Fellows must begin fulfilling the service requirement within two years of graduation.

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**Description:** The Boren Scholarships—funded by The National Security Education Program (NSEP)—offer a unique opportunity for U.S. undergraduates to study abroad. Boren awards scholarships to American students for study of world regions critical to U.S. interests (including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the Middle East). Boren Scholarships are intended to provide support to U.S. undergraduates who will pursue the study of languages and cultures currently underrepresented in study abroad and critical to U.S. national security.

In exchange for scholarship funding, all Boren Scholars must agree to the NSEP Service Requirement.

**Dollar Value:** Boren Scholarships are merit based. Award amounts are based on the study abroad costs and financial aid information provided by the applicant. Maximum scholarship awards are:

- ✓ \$8,000 for a summer program (special initiative for STEM students only; 8 weeks minimum)
- ✓ \$10,000 for a semester
- ✓ \$20,000 for a full academic year

**Number of Scholarships:** Varies

**Eligibility:**

- ✓ A U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- ✓ A high school graduate, or have earned a GED, and are matriculated as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in a U.S. post-secondary institution, including universities, colleges, and community colleges accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- ✓ Applying to engage in a study abroad experience in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand that meets home institution standards.
- ✓ Planning to use the scholarship for study abroad and the study abroad program ends before graduation. NSEP Boren Undergraduate Scholarships are not for study in the United States.

**Application Procedures:** All applications must be submitted online.

**Deadline:** February 9, 2012. Your campus deadline will be earlier for the endorsement process. Check <http://www.borenawards.org/institutions> for your campus representative.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **If the proposed country, language, and/or field of study is not on the preferred list for the Boren Undergraduate Scholarships, should the candidate still apply?**

Yes. Boren is interested in encouraging applications for study in non-emphasized countries, languages, and fields of study when the applicant can make a compelling argument that increased understanding and appreciation of that particular country, language, and/or field of study through study abroad represents an important contribution to U.S. national security and the goals of the National Security Education Program.

### **How does NSEP define “national security”?**

NSEP draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.

### **Is a foreign language component required for all study abroad proposals?**

Yes. Foreign language study is a key element in all Boren proposals. The language chosen should be appropriate to the country in which he/she plans to study. The study abroad proposal should note the amount (number of hours per week) and level of classroom instruction you will undertake. Most importantly, they are expected to provide a realistic estimate of the language level expected from the formal as well as informal (non-classroom) study will help he/she achieve.

### **Are candidates required to take a language test before applying for a Boren Scholarship?**

No. If selected for the Boren Scholarship, they must agree to take a language test prior to and after the study abroad experience. If the applicant has had no previous instruction in the language to be studied, applicants may not be required to take the pre-test. The results of the proficiency testing will be used to assess the program; they will not be used to evaluate students. Information about language testing will be provided to all scholarship recipients and the cost of the tests will be covered by the National Security Education Program..

### **Is it possible to split the academic year between two study abroad programs in the same country? How would the application be completed?**

In some cases, appropriate full academic year programs may not be available. In these cases, students may then submit two separate, but related, applications for study on two different programs. Applications for two different consecutive study abroad programs should entail study in the same country or region of the world, and of the same language.

### **Does NSEP approve or sanction particular study abroad programs?**

No. The Boren Scholarship is a source of portable financial assistance that can be used to support study abroad through an established program, direct enrollment in a foreign university, or an individually arranged study. The choice of a particular program for study abroad is made by you in consultation with your campus advisor. Make your choices based on the overall quality of the program, on the strength of the language instruction, and on elements it offers that will enhance your period of study abroad. There are no lists of IIE-preferred programs, nor does IIE endorse programs under a particular institution, organization, or group's sponsorship.

### **What is the NSEP service requirement?**

See Boren Graduate Fellowship FAQ.

## **Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program**

<http://www.cdsintl.org/fromusa/bosch.htm>

**Description:** As the countries of the world become more interdependent, the Robert Bosch Foundation recognizes the importance of familiarizing American professionals with the political, economic, and cultural environment of Europe and of the Federal Republic of Germany. To further this goal, and to strengthen the ties of friendship and understanding between the United States and Germany, the foundation sponsors a fellowship program that enables young American professionals to participate in an intensive work and study program in Germany. Although a prime goal of this program is the advancement of transatlantic relations, it also contributes to the participants' professional competence and expertise, and broadens their cultural horizons.

The program provides young American professionals (ages 23-34) with two high-level work placements in the federal government and private sector in Germany. Three seminars taking place throughout Europe provide an in-depth understanding of issues facing Germany and the European Union today. Candidates are competitively chosen from the fields of business administration, economics, journalism, law, political science and public policy.

**Dollar Value:** Varies

**Number of Scholarships:** There are 20 fellowships awarded each year.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
- ✓ Applicants must be between the ages of 23 and 34 at the application deadline.
- ✓ At least two years of relevant work experience.
- ✓ Ideal candidates have a Master's degree (or a JD), professional experience in one of the application fields of business administration, economics, law, journalism/mass communications, public policy, and political science.
- ✓ No German language skills are required at the time of application; however, the willingness and commitment to participate in language training based on the results of an evaluation at the selection meeting is essential.

**Application Procedures:** Must turn in a complete application, which includes the application form, a personal statement (maximum of two pages and 850 words), a resume, official university transcripts, and two letters of recommendation.

**Deadline:** October 15, 2011

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### **What kind of candidates are you looking for?**

Ideal candidates have a Master's degree (or a JD), professional experience in one of the application fields listed below, outstanding academic records, a genuine interest in Germany and Europe, and active involvement in community affairs and/or public affairs. If the applicant does not hold a Master's degree, at least two years of work experience in a related field is expected.

### **What is the duration of the Fellowship Program?**

The program runs from September 1 through May 31 of the following year. Many fellows are required to travel to Berlin as early as June to complete intensive language training, bringing the program duration to one year.

### **How competitive is the program?**

We receive an average of 300 applications, and as many as 500, for the 20 fellowships.

### **What should the personal statement include?**

A personal statement (maximum 2 pages and 850 words) that describes short and long-term career plans, interest in transatlantic relations, and personal objectives for the proposed stay in Germany. It is essential that there is a description of the experience hope to acquire in the seminars and the work phases of the Bosch program, proposing institutions and/or companies for both work phases.

### **Who arranges the two work phases?**

In general, the Robert Bosch Foundation arranges the stages in cooperation with the fellows, who are responsible for identifying any ministries or companies where they would like to work. However, fellows are encouraged to make their own contacts and advise the foundation in this matter.

### **Can candidates work a second job in Germany while on the Fellowship?**

A second occupation is generally not permitted. Any exceptions require the approval of the Robert Bosch Foundation.

### **Can candidates bring their spouse? Can he/she work in Germany while there?**

Yes, a spouse may accompany the fellow and the fellow will receive an additional monthly subsidy. The spouse may accept an offer of employment in Germany, but the fellow must notify the foundation about status changes of this sort immediately.

### **Does the program cover health insurance or other types of insurance?**

The Robert Bosch Foundation insures the fellow and accompanying family members with a comprehensive sickness, accident and liability insurance.

## **Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Arts Award**

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/graduate-scholarships/jack-kent-cooke-graduate-arts-award/>

**Description:** The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Graduate Arts Award enables students or recent alumni with exceptional artistic or creative promise and significant financial need to pursue up to three years of study at an accredited graduate institution in the US or abroad.

**Dollar Value:** Awards can be up to \$50,000 annually. The award provides funding for tuition, room and board, required fees, and books. Scholarships amounts vary based on several factors, including costs at the institution each recipient attends and other grants and scholarships the student receives.

**Number of Scholarships:** In 2011, the Foundation selected 10 recipients for this award.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Senior standing or have graduated from an accredited four-year US college or university within the past five years.
- ✓ A cumulative undergraduate grade-point average of 3.20 or better on a scale of 4.0.
- ✓ Demonstrated unmet financial need\*.
- ✓ A bachelor's degree by the start of the fall semester.
- ✓ Plans to begin their first graduate degree program at an accredited college or university in the fall.

\* While the Foundation considers artistic and creative merit first in evaluating candidates, competitive applicants must also demonstrate unmet financial need, which has two components:

- ✓ Education costs that are appreciably greater than the total amount of other scholarships or grant awards.
- ✓ Insufficient student and family income to meet educational costs.

**Application Procedures:** Accredited US undergraduate institutions appoint a faculty representative to lead the nomination process and serve as liaison between the institution and the Foundation. Each college or university may nominate up to two students to be considered for the Graduate Arts Award. Student applicants who have been through a campus nomination process will only be considered.

**Deadlines:** The online application is available in early November. The Foundation's deadline for receipt of online applications was February 10, 2011. Each college or university designates its own internal deadline, generally several weeks prior to the Foundation's deadline, to allow time to assess internal candidates before submitting nominations.

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### **Who was Jack Kent Cooke?**

Mr. Cooke was a philanthropist, businessman, and devotee of learning and the arts who left the bulk of his estate to establish the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education.

### **Must I be a US citizen to be eligible?**

US citizenship is not required. Candidates, however, must have attended and be nominated by an accredited undergraduate institution in the United States.

### **Are there age restrictions for applicants?**

No. This program has no age restrictions.

### **Am I eligible if I am already enrolled in graduate school?**

No. Only individuals who have not already enrolled or earned a graduate degree are eligible.

### **May I submit an application directly to the Foundation, without being nominated by my school?**

No. The Foundation will only consider applicants who have applied online and been nominated by their institution's designated Faculty Representative. Other applications will not be considered.

### **Are there limits on the types of graduate degrees or universities the Foundation will consider or the areas of study Scholars may pursue?**

Scholars may use the award to attend any accredited graduate school in the US or abroad to pursue a graduate or professional degree in fields the performing arts, fine arts, and creative writing.

### **Does the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Arts Award support study in non-degree programs?**

No. Only students pursuing advanced degree programs at accredited universities are eligible for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Arts Award.

### **How does the Foundation determine unmet financial need?**

Factors relevant to this determination include:

- ✓ Students receiving full funding for their proposed graduate programs will not be competitive for this scholarship, as they will have no unmet need.
- ✓ One strong indicator that candidates have financial need is that they received need-based aid while in college.
- ✓ Non-US citizens may be eligible for the Foundation's scholarships if they demonstrate unmet financial need, regardless of their eligibility for other types of federal and institutional financial aid.

### **Why does the Foundation require financial information from my parents?**

The Foundation requires both student and parent financial information from students with **dependent status** only. We do so for many reasons. One reason is that students from low-income backgrounds are less likely to complete a graduate degree and therefore may need greater assistance than others.

### **How does the Foundation define independent status?**

The Foundation considers a student independent if he/she falls within one of the following designations:

- ✓ 24 years old or older
- ✓ married/divorced/separated/widowed
- ✓ has a child

## DAAD Scholarships <http://www.daad.org/>

**Description:** The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is the German national agency for the support of international academic cooperation. They are an independent association of the German universities who elect its leadership. They represent the German higher education system abroad, promote Germany as an academic and research destination, and help build ties between institutions around the world. The New York office of the DAAD was founded in 1971 to support academic exchange between the US, Canada, and Germany. They offer a wide range of highly selective scholarships, grants, and fellowships in Germany for US and Canadian citizens, from undergraduate students to post-doctoral scholars as well as faculty and higher education professionals. They also administer fellowships and other programs for incoming students from Germany.

<b>Undergraduate Programs</b>	<b>Deadline(s)</b>
Undergraduate Scholarship	January 31
Study Scholarship (for Graduating Seniors)	November 15
Research Internships in Science and Engineering (RISE)	January 31
University Summer Course Grant	December 15
internXchange	January 31
German Studies Research Grant	May 1, November 1
EMGIP - Bundestag Internship	September 15
DAAD-UAS7 Study & Internship Program in Germany (SIP)	February 15

<b>Graduate Programs</b>	<b>Deadline(s)</b>
Study Scholarship	November 15
Study Scholarship Artists/Musicians	November 1
Research Grant	November 15, May 15
University Summer Course Grant	December 15
RISE <i>professional</i>	January 31
Intensive Language Course Grant	December 15
German Studies Research Grant	May 1, November 1
EMGIP - Bundestag Internship	September 15
Law Summer School	January 15 (cancelled for 2011)

### Eligibility:

- ✓ The most important criteria for successful applicants are a history of academic excellence and clarity of vision for why they need to spend time in Germany. For most programs applicants need to be currently enrolled as a student and have plans to return to their home institution. The Graduate Scholarship for Study does not have this stipulation and can be used to fund either a temporary stay in Germany or a complete Master's degree there.
- ✓ The New York office of DAAD administers funding programs for exceptional students in North America for research or study in Germany. Foreign nationals may be eligible through this office or may need to apply through a different DAAD office.
- ✓ The age limit for our undergraduate programs has been abolished; eligibility for graduate programs is now defined in terms of time passed since the last academic degree or ABD status was earned.
- ✓ See specific scholarship eligibility requirements and application procedures at [www.daad.org](http://www.daad.org).

**Number of Scholarships:** Scholarship provides financial support to over 67,000 individuals per year.

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### **Do students need to speak German to receive DAAD scholarships?**

There are DAAD programs for students at every level of German language ability, but for most programs, the requirement is that the language skills should be commensurate with the plans for study or research. Regardless of program requirements, any experience in Germany is bound to be more fulfilling if the student has—or is willing to acquire—at least a basic level of German ability.

### **How can a student find an advisor in Germany for their project or study?**

The best place to start is with faculty members, many of whom will already have contacts in Germany. Contact professors in the student's field of study as well as professors in the university's German department. If that doesn't work, the student can directly contact the international office (akademisches Auslandsamt) of the German university where the student wants to apply.

### **Where is a DAAD “Partnership University”?**

For universities with many applicants to DAAD programs, DAAD has created the partner university program. This simply means that these universities have the option to have an internal selection process before sending applications on to us. Students at DAAD partner universities must apply through their university's representative. For the list of partners, visit [www.daad.org/?p=partners](http://www.daad.org/?p=partners).

### **What other services does DAAD offer?**

Aside from administering its various exchange programs, DAAD's objectives is to answer all the questions students might have about studying and researching in Germany. The staff at DAAD's New York office is available every working day to provide information to students and advisors about any subject, from navigating the German university system to finding an apartment in a Germany city. And if for some reason we're not able to personally help, they WILL be able to refer you to who can.

## **Department of Homeland Security Undergraduate Scholarship Program**

<http://www.ora.gov/dhsed/newpages/scholarship.html>

**Description:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) realizes that the country's strong science and technology community provides a critical advantage in the development and implementation of counter-terrorist measures and other DHS objectives. The DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program is intended for students interested in pursuing the basic science and technology innovations that can be applied to the DHS mission. This education program is intended to ensure a diverse and highly talented science and technology community to achieve the DHS mission and objectives. Areas of study that are eligible include: physical sciences, mathematical sciences, computer and information sciences, life sciences, social sciences, psychology, selected humanities, and engineering.

**Dollar Value:** \$1,000/month for 9 months during the academic year; \$5,000 for the 10-week summer internship. Full tuition and mandatory, nonrefundable fees paid.

**Number of Scholarships:** 23 were awarded in 2010.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ You must be a U.S. citizen as of the application deadline.
- ✓ If you have earned a bachelor's degree as of the application deadline, you are ineligible.
- ✓ You must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.30 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
- ✓ You must be majoring in a homeland security science, technology, engineering or mathematics (HS-STEM) field.
- ✓ If you have been attending college full-time, you must be in your second or third year of college attendance as of the application deadline. NOTE: Students in their third year of undergraduate study will only be eligible if they are in an accredited five-year academic program.
- ✓ If you have attended college on a part-time basis, or a combination of part-time and full-time, since completing high school, you must have completed a total of at least 45 but no more than 60 semester hours (60 to 75 quarter hours) as of the application deadline.
- ✓ If you have any commitments such as active military service, a co-op program, or study abroad that would prevent you from attending school full-time, attending the fall 2011 DHS Career Development Conference and participating full-time in a 10-week summer internship, or completing the homeland security service requirement, you are ineligible.

### **Application Procedures:**

Applications will be evaluated by a panel of scientists and engineers who are experts in one or more of the supported fields, based on the student's academic record and submitted test scores, reference reports, proposed research essay and contribution to DHS essay.

**Deadlines:** This year the deadline was January 5, 2011. *Note that there may be changes to these materials when final details for the next competition cycle are posted in fall 2011.*

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## **Fulbright Program for US Students - <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about.html>**

**Description:** The Fulbright Program is the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide. From its inception, the Fulbright Program has fostered bilateral relationships in which other countries and governments work with the U.S. to set joint priorities and shape the Program to meet shared needs. The world has been transformed in ensuing decades, but the fundamental principle of international partnership remains at the core of the Fulbright mission.

**Dollar Value:** Most grants offered in the U.S. Student Program are Full or Teaching Assistantship grants. Generally, these grant benefits will include:

- ✓ Round-trip transportation to the host country
- ✓ Maintenance for the academic year, based on living costs in the host country
- ✓ Book and research allowances
- ✓ Health benefits package
- ✓ Mid-term enrichment activities in many countries or regions
- ✓ Full or partial tuition, in most cases (see relevant Country Summary for details)
- ✓ Language or orientation courses, where appropriate

Fulbright grants are payable in local currency or U.S. dollars, depending on the country of assignment.

**Number of Scholarships:** Every year, Fulbright offers over 1,700 Americans granters the ability to study abroad. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program operates in more than 155 countries worldwide and grants are available in all fields of study.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must:

- ✓ Be a U.S. Citizen at the time of application. Permanent residents are not eligible.
- ✓ Hold a B.A. degree or the equivalent before the start of the grant.
- ✓ In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional study and/or experience meets the eligibility requirement.
- ✓ Be in good health. Guarantees will be required to submit a satisfactory Medical Certificate of Health from a physician.
- ✓ Have sufficient proficiency in the written and spoken language of the host country to communicate with the people and to carry out the proposed study. This is especially important for projects in the social sciences and the humanities.

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**Application Procedures:** Read IIE's (the sponsor of this national scholarship program) Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad website for helpful information. Students who will be enrolled in the fall quarter must go through the campus nominating process. All applications materials must be submitted by the campus deadline.

**National Deadline:** October 17, 2011

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What does the Fulbright Grant cover?**

At a minimum, Fulbright grants provide funds for international transportation, a living stipend, a small book/research allowance, and medical insurance. Some countries will also provide tuition assistance, a small dependent's allowance, a pre-departure or in-country orientation, or other grant enhancements.

**The proposed project doesn't really offer anything in the way of promoting cultural understanding (e.g. hard science projects). Would the applicant still be a competitive candidate?** Certainly, there are other ways to promote mutual and cultural understanding outside of the project. Grantees are encouraged to get involved in cultural and/or community activities, such as teaching English or American Studies, volunteering with a non-profit organization, or giving presentations to local groups or in schools. Everyone can do this no matter the nature of their projects and should address ways that engagement in the host community can occur in the proposal.

### **The candidate is not currently enrolled not planning to enroll in a graduate program. Are they still eligible?**

Candidates do not need to be currently enrolled in a college or university to apply for a Fulbright grant nor do they have to plan on attending graduate school in the near future.

### **Is a teaching certificate needed to apply?**

No. Some programs do not require any teaching experience; others prefer some experience in teaching, tutoring, and/or coursework in education. Successful applicants will demonstrate an interest in teaching and language learning and be creative, innovative self-starters.

### **Could an applicant apply for both an English Teaching Assistantship and a full grant?**

No. Applicants may only submit a single proposal per year, so you must choose between the English Teaching Assistantship and the full grant. Both types of grants are submitted using the same application form.

### **The proposed project can be done in a number of countries. How should the country for which I apply be chosen?**

Competitiveness within a country or region may play a role in where you may wish to apply. Choose the country that best suits the project and the one where the resources necessary for its successful completion exist. Selection committees will consider the specific reasons the candidate has stated for applying to go to a country, as well as the feasibility of the project and the academic preparation to undertake the project. Language skills may also be a factor in the selection of the country.

## **Gates Cambridge Scholarship** - <http://www.gatesscholar.org/>

**Description:** The Gates Cambridge Scholarship was created in perpetuity as an international scholarship program to enable outstanding graduate students from outside the United Kingdom to study at the University of Cambridge. The Trustees are required to award scholarships on the basis of a person's intellectual ability, leadership capacity and desire to use their knowledge to contribute to society throughout the world by providing service to their communities and applying their talents and knowledge to improve the lives of others.

**Dollar value:** The scholarship covers the full cost of study at Cambridge for a single person in terms of all approved University and College tuition fees; a maintenance allowance; a further discretionary allowance for study-related activities; and one return economy airfare between the UK and the Scholar's normal country of residence.

**Number of scholarships:** 80-100 new scholars each year (approximately 30 US students).

**Eligibility:** Candidates for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship:

- ✓ may be citizens of any country outside the United Kingdom.
- ✓ may apply to study any subject available at the University of Cambridge.
- ✓ may apply to pursue one of the following full-time residential courses of study:
  - PhD (three year research-only degree)
  - One year postgraduate course (e.g. MPhil, LLM, MAST, Diploma, MBA etc.)
  - MSc or MLitt (two year research-only degree)
- ✓ must be admitted to one of the degrees above at Cambridge through the University's normal admission procedures. The Trust does not admit students.
- ✓ must be well prepared for the Cambridge course for which they are applying and must meet all of the conditions for admission specified by the University (e.g. academic, English language proficiency, if required, and any other conditions set).
- ✓ must be able to show evidence of high academic achievement, leadership potential, social commitment and a good fit with Cambridge.
- ✓ who are already studying at Cambridge are only eligible to apply for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship if they are applying for a **new course of study** (e.g. a one year 'MPhil only' student may apply for funding to continue on to the PhD). Candidates already studying at Cambridge who are not applying for a new course of study (e.g. have already started their PhD) are not eligible to be considered for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship.
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**Application procedures:** Applicants from the United States of America who have not previously studied at the University of Cambridge who wish to apply for admission as a graduate student and for awards offered by the Cambridge Trusts must complete and submit a Graduate Admission and Scholarship Application Form (GRADSAF) to the Board of Graduate Studies.

**National Deadline:** October 15, 2011

### **Contact:**

Gates Cambridge Trust  
PO BOX 252

Cambridge CB2 1TZ England

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Email: [info@gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk](mailto:info@gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk)

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### **What type of student is the Gates Cambridge Trust looking for?**

The Gates Cambridge Trust is looking for students with outstanding academic credentials, demonstrated leadership abilities, a passion to contribute to the improvement of society and a good fit with the graduate program at Cambridge for which they are applying.

### **Is there an age limit for Gates Cambridge Scholarships? No.**

### **Does the Trust place/admit scholars to Cambridge?**

The Trust does not admit students. All applicants must gain admission to a degree by applying to the University in the normal way. See the Graduate Studies Prospectus.

### **Is there a minimum class/GPA required for Gates Cambridge Scholarships?**

Although there is no minimum GPA required to apply for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, successful applicants will be academically outstanding and meet all graduate entry requirements. Applicants should note that the University states the following for admission to a graduate course: Graduate work in Cambridge is intense and very intellectually demanding and so the University has high academic entry requirements. You are normally expected to hold or be about to achieve at least a 2i honors degree from a UK university or an equivalent standard from an overseas university. If you have a question about the suitability of your qualifications for a particular course, please contact the Department in which you would like study.

### **What type of students are the departments at the University of Cambridge looking for?**

Variation among the programs means that each program and each department has its own criteria. Some programs are purely taught, some are solely research-based and some are a mix of the two. For graduate study, departments will expect to see an excellent academic record and in some cases some research experience. You should fully research the course that you are interested by reviewing the Graduate Studies Prospectus and departmental websites.

### **Does it matter what I propose to study at Cambridge for the Gates Cambridge Trust?**

The Trust places no preference on a particular field or course of study. But keep in mind that your reasons for undertaking your program of study or research at Cambridge will be taken into consideration by the Trust. All applicants are first evaluated by the academic Department in Cambridge to which they are applying. Departments then recommend their very best applicants to the Gates Cambridge Trust. The Trust's shortlisting panel then uses these departmental rankings - alongside the further Gates-specific criteria of leadership potential and a commitment to improving the lives of others - to draw up a shortlist of candidates to interview. The shortlist of candidates - and the final list of scholars - comprises a very broad range of subjects available at the University of Cambridge.

### **Do I have to contact academics in my prospective Cambridge department prior to submitting the application?**

PhD and other research (e.g. MPhil by research or MLitt) applicants will want to contact their prospective department in Cambridge prior to submitting the application to ensure there is a workable research project and an academic who is willing to supervise them. Applicants should check the departmental website and contact their potential supervisor to ask for advice.

### **How long does a Gates Cambridge Scholarship last?**

Generally, a Gates Cambridge Scholarship is awarded for the length of the academic course which the scholar is admitted to. For example, a Gates Scholar pursuing the LLM in Law will receive their scholarship for nine months; a scholar pursuing an MSc for two years and a scholar admitted to the PhD for three years.

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program**  
<http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program>

**Description:** The Gilman International Scholarship Program offers awards for undergraduate study abroad and was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000. This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide. The program aims to support students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad, including but not limited to, students with high financial need, community college students, students in under-represented fields such as the sciences and engineering, students with diverse ethnic backgrounds, and students with disabilities.

**Dollar Value:** Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. Award amounts will vary depending on the length of study and student need with the average award being \$4,000. Students who apply for and receive the Gilman Scholarship to study abroad are now eligible to receive an additional \$3,000 Critical Need Language Supplement from the Gilman Program for a total possible award of up to \$8,000.

**Eligibility:** The Gilman Scholarship is open to all US citizen undergraduates, in good academic standing, who meet the following criteria:

- ✓ The applicant must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will be receiving a Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of their study abroad.
- ✓ The applicant is applying to *or* has been accepted into a study abroad program eligible for credit by the student's accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.
- ✓ The applicant is studying abroad for at least 4 weeks in one country. Programs going to more than one country are eligible if the student will be studying in one country for at least 4 weeks.
- ✓ The applicant is studying abroad in any country except Cuba or a country on the State Department's current Travel Warning list.

**Application Procedures:** There are three components to the Gilman Scholarship Application:

- ✓ Online application;
- ✓ Online study abroad advisor certification;
- ✓ Three paper copies of the student's transcript/s.

All three components must be completed by the deadlines for the application to be accepted. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered and extensions cannot be granted.

**Deadline:** Spring 2012: October 4, 2011

Summer 2012 and Fall 2012: deadline to be announced (this year the deadline was March 1)

**Contact:**

Gilman International Scholarship Program  
1800 West Loop South, Suite 250  
Houston, TX 77027  
Tel (for advisors): 713.621.6300, ext 16  
email: [gilmanadvisors@iie.org](mailto:gilmanadvisors@iie.org)

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### **Who is eligible for the Gilman International Scholarship?**

To be eligible for the Gilman International Scholarship students must be U.S.-citizen, undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education in the U.S. All applicants must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant, or provide proof that they will be receiving a Pell Grant during the term of study abroad, at the time of application. Students must be applying to a study abroad program eligible for undergraduate academic credit at their home university.

### **The student has never traveled or studied abroad before. Should they apply?**

Yes, a principal objective of the Gilman Scholarship Program is to expand international educational opportunities by encouraging applications from students who have not previously studied abroad for undergraduate academic credit.

### **What is a Federal Pell Grant?**

A Federal Pell Grant is a form of federal financial aid that students apply for via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If the applicant is unsure if they are receiving a Pell Grant please ask them to contact their financial aid advisor to confirm their aid status. For more information on the Pell Grant and other types of Federal Financial Aid please access the Student Guide to Federal Financial Aid.

### **What study abroad programs are eligible for the Gilman International Scholarship?**

Any study abroad program that is eligible for undergraduate academic credit is eligible for the Gilman International Scholarship. This includes, but is not limited to, university or program provider administered study abroad programs, credit-bearing service-learning programs, academic internship programs, student teaching abroad programs, and programs that combine field or other research, etc.

### **The student is not participating in a study abroad program but is rather applying for a full-degree program overseas whereby they will receive a degree directly from an international institution. Are they eligible to apply?**

No, only U.S. citizens currently enrolled as undergraduate students at a U.S. institution of higher education and participating in a study abroad program of up to one academic year are eligible for the Gilman Program. The Gilman Scholarship does not fund full-degree study overseas.

### **What is the minimum length of study required to be eligible to apply for the Gilman Scholarship? Are short-term programs eligible?**

To be eligible for the Gilman Scholarship Program, programs must fall within the eligible start date range for each application cycle and be a minimum of four weeks in length. Short-term study abroad programs that are at least four weeks long are eligible so long as they fall within the academic year. Generally this means winter intersession or January term programs and students attending these programs would apply during the Spring application cycle. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Gilman Scholarship, a limited number of scholarships for summer programs will be available to students from all majors who meet the program's standard eligibility criteria.

### **Are multi-country programs eligible?**

Yes, multi-country programs are eligible so long as students will spend a minimum of four weeks in one country. Within the application students should list the country they will spend the majority of their time abroad in and then within their essay they can share further information on the structure and location of their program abroad.

## **Barry Goldwater Scholarship Program**

<http://www.act.org/goldwater>

**Description:** The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was created in 1986 to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering and to foster excellence in these fields. Nominees for Goldwater Scholarships must include in their nomination materials a statement of interest in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering, detailing how their academic program and their overall educational plans will prepare them for their chosen career goal. Most Goldwater Scholars plan to pursue PhD's in their chosen field. Students who intend to study medicine are eligible only if they plan a research career rather than a career as a medical doctor in a private practice. A strong candidate will have had the opportunity to participate in research, either at his or her institution, in local industry, or in a national research facility. Students who have not participated in formal research can demonstrate intellectual curiosity through independent investigation of a theory or issue related to their fields of interest. Abilities and potential are also shown through meeting significant responsibilities, involvement in science-related organizations, and accomplishments outside the classroom.

**Dollar Value:** Scholars receive up to \$7,500 annually (up to \$15,000) to cover undergraduate tuition, fees, books and room and board expenses.

**Number of Scholarships:** Up to 300 Goldwater Scholarships are awarded each year.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Be a full-time matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education during the academic year in which he or she applies. "Sophomore" is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study beginning in September after application. Sophomore nominees can expect to receive a maximum of two years of support. Students in two-year colleges who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate program at another institution may be nominated. "Junior" is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning the September after application. Junior nominees can expect to receive a maximum of one year of support.
- ✓ Have a college grade-point-average of at least "B" (or the equivalent) and be in the upper fourth of his or her class.
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident, or, in the case of nominees from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, a U.S. national. Nominations from permanent residents must include a letter of the nominee's intent to obtain U.S. citizenship and a photocopy of the Permanent Resident Card. (Formerly known as the Alien Registration Card).

**Application Procedures:** Students must be nominated by their institution to compete for the Goldwater Scholarship. Contact campus representative for information about campus screening process.

**Deadline:** Information regarding the 2012 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Program will be posted in September 2010. This year the deadline was January 31, 2011.

### Contact:

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship And Excellence In Education Foundation  
6225 Brandon Avenue, Suite 315  
Springfield, VA 22150-2519  
Phone: 703/756-6012 FAX: 703/756-6015  
[goldh2o@vacoxmail.com](mailto:goldh2o@vacoxmail.com)

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**Can students combine undergraduate majors or minors that may include disciplines not normally allowed by the Goldwater Scholarship Program? Examples might include Mathematics/Economics or Biology/Psychology.**

Yes, with some limitations. The Goldwater application must be a research emphasis in mathematics, science or engineering. Students who seek double majors should explain how the non-science major will be incorporated into and enhance the science research career.

**Is there one area of the Goldwater application that is more important than others?**

No. The evaluation of all Goldwater nominees places equal emphasis on academic achievement, progress toward research goals, the research essay, and letters of recommendation.

**Given the low percentage of Goldwater Scholars who came from 2-year academic programs, should community college students apply for the Goldwater Scholarship?**

Yes. Statistically, the vast majority of Goldwater scholars came from 4-year colleges and universities where access to undergraduate research is readily available. Community colleges students need access to research facilities at either the 2-year college, through cooperative agreements with 4-year colleges and universities, government laboratories, or private companies.

**Is it a requirement that Goldwater nominees complete a research project before applying?**

No. Research experience is important to verify that nominees are making progress toward a research career. Juniors are more successful than sophomores in the Goldwater scholarship review process, in part, because of greater research opportunities and experience. However, a completed research project is not a requirement for a successful application.

**Is there an appeal process for qualified students who are not selected as Goldwater scholars?**

No. The Goldwater review process submits a preliminary list of scholars and honorable mention candidates to the Goldwater Foundation Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and there is no appeal process.

## Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowships - <http://www.hertzfndn.org>

**Description:** Graduate Fellowships of the Hertz Foundation are widely considered to be among the most prestigious offered in the applied physical, biological and engineering sciences. The Foundation's standing policy is that they will be structured to be the most attractive in their class in both material terms and duration of tenure. The Hertz Foundation's Graduate Fellowship award, which is based on merit (not need) consists of a cost-of-education allowance and a personal-support stipend. The cost-of-education allowance is accepted by all of the tenable schools in lieu of all fees and tuition. Hertz Fellows therefore have no liability for any ordinary educational costs, regardless of their choice among tenable schools.

**Dollar Value:** Successful applicants have the choice of two Fellowship options:

- ✓ Option 1 - Five Year Hertz
  - \$31,000/9-month personal stipend
  - Full tuition equivalent
  - Renewable annually for up to 5 years
- ✓ Option 2 - Five-Year Coordinated: This option requires awardee to accept a 3-year Fellowship from another source.
  - *Hertz Period - Two Years*
    - \$36,000/9-month personal stipend
    - Full tuition equivalent
  - *Other Fellowship Period - Up to Three Years*
    - \$3,500/ year supplemental stipend from Hertz

**Number of Scholarships:** Varies, between 60 and 80 per year.

### Eligibility:

- ✓ U.S. citizens or permanent residents;
- ✓ Graduating seniors wishing to pursue the Ph.D. degree as well as current graduate students;
- ✓ Students working towards the Ph.D. degree in the applied physical sciences and engineering sciences, as well as those aspects of modern biology which apply the physical sciences intensively.
- ✓ The Scholarship does not support students pursuing advanced professional degrees other than the Ph.D., such as enrollees in M.D., LL.D. or MBA programs, although it will support the Ph.D. portion of a joint M.D./Ph.D. study program.

**Application Procedures:** The annual competition for Graduate Fellowships begins with the application period, which opens each year in August at which time a deadline consistent with those of NSF and other fellowship granting organizations will be posted. Applications are submitted through an online application process.

**Deadline:** This past year the deadline was October 29, 2010

### Contact:

Fannie and John Hertz Foundation  
2456 Research Drive  
Livermore, CA 94550-3850  
phone: 925-373-1642  
fax: 925-373-6329

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### **Are 1st year grad students eligible for the Fannie & John Hertz Fellowship?**

Yes, they are still eligible to apply as a first year grad student. Please refer to the application for specifics on the tenable school choice.

### **Can a graduate student still apply if they cannot transfer schools?**

They can still apply, but the system requires them list a tenable school choice. If the first choice of graduate school is not presently a Hertz tenable school, there is a point on the application where this school's name can be entered. Applicants can expected to concisely defend this unconstrained choice later in the application, indicating what this school offers that is not offered by any of the tenable schools.

### **Can letters written on the candidates' behalf in a non-Hertz format be submitted?**

The Foundation expects each of the Referees will use the format to submit their information, answering all of the specific questions. The Foundation can accept the existing letters that are mention as supplemental information only. The applicant should register the four references using the system provided. If there are additional recommenders that would like to submit a paper application, contact the Foundation and a PDF form can be sent to the recommender.

### **Will additional recommendations be accepted after the deadline?**

The Foundation will continue to accept recommendations after the deadline, but they may not be considered in the decisions of which applicants to interview. Those decisions are made in the first two weeks in November.

### **When can candidates expect to hear back from the foundation regarding their application?**

Interviewees will be selected by mid-November. Applicants should hear from the Foundation regarding your status before the end of the year.

### **Is it OK to use GRE scores for the exam that will be taken in November?**

The Foundation will continue to accept GREs after the deadline. Initial interview decisions will be made in mid-November. Every Fellowship applicant is required to take at least the aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination and to have the results sent to the Foundation. The Foundation ID is #4366. We accept subject test scores, but do not require them.

### **Would an applicant have to finish the Masters before applying for a Fellowship?**

The Master's work is a part of the Fellowship as long as it is an integral part of a program to obtain a PhD.

### **Is a first year PhD student still eligible for a Hertz Fellowship?**

First year PhD students are generally beyond the first year of graduate school unless the MS degree was awarded at the same time as your BS, BA, or equivalent. Note that Hertz Fellowships are rarely granted to students beyond their first year of graduate school, and then only in cases of "exceptional leverage." (Leverage meaning what difference the award of the Hertz Fellowship is likely to make in the kind, quality, and/or personal creativity of the student's graduate research.) The transcript page in the application, which asks for the degree(s) earned at the schools listed, is the place to enter the Masters degree information.

### **Are grants offered to non-Americans?**

Eligible applicants for Hertz Fellowships must be students of the applied physical sciences or engineering who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States of America.

## **Samuel Huntington Public Service Award**

[http://www.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/about\\_us/award.asp](http://www.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/about_us/award.asp)

**Description:** Samuel Huntington was President and Chief Executive Officer of the New England Electric System, which later merged with National Grid. He was deeply interested in public service. Following his graduation from college and before attending law school, Mr. Huntington taught in Nigeria. The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award was established by his friends to allow other students to realize similar experiences and to provide public service.

**Dollar Value:** This award provides an annual stipend of \$10,000 to graduating seniors to engage in meaningful public service for up to one year anywhere in the world. \$5,000 is awarded at the start of the project; and the remaining \$5,000 is awarded upon receipt of a six-month progress report.

**Number of Scholarships:** The foundation guarantees at least one award each year.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ This competition is open to all graduating seniors from accredited colleges or universities.
- ✓ Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply if they are graduating from a U.S. college or university.

**Application Procedures:** Students are encouraged to develop their own proposals for public service in this country or abroad. The proposal may encompass any activity that furthers the public good. It can be undertaken by the student alone or working through established charitable, religious, educational, governmental, or other public service organizations. Awards will be based on the quality of your proposal, your academic record, and other personal achievements. Applicants will be notified by mid-April if they are to be interviewed or if they did not become finalists. Finalists will be personally interviewed prior to their selection for the award. The award will be granted soon after the interviews. See [http://www.nationalgridus.com/non\\_html/shared\\_award.pdf](http://www.nationalgridus.com/non_html/shared_award.pdf) for application form.

**Deadline:** January 18, 2012

### **Contact:**

The Samuel Huntington Fund  
Attn: Amy F. Stacy  
25 Research Drive  
Westborough, MA 01582  
(508) 389-3390  
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**Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program** - [www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsjavits/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsjavits/index.html)

**Description:** The Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program provides financial assistance to students who have demonstrated (1) superior academic ability and achievement; (2) exceptional promise; and (3) financial need to undertake graduate study leading to a doctoral degree or a master's degree in which the master's degree is the terminal highest degree in the selected field of study. This program provides fellowships to students of superior academic ability—selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise—to undertake study at the doctoral and Master of Fine Arts level in selected fields of arts, humanities, and social sciences.

**Dollar Value:** Subject to the availability of funds, a fellow receives the Javits fellowship annually for up to the lesser of 48 months or the completion of his/her degree. The fellowship consists of an institutional payment (accepted by the institution of higher education in lieu of all tuition and fees for the fellow) and a stipend (based on the fellow's financial need as determined by the measurements of the Federal Student Assistance Processing System.) In fiscal year 2010, the maximum stipend was \$30,000, and the institutional payment was \$13,755. In fiscal year 2011, the maximum stipend will be \$30,000 and the institutional payment is estimated to be \$13,755.

**Number of Scholarships:** Varies, between 27 and 70+.

**Eligibility:**

- ✓ Undergraduate students about to enter graduate school and graduate students who have not yet completed their first year of graduate study and who intend to pursue a doctoral or master's degree, if the master's degree is the terminal or highest degree awarded in an approved field, may apply.
- ✓ U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents of the U.S., or citizens of any one of the Freely Associated States.
- ✓ Applicants must be eligible to be accepted to or currently attending a graduate program leading to a doctorate or a terminal master's degree in an eligible field of study at an institution of higher education approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of the Department of Education. Applicants attending a foreign institution are ineligible.
- ✓ Individuals who, as Javits fellows, will be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance pursuant to Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Students who have already received a Javits fellowship in previous years are not eligible.
- ✓ Eligibility is limited to students in the arts, humanities, and social sciences fields.

**Application Procedures:** All applicants are required to submit hard copies of the following application materials: (1) Applicant Information Form; (2) GRE scores (if applicable); (3) Official transcripts; (4) Listing of honors and awards; (5) Certification of Eligibility Form; (6) Statement of Purpose; (6) Letters of Recommendation; and (7) Supporting Art Materials. The FAFSA is also required in order to complete the financial needs calculation.

**Deadline:** Last year the deadline was September 30, 2010.

**Contact:**

U.S. Department of Education, OPE  
Teacher and Student Development Programs Service  
Jacob K. Javits Fellowships Program  
1990 K Street, N.W., Room 6089  
Washington, DC 20006-8524  
Telephone: (202) 502-7542  
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### **What are the selection criteria?**

The selection criteria for this program are established by the JKV Program Fellowship Board, pursuant to section 702(a)(2) of the HEA and 34 CFR 650.20(a). The selection criteria for applications in the humanities and social sciences are: (a) Statement of purpose (150 points); (b) Letters of recommendation (100 points); (c) Academic record (100 points); and (d) Scholarly awards/honors (50 points). The selection criteria for applications in the arts are: (a) Statement of purpose (100 points); (b) Letters of recommendation (100 points); (c) Academic record (50 points); (d) Scholarly awards/honors (50 points); and (e) Supporting arts materials (100 points).

### **My institution offers a master's degree in an eligible field, but not a Ph.D. Can I use the Javits Fellowship to get a master's degree at my school and transfer later to a Ph.D. granting program at another institution?**

Yes, however there can be no interruption between completion of the master's degree and entrance into a Ph.D. program. At the time of application you must clearly indicate that you are pursuing a Ph.D.

### **How is financial need determined in the Javits Fellowship Program?**

By law, financial need is determined using Part F of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Each applicant must submit a FAFSA and receive the resulting Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Your institution will later use the EFC in calculating the stipend. For the purpose of making new fellowship awards, the Department of Education considers a student as eligible whose EFC that is less than the maximum fellowship.

### **Are parent's financial information included in calculating my Estimated Family Contribution?**

No. Students entering graduate school are automatically considered independent.

### **Must I submit GRE test scores even if the GRE is not required to gain admission to the academic program at my university?**

Yes. These scores are used to evaluate your application. If you do not include your GRE scores with your application, your application will not be reviewed.

### **Do average or mediocre GRE scores put a student out of the running for a Javits fellowship, despite other impressive academic accomplishments?**

No. The GRE scores by themselves will not eliminate an applicant from the competition. While the GRE scores are considered, they do not carry the heaviest weight. The applicant must have other qualities to support their candidacy -- clear vision and purpose demonstrated in the personal statement, evidence of depth and breadth in the field of study as demonstrated in the transcript, and honors/ awards or other activities related to the field, including those that show leadership. The letters of recommendation are also extremely important in supporting the applicant.

### **When are new fellowship awards announced?**

The Department of Education must announce new awards by March 1 of the academic year preceding the academic year for which the fellowship is awarded. Successful applicants typically are notified by telephone and later receive a letter containing further instructions. The Department of Education mails all other applicants a letter.

### **How is the fellowship renewed for next year?**

The Javits Coordinator at your school will submit a request on Fellows behalf to the U.S. Department of Education prior to each year of the fellowship. The school will request fellowship funds based on an annual filing/update of the Fellows' FAFSA. Fellows must submit the renewal information to the school upon request.

**Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship** - <http://faa.illinois.edu/files/KateNealKinley.pdf>

**Description:** The Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship provide meaningful opportunities for individuals holding a bachelor's degree in the fine and applied arts to enhance their professional status, to aid their pursuit of an advanced degree, or to finance a special project within the field. Fellows may pursue their projects either in America or abroad.

**Dollar Value:** Three major Fellowships will be awarded, one of \$20,000 in any field of music; one of \$20,000 in instrumental or vocal music, architectural design and history, art and design, theatre, or dance; and one of \$9,000 in art, architecture, dance, landscape architecture, theatre, or urban and regional planning. The Fellowships are to be used by the recipients toward defraying the expenses of advanced study in America or abroad.

**Number of Scholarships:** Three major fellowships will be awarded.

**Eligibility:**

- ✓ The Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship competition is open to graduates of the College of Fine and Applied Arts of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and to graduates of similar institutions of equal educational standing in the following fields: Architecture — Design or History; Art — all branches; Dance — Choreography, Performance, Performance-Choreography; Landscape Architecture — History, Culture and Heritage, Sustainable Design, or Design Theory and Practice; Music — all branches; Theatre — Acting, Design, Playwriting, or Theatre Research/History; Urban and Regional Planning — all branches.
- ✓ A Bachelor's degree in Architecture, Art, Dance, Landscape Architecture, Music, Theatre, or Urban and Regional Planning is required.
- ✓ Applications are accepted from individuals of all ages, but preference is given to applicants under 25 years old.
- ✓ Selection is based upon the applicant's high achievement in his/her major field of study or related cultural fields, as well as the character, merit and suitability of the program proposed by the applicant. Seriousness of purpose and good moral character will be considered as part of each application and will be included in the judgment of the Committee.
- ✓ The candidates who, in the opinion of the Committee, appear to possess the greatest promise and the greatest likelihood to benefit from the Fellowship will be recommended to the Chancellor and Provost at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as recipients. Group work is not eligible for submission.

**Application Procedures:** The application for the Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship is available online at the website of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's College of Fine and Applied Arts.

**Deadline:** Last year the deadline was December 3, 2010.

**Contact:**

Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship Committee  
College of Fine and Applied Arts  
University of Illinois  
100 Architecture Building  
608 E. Lorado Taft Drive  
Champaign, IL 61820  
Phone: (217) 333-1661

## **Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship Program** <http://www.kstf.org/programs/teaching.html>

**Description:** Each year, KSTF awards Teaching Fellowships to exceptional young men and women committed to teaching science and mathematics in United States high schools. We believe the commitment to teaching merits the deepest respect and support. Our Teaching Fellowship is designed explicitly to meet the needs of teachers from the time they begin working on a teaching credential through the early years of their career.

Throughout the five-year program, Fellows are introduced to a variety of teaching resources, curriculum materials, research and experts in the field that help them study and reflect on their work as teachers. KSTF Fellows receive ongoing feedback and support from our program officers. Summer and academic year professional development, collaborative lesson study and yearly portfolios that document each Fellow's progress as a teacher are just a few of the Fellowship aspects that help inform and enhance Fellows' professional growth.

**Dollar Value:** KSTF Teaching Fellowships combine extensive financial and professional support. The total award for each Fellow is valued at nearly \$150,000 over the course of the five-year Fellowship. Fellows receive tuition assistance while participating in a teacher credentialing program, monthly stipends, and grants for professional development and teaching materials.

**Number of Scholarships:** Approximately 25-35 fellowships are awarded to applicants in the fields of biology, mathematics, and physical sciences.

**Eligibility:** KSTF Teaching Fellowships are awarded based on four selection criteria: science or mathematics content knowledge, commitment to teaching, professional ability and leadership.

Applicants should have received their most recent content (i.e., science, mathematics or engineering) degree within five years of the start of the fellowship (June 1 of the application year.) An individual who is in the final year of an undergraduate, master's, combined BS with MAT or MEd program or near the completion of a doctoral program in a content area may also be eligible. Applicants who have earned a content degree within the last five years and are currently enrolled in a secondary teaching credential program at the time of application, or have completed their secondary credential no earlier than the fall term before the application deadline, are also eligible to apply.

Applicants must be enrolled or plan to enroll in a recognized teacher education program that leads to a secondary science or mathematics teaching license. At the time of application, applicants do not need to be admitted into a teacher education program. However, successful applicants must be admitted into such a program before the fellowships are awarded in June.

**Application Procedures:** All applications for the KSTF Teaching Fellowship must be submitted online. The application requires three essays, a copy of your resume or curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation and official transcripts for all post-secondary coursework..

**Deadline:** This year's deadline was January 12, 2011. The 2012 application will be available in September 2011.

### **Contact:**

Knowles Science Teaching Foundation  
1000 N. Church Street  
Moorestown, New Jersey 08057  
Tel.: 856.608.0001  
teachers@kstf.org

## **Language Flagship Fellowship**

[http://borenawards.org/the\\_language\\_flagship](http://borenawards.org/the_language_flagship)

**Description:** The Language Flagship program represents a bold and unprecedented effort to address the urgent need for professionals with advanced competency in critical languages. Through a combination of innovative campus curricula and overseas immersion, each intensive Flagship Program is designed to achieve professional proficiency, or level 3 as designated by the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) in the target language. Flagship fellowships are now available in African languages, Arabic, Chinese, Hindi/Urdu, Korean, Persian, and Russian. The Language Flagship Fellowship is administered by the National Security Education Program (NSEP).

**Dollar Value:** Fellowships are two-year awards that provide support for all academic expenses directly associated with participation in the Flagship Language Program, including tuition, a stipend for living expenses, and support for travel costs and health insurance coverage. The living stipend is based on reasonable costs associated with the location(s) of each Flagship Language Program. Total fellowship amounts will vary by individual depending upon the specific composition and duration of the program.

**Number of Fellowships:** Varies.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- ✓ Must have a minimum proficiency in the appropriate foreign language of advanced low (as defined by ACTFL) or level 2 (as defined by ILR). Applicant must also possess excellent skills in English (ILR level 3/ACTFL superior language proficiency or higher in all modalities of English).
- ✓ Must complete an undergraduate degree by the time the applicant would begin the NFLP Fellowship. Past recipients of NSEP Boren Undergraduate Scholarships or Graduate Fellowships are eligible and are encouraged to apply to this program.
- ✓ May not be a current U.S. government employee.

**Application Procedures:** Copies of the application can be downloaded from the website. All Fellowship application materials must be received by the Institute of International Education by the stated deadline in January. Applications received by fax or email will not be accepted.

**Deadline:** This year's deadline was January 13, 2011.

### **Contact:**

Contact information will vary with each language program. Go to the following website for information on program coordinators: [http://borenawards.org/the\\_language\\_flagship/programs.html](http://borenawards.org/the_language_flagship/programs.html)

For general information on the national Flagship Language program, contact:

The Language Flagship Fellowships  
Institute of International Education  
1400 K Street, NW, 6th Floor Washington, DC 20005-2403  
Telephone: 1-800-618-NSEP  
Fax: 202-326-7672  
Email: [flagship@iie.org](mailto:flagship@iie.org)

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### **Which Flagship Programs can Fellowship funding be used for?**

Flagship Fellowships can only be used to fund a Master's degree granting Flagship Program. Flagship Fellows must remain enrolled in their graduate Flagship Program for the duration of their Fellowship funding period. Flagship Fellowships can be awarded to new applicants to the following Master's degree granting Flagship Programs: University of Maryland Arabic Flagship Program, Indiana University Chinese Flagship Program, University of Hawaii Korean Flagship Program, and University of Maryland Persian Flagship Program.

Flagship Fellowships are also offered to students who have completed their first year at a Flagship Master's degree granting domestic program and are pursuing their second year of the program at a Flagship overseas institution. Flagship Fellowships may be awarded for study at the following Flagship overseas institutions: University of Damascus, Nanjing University, Korea University, and Tajik State National University.

### **Are former Boren Scholars or Boren Fellows eligible for Flagship Fellowships?**

Yes. Former Boren Scholarship or Fellowship recipients are encouraged to apply.

### **Is Flagship Fellowship funding guaranteed if an applicant is admitted to a graduate Flagship Program?**

No. The Language Flagship does not have funding available to support all admitted and worthy applicants of the graduate Flagship Programs. We encourage Flagship Fellowship applicants to inquire with the Flagship Program as to whether other sources of funding are available. We encourage Flagship Fellowship applicants to also consider applying for the Boren Fellowship to support participation in the overseas component of the Flagship Program.

### **What is the NSEP service requirement?**

The NSEP Service Requirement stipulates that an award recipient work in the Federal Government in a position with national security responsibilities. The duration of the NSEP service requirement is equal to the duration of assistance provided under the program, in no case less than one year. It is expected that Flagship Fellowship applicants are interested in working for the government, and should they be awarded a Fellowship, will make a commitment to long term federal service.

### **Can Flagship Fellows maintain military or government employment while receiving Fellowship funds?**

No. According to the David L. Boren National Security Education Act of 1991, as amended, which established the NSEP: "No person who receives an award, scholarship or fellowship or any other type of assistance under the NSEP shall, as a condition of receiving such assistance or under any other circumstances, be used by any department, agency, or entity of the United States Government engaged in intelligence activities to undertake an activity on its behalf during the period such person is pursuing a program of education for which funds are provided under the program carried out under this title." Therefore, government and military employees cannot maintain their employment status or a leave of absence status while receiving Flagship Fellowship funding.

### **If awarded, can Flagship Fellowships be deferred?**

Under no circumstances are deferments of Flagship Fellowships permitted. Flagship Fellowship recipients are expected to begin their Flagship Program on the date designated by that program.

## **James Madison Junior Fellowship Program - [www.jamesmadison.com/](http://www.jamesmadison.com/)**

**Description:** The James Madison Fellowships were created to honor Madison's legacy and Madisonian principles by providing support for graduate study that focuses on the Constitution—its history and contemporary relevance to the practices and policies of democratic government. The Foundation offers two types of fellowships:

- ✓ Junior Fellowship: awarded to students who are about to complete, or have completed their undergraduate course of study and plan to begin graduate work on a full-time basis. Junior Fellows have two years to complete their degree.
- ✓ Senior Fellowship: awarded to teachers who wish to undertake work for a graduate degree on a part-time basis through summer and evening classes. Senior Fellows have up to five years to complete their degree.

**Dollar value:** The maximum amount of each award is \$24,000, prorated over the individual period of study. Fellowship payments cover the actual costs of tuition, required fees, books, and room and board but cannot exceed \$12,000 per academic year. Normally, Fellows receive less than these maximum amounts.

**Number of Fellowships:** Each year, the Foundation selects at least one James Madison Fellow, either a junior or a senior, from each state, the District of Columbia, The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, considered as a single entity, Guam, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Funds permitting, more than one fellowship may be awarded in jurisdictions with larger populations.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or national.
- ✓ Applicant must be a teacher, or planning to become a teacher, of American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary school level (grades 7-12).
- ✓ Applicant must either currently possess a bachelor's degree, or plan to receive a bachelor's degree no later than August 31 of the year in which they are applying.
- ✓ If the applicant already has a graduate degree, they must wait at least three years from the time that degree was awarded before applying for a fellowship.

**Application Procedure:** All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by March 1 through the Madison online application process.

**Deadline:** March 1

### **Contact:**

James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation  
2000 K Street, NW, Suite 303  
Washington, DC 20006  
Telephone: 202-653-8700 FAX: 202-653-6045  
For general information, call 1-800-525-6928  
or e-mail [madison@act.org](mailto:madison@act.org).

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### **Who is eligible to apply for a James Madison Memorial Fellowship?**

U.S. citizens who demonstrate a commitment to civic responsibilities and to professional and collegial activities and who qualify for admission with graduate standing at an accredited U.S. university that offers a qualifying master's degree program are eligible to apply. Applicants must be committed to teaching American history, American government, and/or social studies full time in grades 7-12.

### **Why are there two types of fellowships and what's the difference between the two?**

There are two types of fellowships to recognize the different challenges and circumstances between those without teaching experience and those currently teaching who seek to pursue graduate study. Junior fellowships are awarded to outstanding college seniors and college graduates without teaching experience who intend to become secondary school teachers of American history, American government, or social studies in grades 7-12. Junior Fellows must complete graduate study within 2 academic years of full-time study. Senior fellowships are awarded to superior current teachers who must be able to complete graduate study within 5 calendar years of part-time study.

### **What is a "qualifying master's degree program"?**

The fellowships are intended exclusively for graduate study leading to a master's degree. James Madison Fellows may attend any accredited institution of higher education in the United States. Each individual will be expected to pursue and complete a master's degree in one of the following (listed in order of the Foundation's preference): Master of Arts (MA) in American history or in political science (also referred to as "government and politics" or as "government") Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) concentrating on either American Constitutional history (in a history department) or American government, political institutions, and political theory (in a political science department) Master of Education (MEd) or the Master of Arts or Master of Science in Education with a concentration in American history or American government, political institutions, and political theory

### **What are the selection criteria?**

Applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence. Applicants are evaluated on their demonstrated commitment to a career teaching American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary school level; demonstrated intent to pursue and complete a program of graduate study that emphasizes the Constitution and offers instruction in that subject; demonstrated devotion to civic responsibility; demonstrated capacity for study and performance as classroom teachers, and their proposed courses of graduate study.

### **What are a Fellow's obligations to the Foundation during his/her graduate education?**

Each Fellow must make satisfactory progress toward the degree and remain in good academic standing and must complete the graduate degree study within the amount of time indicated above. Junior Fellows may not be engaged in gainful employment that interferes with the Fellow's studies. In addition, each Fellow is required to attend the Foundation's Summer Institute during the term of fellowship. Fellows are expected to attend the Summer Institute the summer after the year of their award and the commencement of their first year of graduate study. The four-week Summer Institute is held in July at Georgetown University.

### **What is a Fellow's obligation after graduate study is completed?**

After receiving the master's degree, each Fellow must teach American history, American government, or social studies in grades 7-12 for one full year for each academic year of aid received under a fellowship, preferably in the state from which the recipient won the fellowship. Teaching during the term of the fellowship study does not count toward satisfaction of this obligation, nor does transfer into an administrative position or to college or university teaching.

## **Marshall Scholarship** – <http://www.marshallscholarship.org>

**Description:** The purpose of the Marshall Scholarship is to finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom in a system of higher education recognized for its excellence. The Marshall Scholarships serve as a way to commemorate the humane ideals of the Marshall plan conceived by General George C. Marshall. They express the continuing gratitude of the British people to their American counterparts.

The scholarships have five main purposes: (1) to enable intellectually distinguished Americans, their country's future leaders, to study in the U.K.; (2) to help scholars gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain; (3) to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, and humanities and social sciences and the creative arts at Britain's center of academic excellence; (4) to motivate scholars to act as ambassadors from the U.S. to the U.K. and vice versa throughout their lives thus strengthening British American understanding; and (5) to promote the personal and academic fulfillment of each scholar.

**Dollar value:** University fees, cost of living expenses, annual book grant, thesis grant, research and daily travel grants, fares to and from the United States and, where applicable, a contribution towards the support of a dependent spouse.

**Number of scholarships:** up to 40 each year

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen;
- ✓ Hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States by the time the scholarship is taken up;
- ✓ Have a GPA of not less than 3.7 on their undergraduate degree;
- ✓ Have graduated from their undergraduate college or university after April 2009;
- ✓ Not have studied for, or hold a degree or degree-equivalent qualification from a British University.

**Deadline:** October 3, 2011

**Application Procedures:** Candidates may apply in one region only - either that in which they have their permanent home address or ordinary place of residence/employment, or that in which they are studying. Any candidate applying in more than one region will automatically be disqualified. Candidates must submit their application on the online form provided on the Marshall website. Applications must be endorsed by the President, Provost, or Academic Dean of the applicant's educational institution (or employer). The online application must be submitted and authorized by a designated member of staff at the applicant's educational institution (or employer).

### **Contact:**

Miss Mary C Denyer  
Assistant Secretary & Head of Scholarship Administration  
Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (MACC)  
c/o ACU, Woburn House  
20-24 Tavistock Square  
London WC1H 9HF  
Telephone: 020 7380 6703  
E-mail: [apps@marshallscholarship.org](mailto:apps@marshallscholarship.org)

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### **There is no mention of an age restriction on your website but the information does reference "young" students. Are individuals over 30 years of age eligible?**

There is no age restriction on the Marshall Scholarships but you must have graduated from your first undergraduate degree after April 2009.

### **Do I need to submit an application to my chosen British University before I apply for the Marshall scholarship?**

You do not need to have applied to British Universities before you apply for a Marshall Scholarship. The Marshall Commission undertakes responsibility to place you if you are selected as a Marshall Scholar.

### **Are selected Scholars automatically admitted to the University of their choice within the United Kingdom?**

Once a Scholar has been selected the Commission endeavors to secure placement at the first choice University and course but in the end the decision to accept a Scholar is with the University and not with the Commission. The Marshall Commission cannot, therefore, guarantee that a Marshall Scholar will be admitted to the University of their choice.

### **Can a candidate undertake a PhD on the Marshall Scholarship?**

It is fine for a Marshall to undertake a Doctorate program from the beginning of their award. The proviso is that should the scholar decide not to complete the doctorate or failed to get third year funding, they would need to complete a lower research degree within the two years. We currently have several Marshalls enrolled on Doctorate programs so this is not a problem. I should just highlight that third year funding is not guaranteed although the Commission is currently working very hard to create further opportunities. Candidates should however show that they plan to complete within three years.

### **I am doing a one-year program. Is the scholarship available only for students who are doing two-year programs?**

You may wish to apply for the one-year Marshall Scholarship. To apply for this Scholarship you must demonstrate a strong post-Scholarship plan. In addition it is possible to undertake two one year degree programs on the Marshall Scholarship, or one two year program on the two year Marshall Scholarship.

### **Is possible to do a 1-year MA while conducting research (in effect doing both part-time, and thus stretching the one-year MA over two years)?**

It would not be possible to be signed up to the MA part time, as the Entry Clearance regulations for the UK require that students be registered full time. In addition the Marshall Commission requires full time registration.

### **What I can do as a fine/creative arts student in order to prepare a strong application?**

The Marshall Commission is always keen to select fine arts students. You should think carefully about the UK Institution you wish to study at, it must offer Masters level courses and be a recognized institution. A strong application is one that demonstrates that the choice of institution has been carefully considered and justification given on why that particular place is the best for that course.

## **Math for America Fellowship**

<http://www.mathforamerica.org/web/guest/mfa-fellows>

**Description:** The Math for America Fellowship is a highly selective, five-year program where recent college graduates and mid-career professionals make a commitment to teach mathematics in public secondary schools. The Fellowship includes one year earning a master's degree in education and four years teaching math and participating in MfA corps activities and professional development. MfA Fellows are mathematically sophisticated individuals who are new to teaching and use their talents to make a difference in students' lives.

The MfA Fellowship is available in Boston, Los Angeles, New York City, San Diego, Utah and Washington, DC.

**Dollar Value:** Fellows receive a full-tuition scholarship to earn a master's degree or teacher credentialing program in Mathematics Education and up to \$100,000 in stipends, in addition to a full-time teacher's salary.

**Number of Fellowships:** Approximately 90 are awarded each year.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- ✓ Be new to teaching
- ✓ Have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited College or University.
- ✓ Have completed substantial coursework in mathematics. All of the pre-service training programs require strong quantitative preparation.
- ✓ Achieve a competitive score on the ETS Praxis Exams.

Current full-time teachers are not eligible for the MfA Fellowship. See MfA Early Career Fellowship or MfA Master Teacher Fellowship for applicable opportunities.

**Application Procedures:** MfA has seven sites across the country and each site offers different Fellowship program options. Please see <http://www.mathforamerica.org/web/guest/apply> for instructions on how to apply to the MfA Fellowship, MfA Early Career Fellowship, MfA Master Teacher Fellowship or MfA School Leader Fellowship.

**Deadline:** Variable deadlines. This year most were January 21, 2011.

### **Contact:**

Math for America

160 Fifth Avenue, 8th Floor

New York, NY 10010

Phone: 646-437-0904

Fax: 646-437-0935

Email: for Program contacts see <http://www.mathforamerica.org/about-us/contact-us>

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### **What type of person is a good candidate for a MfA Fellowship?**

Successful applicants demonstrate the following qualities:

- ✓ Know and love math
- ✓ Enjoy interacting with young people
- ✓ Possess excellent communication skills
- ✓ Able to work with students and have ideas on how to create constructive learning environments
- ✓ Take personal responsibility for themselves and their actions

### **Must candidates have to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?**

All candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents due to the state certification requirements.

### **Could candidates apply their undergraduate degree was in both math and math education?**

Yes. If you have a math and math education dual degree, then you are eligible to apply.

### **What if a candidate already has a master's degree in math, science or engineering?**

Individuals with master's degrees are welcome to apply for the Fellowship. If you already have a master's, you will receive another degree (a master's in secondary education) during the first year of the Fellowship, which leads to state certification to teach.

### **Can a selected candidate defer acceptance into the program?**

Applicants who are accepted into the program may not defer acceptance. Applicants must reapply for the program the following year.

### **What colleges and universities does MfA work with?**

MfA LA works with Claremont Graduate University and the University of Southern California. MfA NY has three Partner Universities: Bard College, New York University, and Teachers College, Columbia University. MfA San Diego is a consortium of three universities: California State University San Marcos, San Diego State University and the University of California, San Diego. MfA DC partners with American University.

### **What type of master's degree will I earn?**

Fellows earn a master's degree in secondary math education. Most states require teachers to hold a master's degree within five years of becoming a teacher. This degree allows Fellows to meet requirements for certification.

**George J. Mitchell Scholarship** - <http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/content/3/en/George%20Mitchell%20Scholarship%20Program%20%7C%20US-Ireland%20Alliance.html>

**Description:** The Mitchell Scholars Program, named to honor former US Senator George Mitchell's pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, is designed to introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland, while recognizing and fostering intellectual achievement, leadership, and a commitment to community and public service. Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars are chosen annually for one year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

**Dollar value:** The scholarship is non-renewable and covers tuition, room and board and provides a \$12,000 stipend to finance other necessary expenses throughout the term of study. The award is for twelve months and can be used toward a one-year MA program in any discipline.

**Number of scholarships:** Twelve scholarships are being offered this year. There is a five percent acceptance ratio that is similar to other foundations. There are nine universities in Ireland that students can attend.

**Eligibility:**

- ✓ Be a US citizen
- ✓ Be 18 years of age or older but not yet 30 on October 1 of the year of application.
- ✓ Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholar.
- ✓ While married applicants are accepted, no allowance is made for the expenses of a married applicant's spouse or dependent.

**Application Procedures:** The on-line application consists of 5 sections:

- ✓ Personal Information;
- ✓ Education and Employment;
- ✓ Registration of Recommenders/Institutional Endorser;
- ✓ Awards and Activities;
- ✓ and Personal Statement.

Supporting documents include a passport-type photo, transcript(s), 5 letters of reference, and an on-line institutional endorsement (for fulltime students).

**Deadline:** October 4, 2011

**Contact:**

Trina Vargo, President

[vargo@us-irelandalliance.org](mailto:vargo@us-irelandalliance.org)

Jennie LaMonte, Managing Director of George Mitchell Scholarship program (until July 1, 2011)

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Arlington, VA 22201

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### **What does the program seek in a George Mitchell Scholar?**

We look for persuasive, documented evidence of significant achievement in three areas: academic, leadership, and commitment to community and service. Academic excellence, leadership and community service are equally important criteria.

### **Does a candidate have to be accepted to the institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland prior to applying for the Mitchell Scholarship?**

No, the applicant does not have to apply for university admission at any point during the application process. A candidate's assignment to a university in Ireland or Northern Ireland is part of the selection process. We urge candidates to list at least three universities as possible places to study. Although we try to honor the candidate's university rankings, candidates are not guaranteed their first choice.

### **Can the candidate pursue a graduate program in Ireland unrelated to an undergraduate major?**

An applicant must demonstrate sufficient undergraduate or non-academic preparation to study for the designated graduate degree. Although this may be in a field different than the applicant's undergraduate major, the applicant still should have the necessary academic or professional training for the proposed graduate study.

### **If a candidate has studied in Ireland previously, does this help or hurt the application?**

The Selection Committee's overriding interest is an applicant's record of scholarship, leadership, and commitment to community and public service. Because the Mitchell Scholars program seeks to introduce future American leaders to the island of Ireland, lack of previous experience there could weigh in favor of a candidate among equally qualified applicants. Previous or current study in Ireland, however, does not preclude someone from being selected as a Mitchell Scholar.

### **Is the Mitchell Scholarship only available to those students interested in pursuing a master's degree? What happens if the master's program is a two-year program?**

All Mitchell Scholars must be working in a program offered by a university in Ireland or Northern Ireland. Usually, this will be a one-year Master's degree program, but other options may be considered if the applicant has the undergraduate background required for the proposed field of study. The Scholarship, however, does not support research or independent study outside a regular program. Applicants should closely examine the degree residence requirements because master's programs can be for one or two years. The Mitchell Scholarship provides tuition, housing, and a living expenses stipend for one year only.

### **Does every applicant need to submit a letter of institutional endorsement?**

An applicant who is a full-time student at the time of application must submit an institutional endorsement.

### **If a finalist is out of the country, is there any arrangement for telephone interviews?**

No, a finalist must be present for the Selection Committee interview in Washington, DC.

### **Can an unsuccessful candidate reapply?**

Yes, as long as the candidate remains eligible, but all required documents must again be submitted.

### **Can a Mitchell Scholar work during the year in Ireland?**

In Ireland, foreign students may work part-time during the academic year and full-time during vacation periods. Because the Mitchell Scholarship provides an ample stipend to cover living expenses, we strongly encourage Mitchell Scholars to leave enough time in their schedules to participate in Mitchell events, become involved in the communities in which they live and study, and explore the island and travel.

## National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship

<http://www.asee.org/ndseg/>

**Description:** Reflecting its commitment to increasing the number and quality of our nation's scientists and engineers, the Department of Defense (DoD) offers fellowships to individuals who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering. The target audience for the NDSEG Fellowship Program includes those who are at or near the beginning of their graduate study in science or engineering.

The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships are awarded to applicants who will pursue a doctoral degree in, or closely related to, one of the following specialties: Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Biosciences, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Geosciences, Materials Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Oceanography, and Physics.

**Dollar Value:** The DoD will pay the Fellow's full tuition and required fees. In addition, Fellows will receive a stipend of \$30,500 the first year, \$31,000 the second year and \$31,500 the third year.

**Number of Scholarships:** Approximately 200 new three-year graduate fellowships are awarded annually based upon available funding.

### Eligibility:

- ✓ Must be U.S. citizens or nationals.
- ✓ NDSEG Fellowships are intended for students at or near the beginning of their graduate study in science or engineering. This means current seniors, current first year graduate students and those who have received their bachelor's degree but have not started graduate school.
- ✓ Applicants must have received their bachelor's degrees by fall of application year.
- ✓ Fellowships are tenable only at U.S. institutions of higher education offering doctoral degrees in the specified areas of science or engineering. Applicants do not have to have been accepted by such a graduate program at the time the application is submitted. In that case, information supplied should reflect a plan or preference at the time of submission. Should the applicant be selected, appointment will be contingent upon admission to a suitable graduate program.

**Application Procedures:** A complete fellowship application consists of the following elements: Master Personal Information Form (Parts 1 and 2); Official transcripts; Three Reference Evaluation Forms and; Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (general test only). All applicants are encouraged to apply online.

**Deadline:** Last year the deadline was December 17, 2010.

### Contact:

NDSEG Fellowship Program  
c/o American Society for Engineering Education  
1818 N Street, N.W. #600  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: 202-649-3831  
E-mail: [ndseg@asee.org](mailto:ndseg@asee.org)

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### **How can candidate find out if they are eligible for the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship?**

There are four eligibility requirements: citizenship, discipline, academic status, and the ability to accept the full benefit. Applicants must meet all four requirements in order to be eligible.

### **Does a candidate have to be a citizen of the United States to apply?**

The NDSEG Fellowship Program is open only to applicants who are citizens or nationals of the United States.

### **The candidate's field of study is under two or more disciplines, what discipline should they apply under? The specific science or engineering specialty is not listed, should they apply?**

The sponsors of the NDSEG Fellowship Program have interest in a broad range of disciplines, as well as specialties that combine multiple aspects, or lie at the borders of the listed disciplines. In general, NDSEG recommends selecting the discipline that most closely matches the course of study proposed to pursue in graduate school.

### **Are candidates eligible if they will not be pursuing a doctoral degree?**

Applicants are required to enroll at a U.S. institution in a full-time graduate program leading to a doctoral degree in the discipline of study. Fellowships are awarded only to applicants who intend to pursue a doctoral degree.

### **Are candidates eligible if currently enrolled in a Master's program and will be starting a Ph.D. after completion of the Master's?**

If applying while in the first or second year of a Master's program, applicants are considered eligible.

### **Are candidates eligible if enrolled in an M.D./Ph.D. program?**

No, you are not eligible, as the applicant must be pursuing solely a Ph.D.

### **Can a portion of my tenure as a Fellow be spent at a non-U.S. institution?**

The NDSEG Fellowship Program only provides tuition and stipend support to fellows attending a U.S. institution. The program does not offer a deferral option. A fellow would not be able to enroll at an institution located outside the U.S.

### **What is the minimum GPA or GRE required for consideration for the fellowship?**

Although the NDSEG Fellowship is a highly competitive program, there is no minimum GPA or GRE requirement. All completed applications are considered in full. The required statements, GPA, GRE scores, reference letters and forms, and transcripts are all reviewed and evaluated.

### **Do I have to serve in the military or work for the DoD afterwards?**

No, NDSEG Fellows do not incur any military or other service obligation.

### **Is there any preference given to minorities?**

Applications are encouraged from women, persons with disabilities, and members of ethnic and racial minority groups that historically have been underrepresented in science and engineering fields. However, all applicants are judged solely on the basis of academic ability in fields of interest to the DoD.

## National Institutes of Health Graduate Partnership Program

<https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/gpp>

**Description:** The NIH Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) allows participants to take advantage of the best of two worlds - the academic environment of a university and the breadth and depth of research at the NIH. The goal is to create a different kind of graduate experience, one that focuses on training the next generation of scientific leaders by emphasizing communication and collaboration skills, integration of information, and interdisciplinary investigation.

At the NIH, graduate students work in a highly collaborative research environment with leading scientists and clinicians. They share the NIH campus with the largest translational research hospital in the nation. They explore areas such as bioinformatics, biophysics, epidemiology, immunology, cell and molecular biology, neuroscience, health sciences, structural biology, sensory and communication neuroscience, molecular pathology, biobehavioral research, and developmental biology.

**Dollar Value:** The stipends for graduate students at the NIH are adjusted yearly; the level depends on prior experience. For details, see <http://oma.od.nih.gov/manualchapters/person/2300-320-7/Appendices/Predoc11.PDF>.

**Number of Scholarships:** Varies with each partnership program.

**Eligibility:** students come to the NIH in one of three ways:

- ✓ Institutional partnerships administered by the Office of Intramural Training & Education
- ✓ Institutional partnerships administered by one of the Institutes or Centers that make up the NIH
- ✓ Individual agreements negotiated between an NIH investigator and the student's university

*Institutional Partnerships:* If you have an undergraduate degree and you would like to pursue a Ph.D. in the biomedical sciences you can apply to one or more of the GPP Institutional Partnerships. Students apply concurrently to the GPP and to a partner university. Enrollment is limited to US citizens and US permanent residents.

*Individual Partnerships:* If you are currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program and you would like to perform part or all of your dissertation research at the NIH, consider developing an individual agreement between an NIH Investigator and your graduate university. Individual agreements are open to US Citizens, US Permanent Residents, and Foreign Nationals currently enrolled in a PhD or equivalent program.

**Application Procedures:** There is an online application process on the website. To be considered for the formalized programs applicants must:

- ✓ Submit both the university application and the online GPP application
- ✓ Meet the admission deadline established by each program

**Deadlines:** Varies with programs and institutions.

### Contact:

Graduate Partnerships Program  
Office of Intramural Training & Education  
National Institutes of Health - DHHS  
2 Center Drive: Building 2 / Room 2E06  
Bethesda, Maryland 20892-0234  
Phone: 301-594-9605  
Email: [gpp@nih.gov](mailto:gpp@nih.gov)

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### What institutions participate in NIH Partnerships?

#### Institutional Partnerships - OITE Administered

- ✓ Boston University - Bioinformatics
- ✓ Brown University - Neuroscience
- ✓ George Washington University - Biomedical Sciences
- ✓ Georgetown University - Biomedical Sciences
- ✓ Johns Hopkins University - Cell, Molecular, Developmental Biology & Biophysics
- ✓ University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Cell Motility & Cytoskeleton

#### Institutional Partnerships - IC Administered for USA Citizens / Permanent Residents

- ✓ Consortia of Universities - Intramural MD/PHD Partnership
- ✓ Consortia of Universities - Molecular Pathology / NCI
- ✓ Consortia of Universities - NINR-Nursing and Biobehavioral Research
- ✓ George Washington University - Epidemiology / NCI-DCEG
- ✓ Johns Hopkins University - Biostatistics / NCI-DCEG
- ✓ Johns Hopkins University - Epidemiology / NCI-DCEG
- ✓ Karolinska Institute and NIH Joint PhD Program in Neuroscience
- ✓ University College London (England) - Neuroscience
- ✓ University of Maryland, College Park - Partnership for Cancer Technology / NCI
- ✓ University of Maryland, College Park - Sensory and Communication Neuroscience / NIDCD
- ✓ University of Montana - Molecular Basis for Infectious Diseases / NIAID-RML
- ✓ University of Oxford (England) / University of Cambridge (England) / NIH
- ✓ University of Pennsylvania - Immunology / NCI
- ✓ Yale University - Epidemiology / NCI-DCEG

#### Institutional Partnerships - IC Administered for International Citizens

- ✓ Centro de Neurociencias de Valparaiso, Chile - Neuroscience / NINDS
- ✓ Charles University, Czech Republic - Biomedical Research / NICHD
- ✓ Chinese University of Hong Kong - Biomedical Research / NICHD
- ✓ Consortia of Hungarian Universities - Biomedical Research / NIAAA
- ✓ Karolinska Institute (Sweden) - Neuroscience
- ✓ Peking University - Biomedical Research / NICHD
- ✓ Taipei Medical University & China Medical University - Neuroscience / NIDA
- ✓ Wellcome Trust Program / NIH

### How does a student arrange an independent partnership?

- ✓ Step one: discuss the possibility of performing dissertation research within the NIH Intramural Research Program with your university mentor and department. You must obtain permission from your department to perform dissertation research at the NIH.
- ✓ Step two: identify an NIH Investigator willing to host you in his/her laboratory for dissertation research.
- ✓ Step Three: register with the GPP.

## **National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program**

<https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp>

**Description:** The NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program offers competitive scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral and social science health-related research. The program is designed to improve access to education leading to research careers for those who have had fewer opportunities than others, and is designed to provide an incentive for exceptional scholars to pursue research careers at the NIH.

NIH Undergraduate Scholars incur one year of obligated service at the NIH for each full or partial year of support.

**Dollar Value:** The program offers scholarship support, paid research training at the NIH during the summer, and paid employment and training at the NIH after graduation. The NIH UGSP will pay up to \$20,000 per academic year in tuition, educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses to scholarship recipients. Scholarships are awarded for 1 year, and can be renewed up to 4 years.

**Number of Scholarships:** The NIH awards approximately 15 scholarships each year.

**Eligibility:** The applicant must:

- ✓ be a U.S. citizen, a National of the U.S., or a non-citizen (someone who is eligible to work in the United States, *and* can qualify for Federal employment).
- ✓ be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student for the current academic year at an accredited undergraduate institution.
- ✓ be from a disadvantaged background, meaning that the undergraduate institution has certified you as having “exceptional financial need” (EFN).
- ✓ have a GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or be within the top 5 percent of his/her class.

**Application Procedures:** Applicants are encouraged to apply online at <https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp/appcenter>.

**Deadlines:** This year the deadline was February 28, 2011.

### **Contact:**

Undergraduate Scholarship Program  
Office of Intramural Training & Education  
National Institutes of Health - DHHS  
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Bethesda, Maryland 20892-0230  
Phone: 301-594-3318  
Fax: 301-480-2625  
Email: [ugsp@nih.gov](mailto:ugsp@nih.gov)

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### **What is the National Institutes of Health?**

The NIH, or the National Institutes of Health, is the world's largest biomedical research institution. NIH seeks to improve health by conducting research in its own laboratories and by funding the research of other scientists throughout the United States and around the world. The NIH, headquartered in a suburb of Washington, D.C., is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, an agency of the Federal Government.

### **In addition to the minimum requirements, what does the NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program look for in applicants?**

Strong applicants are able to demonstrate their commitment to a research career. Applicants are most able to demonstrate this commitment if they have already participated in laboratory research, been involved in extracurricular science activities, or have taken advanced courses relevant to their field.

### **What is considered a "disadvantaged background"?**

Disadvantaged background means that the financial aid office has certified the applicant as having "exceptional financial need" (EFN), as defined by the Federal Government. See <https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp/faqs> for a table of low-income thresholds used by the Federal Government to define EFN.

### **What if candidate does not meet this definition of "disadvantaged background"?**

Federal regulations prevent the NIH from considering applicants who do not meet the definition of disadvantaged background; however, NIH offers other training programs that do not require students to be disadvantaged. For information on all of NIH's training programs, visit <http://www.training.nih.gov>.

### **What documentation is needed with the application?**

An official copy of the school transcript is required as part of the application. If currently a college freshman, both the college transcript and the high school transcript are required. If a college student who has attended more than one post-secondary institution, a transcript is required from each institution. If currently a high school senior, the NIH recommends that you send a photocopy of the ACT and/or SAT scores.

### **May international students apply?**

UGSP recipients are Federal employees during their training at the NIH and must be eligible for Federal employment. In general, only U.S. citizens and nationals are eligible for Federal employment, but there are some exceptions to this rule. For instance, permanent residents from certain countries qualify.

### **If selected, will scholars receive the full \$20,000?**

The exact scholarship amount will be determined based on the educational expenses and other sources of financial aid. The scholarship award cannot exceed unmet college expenses. Applicants should also contact their financial aid office to determine how an outside scholarship will affect their financial aid package.

## **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program**

<http://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

**Description:** The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program offers three-year graduate research fellowships in science, mathematics, and engineering, including Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science awards. Fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, biological, behavioral and social sciences; engineering; the history of science and the philosophy of science; and to research-based Ph.D. degrees in science education.

**Dollar Value:** Fellows benefit from a three-year annual stipend of \$30,000 along with a \$10,500 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees, a one-time \$1,000 travel allowance and the freedom to conduct their own research at any accredited U.S., or foreign institution of graduate education they choose.

**Number of Fellowships:** Approximately 1000 new three-year fellowships are made annually.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens of the United States.
- ✓ Fellowships are intended for individuals in the early stages of their graduate study. Applicants must have completed no more than twelve months of full-time graduate study at the time of their application.
- ✓ Fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and STEM education supported by the NSF.
- ✓ The Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science awards are for women who intend to pursue graduate research degrees in Engineering or Computer and Information Science and Engineering. Additional funding for these awards is provided by the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and the Directorate for Engineering. Eligibility and review criteria are the same as for applicants in other fields.
- ✓ The Fellowships are tenable at any appropriate, accredited non-profit U.S. institution of higher education offering advanced degrees in science, mathematics, or engineering.

### **Application Procedures:**

All applicants are expected to use NSF's FastLane Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) process: <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/>.

**Deadline:** Mid-late November, depending on field.

### **Contact:**

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program

1818 N Street NW, Suite 600

Washington, DC 20036-2479

Phone: 866-673-4737 (toll-free number)

E-mail: [info@nsfgrfp.org](mailto:info@nsfgrfp.org)

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### **What are the components of the online application?**

The online application components include:

- ✓ Personal Statement Essay
- ✓ Previous Research Experience Essay
- ✓ Proposed Plan of Research Essay
- ✓ 3 Reference Letters
- ✓ Academic Transcripts
- ✓ GRE scores are NO LONGER accepted

### **How are applications reviewed?**

Applications will be reviewed by panels of disciplinary and interdisciplinary scientists, mathematicians, and engineers and other professional experts in graduate education. Applications will be assigned to panels based on the applicant's chosen field(s) of study and the discipline(s) represented. Applications to interdisciplinary fields of study are reviewed by interdisciplinary panelists based on the disciplines indicated by the applicant and review of the application by the GRFP staff.

Each application, therefore, will be reviewed independently on the basis of merit using all available information in the completed application. In considering applications, reviewers will be instructed to address the two Merit Review Criteria as approved by the National Science Board – Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts.

### **How is Intellectual Merit determined?**

Panelists will consider factors including: the strength of the academic record, the proposed plan of research and whether it is potentially transformative, the description of previous research experience, references, and the appropriateness of the choice of institution relative to the proposed plan for graduate education and research. Issues to consider include:

- ✓ How important is the proposed activity to advancing knowledge and understanding within its own field or across different fields?
- ✓ How well qualified is the proposer (individual or team) to conduct the project? (If appropriate, the reviewer will comment on the quality of prior work.)
- ✓ To what extent does the proposed activity suggest and explore creative, original, or potentially transformative concepts?
- ✓ How well conceived and organized is the proposed activity?
- ✓ Is there sufficient access to resources?

### **How is Broader Impact defined?**

The broader impacts criterion includes contributions that infuse learning with the excitement of discovery, and assure that the findings and methods of research are communicated in a broad context and to a large audience. Issues to consider include:

- ✓ How well does the activity advance discovery and understanding while promoting teaching, training, and learning?
- ✓ How well does the proposed activity broaden the participation of underrepresented groups (e.g., gender, ethnicity, disability, geographic, etc.)?
- ✓ To what extent will it enhance the infrastructure for research and education, such as facilities, instrumentation, networks, and partnerships?
- ✓ Will the results be disseminated broadly to enhance scientific and technological understanding?
- ✓ What may be the benefits of the proposed activity to society?

## **Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship**

[http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign\\_affairs/pickering\\_grad/index.php](http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_grad/index.php)

**Description:** The Pickering Graduate Fellowship provides funding to participants as they are prepared academically and professionally to enter the US Department of State Foreign Service. Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply. The goal of the Fellowship Program is to attract outstanding students who enroll in two-year master's degree programs in public policy, international affairs, public administration, or academic fields such as business, economics, political science, sociology, or foreign languages, who represent all ethnic, racial and social backgrounds and who have an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career. Each successful candidate is obligated to a minimum of three years' service in an appointment as a Foreign Service officer.

**Dollar Value:** In 2011, financial support of up to \$40,000 annually for actual expenses during the first and second years of graduate school. Graduate-level Fellows receive stipends during participation in one ten-week domestic summer internship between the first and second year of graduate school, and one ten-week summer overseas internship following the second year of graduate school.

**Number of Fellowships:** Varies depending on funding.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must:

- ✓ be United States citizens at the time of application.
- ✓ have a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- ✓ be seeking admission to graduate school for the following academic year. Selected applicants are expected to enroll in a two-year, full-time master's degree program in public policy, international affairs, or public administration, or in an academic field such as business, economics, political science, sociology, or foreign languages (U.S. graduate institutions only).
- ✓ maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher throughout the program.
- ✓ Consideration will be given to qualified applicants who, in addition to outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement, demonstrate financial need.

**Application Procedures:** A completed application includes both an online application form (see [http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign\\_affairs/pickering\\_grad/application.php](http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_grad/application.php)) and a series of hard-copy supporting documents, as follows:

- ✓ Certification of U.S. citizenship
- ✓ Copy of GRE or GMAT scores
- ✓ Official academic transcripts from every undergraduate school attended
- ✓ Two page résumé

**Deadline:** This year the deadline was February 7, 2011.

**Contact:**

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Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program  
The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation  
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## **Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship**

[http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign\\_affairs/pickering\\_undergrad/index.php](http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_undergrad/index.php)

**Description:** The Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship seeks to recruit talented students in academic programs relevant to international affairs, political and economic analysis, administration, management, and science policy. The goal is to attract outstanding students from all ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds who have an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career in the U.S. Department of State. The Program develops a source of trained men and women from academic disciplines representing the skill needs of the Department, who are dedicated to representing America's interests abroad. Each successful candidate is obligated to a minimum of three years' service in an appointment as a Foreign Service officer.

**Dollar Value:** In the 2011 Fellowships, financial support of up to \$40,000 annually for actual expenses for the senior year of college and the first year of graduate study will be provided by the Department of State through the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Participating schools provide financial support in the second year of graduate study based on need. Undergraduate Fellows receive stipends during their participation in two paid summer internships: one in Washington, DC at the Department of State and one overseas at a US embassy.

**Number of Fellowships:** Varies depending on funding.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ Only individuals who are United States citizens at the time of application will be considered.
- ✓ Applicants must be in their junior year of undergraduate study.
- ✓ Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.
- ✓ A cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale must be maintained throughout participation in the program.

**Application Procedures:** A completed application includes both:

- ✓ The online application form. Your recommenders will be required to submit their recommendations using an online form that also includes a rubric. See <https://www.woodrow.org/v3/main.html> and [http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign\\_affairs/pickering\\_undergrad/application.php](http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_undergrad/application.php)
- ✓ Hard-copies of the following supporting documents:
  - Certification of U.S. citizenship
  - Copy of SAT or ACT scores (photocopies will be accepted)
  - Official academic transcripts from every undergraduate school attended

**Deadline:** This year the deadline was February 9, 2011.

### **Contact:**

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## **Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Program**

<http://www.howard.edu/rjb/rangelprogram.htm>

**Description:** The Rangel Program is a collaborative effort between Howard University and the U.S. State Department that seeks to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers as diplomats in the Foreign Service. The program seeks individuals interested in helping to shape a freer, more secure and prosperous world through formulating, representing, and implementing U.S. foreign policy. The program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and those with financial need.

Each year, the Rangel Program offers **twenty [Graduate Fellowships](#)** to outstanding seniors and recent graduates. These fellowships help finance two-year graduate programs, provide paid internships and other professional development activities, and facilitate entry into the Foreign Service.

The Rangel Program also accepts **15-20 undergraduate students** to participate in the six-week [Summer Enrichment Program](#) that prepares global-minded undergraduate students for careers in international affairs. Both programs are competitive and seek applicants with a strong academic background, a commitment to service and an interest in making a difference in the world around them.

**Dollar Value:** The Rangel Fellowship awards up to \$34,000 towards tuition, room, board, books and mandatory fees for completion of two-year master's degrees.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must:

- ✓ be U.S. citizens;
- ✓ be seeking admission to enter graduate school for a two-year program at a U.S. university;
- ✓ have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application;
- ✓ be in the senior year of their undergraduate study or have completed their undergraduate degree by June.

Consideration will be given to qualified applicants who, in addition to outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement, demonstrate financial need. A candidate's community, academic, other extracurricular, and leadership activities will be considered during the selection process.

**Application Procedures:** A completed online application, which includes the following:

- ✓ Background information.
- ✓ A personal statement
- ✓ A statement that discusses his/her need for financial assistance
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation

Supplemental materials include: proof of U.S. citizenship; the Student Aid Report (SAR) generated from the FAFSA; GRE or GMAT scores; official transcripts; and official Financial Aid Statement from applicant's senior year

**Deadline:** This year the deadline was January 21, 2011.

### **Contact:**

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## **Rhodes Scholarship** – <http://www.rhodesscholar.org>

**Description:** Extraordinary intellectual distinction is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for election to a Rhodes Scholarship. Selection committees are charged to seek excellence in qualities of mind and in qualities of person, which in combination, offer the promise of effective service to the world in the decades ahead. The Rhodes Scholarships are investments in individuals rather than in project proposals. Accordingly, applications are sought from talented students without restriction as to their field of academic specialization or career plans although the proposed course of study must be available at Oxford, and the applicant's undergraduate program must provide a sufficient basis for study in the proposed field.

**Dollar value:** All educational costs, such as matriculation, tuition, laboratory and certain other fees are paid. Each scholar receives in addition a maintenance allowance adequate to meet necessary expenses for term-time and vacations as well as the necessary costs of travel to and from Oxford.

**Number of Scholarships:** 32 (for U.S. citizens)

**Eligibility:** An applicant must:

- ✓ Be a U.S. or national citizen
- ✓ By October 1 of the year of application, be at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age.
- ✓ Have achieved academic standing sufficiently advanced to assure completion of a bachelor's degree before October 1 of the year of application.

**Application Procedures:** Applicants must be endorsed by an institution where they will have completed two years of full-time undergraduate study and received a bachelor's degree before October 1, or by their graduate institution. It is preferred that applicants in their first year of graduate study receive an endorsement from the undergraduate institution from which they received their degree; for those in their second or later year of graduate study, the preference is for the endorsement to come from the graduate institution.

The online application and information can be found at <https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust/16/> and <http://www.rhodesscholar.org/application>.

**Deadline:** October 5, 2011 (Check with your campus representative for your institution's nomination deadline.)

**Contact:**

Office of the American Secretary  
The Rhodes Trust  
8229 Boone Boulevard, Suite 240  
Vienna, Virginia 22182  
[amsec@rhodesscholar.org](mailto:amsec@rhodesscholar.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **I don't go to an Ivy League or "elite" college. Should I bother applying?**

Almost every year, a Rhodes Scholar is elected from an institution that has never had one before. In the last ten years, 12 colleges or universities had their first winners. Since the inception of the scholarships, Rhodes Scholars have been elected from more than 300 different institutions. In recent years, approximately a third of the 32 U. S. winners attend colleges and universities that are public, not listed as highly selective in their admissions, or not well known outside of their state or region.

### **How important really are sports? I don't even play intramurals. Does that disqualify me?**

One of the criteria cited in Cecil Rhodes' Will was ". . . the energy to use one's talents to the full, as exemplified by fondness for and success in sports." In this regard, we look first for energetic applicants who make maximum use of their abilities. As with all the criteria in Mr. Rhodes' Will—the evolution of Oxford, the experience of one hundred years of the Scholarships, views of the Rhodes Trustees and selection committees as to why Mr. Rhodes listed success in sports as important, and the necessarily (and appropriately) subjective views of our rotating selectors all color the interpretation. I think it's fair to say today, however, that only rarely does athletic distinction alone tip the scales for a selection committee. Certainly, the absence of any organized sports does not disqualify anyone. The committees do, however, look for evidence of energy and vigor, which sports—or other activities—can provide.

### **The essay seems very important. Can you give me any advice?**

The essay is very important, and one should approach it conscientiously. Until the interview (if you are selected for one), it is an important way—along with the letters of referees and the endorsement letter of your institution—to get a sense of who you are, how you think, how you write, and what you aspire to. Committees realize that it cannot be guaranteed that an essay is not reviewed or critiqued by anyone else—although that is our desire and is the reason we ask that it be certified as one's own work. Usually, however, it is evident to committees when an essay has effectively been written by one's advisor(s), or by committee, or when it has been so heavily edited that it is no longer the applicant's voice. Such essays are not useful.

### **I was a biology major and plan to go to medical school, but I'd like to study something entirely different first. Would the committee look more favorably on me if I applied to study biology?**

Some future physicians use Oxford to explore a different area of intellectual interest. Some Oxford B.A.s and master's courses require more preparation in the field than others. It is difficult to generalize, although most humanities and social science B.A. courses, and even some of the taught master's degree courses, can be attempted without an undergraduate major in the same field.

### **Is the MBA an eligible degree for Rhodes Scholars?**

The MBA is an eligible degree for Rhodes Scholars, but the MBA and the Master in Financial Economics (MFE) may be pursued only in the Scholar's second year of study, following the completion of a different one-year degree the first year. All other management degrees, masters and doctoral, may be funded. Admission to either degree is not assured and will be highly competitive, especially for those applying to the MBA as Rhodes Scholars will be younger and lacking business experience as compared to other applicants.

### **My college advisors say Oxford is not a good place for graduate work in science. Is that correct?**

This is absolutely *incorrect*. In most sciences, Oxford is among the most distinguished institutions in the world, and most of its science departments receive the highest possible rating as done by the British Research Assessment Exercise. The now very old perception that Oxford's strengths in the arts is not matched in the sciences is almost certainly no longer correct—if it ever. As in the US, the strength of the graduate research programs in the sciences at Oxford can't fairly be generalized, and depends much on the particular field and subfield and the individuals under whom you might work.

## **Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships**

<http://www.rotary.org/en/studentsandyouth/educationalprograms/ambassadorialscholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

**Description:** The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors academic year scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

### **Dollar value:**

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships provide a flat grant of \$27,000 for one academic year of study in another country. These awards are intended to help defray costs associated with round-trip transportation, tuition and other fees, room and board, and some educational supplies.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- ✓ Applicants must have completed at least two years of university or college course work, or must have a secondary school education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years when the scholarship begins.
- ✓ All applicants must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club.
- ✓ Applicants must initially apply through a Rotary club located in the area of their legal or permanent residence, or place of fulltime study or employment.
- ✓ Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.

The following persons are ineligible for a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship: A Rotarian; an honorary Rotarian; an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International; a spouse, lineal descendant, a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor of any living person in the foregoing categories.

**Application Procedures:** The availability of Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships is determined by each Rotary district and varies from year to year. Some districts may not offer scholarships. Applicants must contact a local Rotary club to determine if funding for a scholarship is available and about local application deadlines. Applications may be obtained from the RI website at [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/139en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/139en.pdf) if the applicant has confirmed scholarship availability with the local Rotary club. Club-endorsed candidates will compete at the district level, and district-endorsed applications will be forwarded to the Foundation for approval and study institution assignment. The Foundation directly notifies all candidates of approved scholarships and assignments. Applications sent directly to the Foundation without club and district endorsements will not be considered.

### **Contact:**

Rotary International  
One Rotary Center  
1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201, USA  
Telephone: 847-866-3000  
E-mail: [Renee.Reiling@rotary.org](mailto:Renee.Reiling@rotary.org)

**William E. Simon for Noble Purpose** - <http://www.isi.org/programs/fellowships/simon.html>

**Description:** The Intercollegiate Studies Institute established the William E. Simon Fellowship to encourage students as they complete their undergraduate education to pursue lives that will benefit themselves and their fellow men and women — that is, lives of "noble purpose."

The Fellowship will be awarded to those graduating college seniors who have demonstrated passion, dedication, a high capacity for self-direction, and originality in pursuit of a goal that will strengthen civil society. Examples of how recipients may use their award include:

- Engage directly in the civic life of their community.
- Help to create opportunity for others, including job creation.
- Advance their expertise.
- Fund the ultimate realization of their noble purpose.

**Dollar Value:** The Simon Fellowship is a \$40,000 unrestricted cash grant. In addition, one \$20,000 and one \$10,000 cash awards are made to two other outstanding students.

**Eligibility:**

- ✓ Applicants must be U.S. citizens who graduated in Fall 2011 or will graduate in Spring 2012.
- ✓ While not an academic prize for past accomplishment, the Simon Fellowship will be awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence in preparing themselves to make future contributions.
- ✓ Judges will look for exceptional promise to make important future contributions to society.
- ✓ Thoughtfulness in laying out a plan for future efforts that will realize the noble purpose will also be considered.
- ✓ Reviewers will also seek a compelling personal experience that demonstrates sacrifice, personal commitment, or the ability to overcome substantial obstacles in pursuit of important goals.

**Application Procedures:**

Applicants are evaluated on the basis of the mature conception of and passion for what they hope to accomplish as well as their academic records, extracurricular activities, and letters of recommendation. Students must provide completed applications that include:

- ✓ An application form ([http://www.isi.org/about/misc\\_forms/simonapp.pdf](http://www.isi.org/about/misc_forms/simonapp.pdf))
- ✓ A 5-10 page narrative essays detailing past efforts, future plans, and individual philosophy for living a life of noble purpose
- ✓ A one page outline of prior education, awards, fellowships, and internships
- ✓ Official transcripts of all undergraduate course work
- ✓ A letter of recommendation relevant to the applicant's noble purpose

**Deadline:** This year the deadline was January 16, 2011.

**Contact:**

Simon Fellowship  
Intercollegiate Studies Institute  
3901 Centerville Road  
Wilmington, DE 19807-1938  
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## **Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans** – <http://www.pdsoros.org>

**Description:** The Program is open to individuals who retain loyalty and a sense of commitment to their country of origin as well as the United States, but is intended to support individuals who will continue to regard the United States as their principle residence and focus on national identity. Candidate must demonstrate the relevance of graduate education to their long-term career goals and potential in enhancing their contributions to society.

**Dollar value:** Each award is for up to \$25,000 in maintenance grants and up to \$20,000 in tuition support for each year of graduate study supported, a total of as much as \$90,000. Each fellowship supports up to two years of graduate study – in any field and in any advanced degree-granting program – in the United States.

**Number of Scholarships:** Thirty Fellowships are awarded each year.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible an applicant must be:

- ✓ A U.S. or national citizen
- ✓ NOT yet 31 years old as of the application deadline
- ✓ Be a college senior, or a holder of a bachelor's degree
- ✓ Not beyond your second year—if already enrolled—in the graduate degree program for which you request support.

Fellowships are not solely awarded on the basis of academic record. The academic record is relevant as evidence of the candidate's availability to complete successfully a graduate degree program and it strengthens the demonstration of achieving the Program's specific criteria for selection.

### **Application Guidelines and Procedures:**

A completed application that must be received by the deadline includes:

- ✓ The six-page application form
- ✓ The two assigned essays
- ✓ A one-to-two page resume
- ✓ Any additional exhibits you choose to submit
- ✓ Transcripts from all of your undergraduate and – if applicable – your graduate programs as well, and
- ✓ Documentary evidence of your eligibility as a "New American."

Applications are available at <http://www.pdsoros.org/forms/index.cfm>.

**Deadline:** November 1, 2011

### **Contact:**

The Paul & Daisy Fellowships for New Americans

400 West 59th Street

New York, New York 10019

Phone: 212-547-6926

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Email: [pdsoros\\_fellows@sorosny.org](mailto:pdsoros_fellows@sorosny.org)

URL: <http://www.pdsoros.org>

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What are the criteria for selection for the Soros Fellowships for New Americans?**

The program uses three primary criteria for selection of fellows and expects that successful candidates will give strong evidence of at least the first two of the following:

1. The candidate has demonstrated creativity, originality and initiative in one or more aspects of her/his life.
2. The candidate has demonstrated a commitment to and capacity for accomplishment that has required drive and sustained effort.
3. The candidate has demonstrated a commitment to the values expressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, This would include, but not be limited to, support of human rights and the rule of law, opposition to unwarranted encroachment on personal liberty, and advancing the responsibilities of citizenship in a free society.

In addition, the program considers two further criteria:

1. The candidate gives promise of continued significant contributions. Those contributions are likely to reflect distinctive creativity, originality and initiative and will mark the candidate as a leading and influential figure within her/his fields of endeavor.
2. The candidate's graduate training is relevant to her/his long-term career goals and is of potential value in enhancing her/his future creativity and accomplishment.

### **What may a Fellow study?**

A Fellow may pursue a graduate degree in any professional field (e.g., engineering, medicine, law, social work, etc.) or scholarly discipline in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The Fine and Performing Arts are included.

### **I'm a college senior now and am applying for a graduate degree program that will require at least four years of study. Would I be well advised to wait to apply so that I'd have more experience and a more extensive set of accomplishments to present in my application?**

The program will assess the evidence you present relative to your age, experience, and level of academic training. Thus it will expect considerably less in the way of accomplishments from a 22-year old college senior than it will from a 28-year-old second year graduate student who worked for four years before beginning work on a graduate degree. So, unless you really feel like a "late bloomer," you should do as well in the competition as a senior as you would as a second-year graduate student.

### **What is the selection process?**

After screening, 7-9% of applicants are selected for interviews. The interviewers will be distinguished New Americans. The Program will provide funding for travel and accommodations for finalists. After its recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the Program's Board of Trustees, the class of Fellows will be announced in late February. Unsuccessful applicants may reapply if they continue to meet the program requirements.

### **What are the responsibilities of a Fellow?**

A Fellow must obtain admission into a graduate academic program. Upon admission and matriculation, a Fellow must show continued progress towards the degree and provide a final report to the Program Director. A Fellow's attendance at graduate school must be continuous and at the same institution; any modification requires approval of the Program Director. A Fellow is required to attend a Fellows' Conference Program of two days in New York City twice during the tenure of the award. The Program pays for all costs associated with the Fellows' Conference Program. Fellows will be given ample advance notice of the dates and locations of the Conference programs. Fellows must also submit an end-of-fellowship report.

## **Harry S. Truman Scholarship** – <http://www.truman.gov>

**Description:** The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in public service. They will receive leadership training, graduate school counseling, preferential admission, and merit based aid to some premier graduate institutions, and internship opportunities with federal agencies. Scholars are required to work in public service for three of seven years following completion of a Foundation funded graduate degree program as a condition of receiving funding. The Foundation defines public service as employment in government at any level, uniformed services, public-interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, public and private school, and public service oriented non-profit organizations.

**Dollar value:** The Foundation awards \$30,000 merit-based scholarships to college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

**Number of scholarships:** Sixty + scholarships

**Eligibility:** A Truman scholarship nominee must be:

- ✓ A junior pursuing a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution;
- ✓ Nominated by the Truman Scholarship Faculty Representative at his or her respective institution;
- ✓ In the upper quarter of his or her class;
- ✓ A United States citizen, permanent resident or a United States national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Resident aliens (green card holders) are not eligible.

A good candidate for the Truman Scholarship also:

- ✓ Has an extensive records of public and community service;
- ✓ Has an outstanding leadership potential and communication skills; and
- ✓ Is committed to careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

**Application Procedures:** Candidates must first be nominated by the Truman Faculty Representative at their institution. Each accredited four-year institution may nominate up to four students. Four-year institutions may also nominate three additional students who completed their first two years at a community college. Two-year institutions may nominate up to four former students who are/will be enrolled as full-time students with junior-level academic standing at accredited four-year institutions. About 200 finalists will be interviewed by regional review panels; generally one scholar per state is selected.

### **Important Dates:**

- Foundation deadline: this year was February 1, 2011
- Campus will likely have an earlier deadline for submission of materials to the Truman Faculty Representative.

### **Contact:**

The Harry S. Truman Foundation  
12 Jackson Place, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
Phone: (202) 395-4831 Fax: (202) 395-6995  
Email: [office@truman.gov](mailto:office@truman.gov)

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Who are Truman Scholars?**

They are persons who have been recognized by the Truman Scholarship Foundation as future "change agents." They have the passion, intellect, and leadership potential that in time should enable them to improve the ways that public entities--be they government agencies, nonprofit organizations, public and private primary and secondary schools, or advocacy organizations--serve the public good.

### **How does the Foundation define "public service"?**

The Foundation defines "public service" as employment in government at any level, uniformed services, public interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, public and private schools, and public service oriented nonprofit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help needy or disadvantaged persons or to protect the environment.

### **How important is the public service record?**

A Candidate's public service record is one of the most important criteria for selection. Students without an extensive public service background will not be successful Candidates - regardless of GPA or other accomplishments. Unlike other gaps in the application (a lower class rank, no government internship experience, etc.), a lack of public service cannot be ameliorated by achievement elsewhere.

### **How important are grades?**

The Truman does not have a minimum GPA requirement - and grades are considered less important than either the Candidate's public service experiences or her leadership record. Candidates are evaluated on their ability to receive outstanding marks in challenging coursework related to their field of interest rather than an overall GPA. But, the Truman is an intensely competitive Scholarship that does consider the Candidate's chance of success at a highly selective graduate school as one of its criteria. Candidates are generally rank within the top 15% and often have GPAs of 3.8 or higher.

### **Are students participating in junior year abroad or five year degree programs eligible?**

Yes. About one-quarter of recent Truman Scholars were off-campus in the fall of their junior year when they prepared their applications. Students who are in five-year programs and spend time on more than one campus are also eligible to apply in their third year.

### **Is there a service requirement for the Truman Scholarship?**

Scholars are required to work in public service for three of the seven years following completion of a Foundation funded graduate degree program as a condition of receiving Truman funds. Scholars who do not meet this service requirement, or who fail to provide timely proof to the Foundation of such employment, will be required to repay funds received along with interest. The Foundation will have an appeals process for special circumstances.

### **There has never been a Truman Scholar from my school. Do I have a chance?**

Almost every year 6 to 10 Scholars attend schools that have never had a Truman Scholar.

### **What is the appeals process?**

Each Faculty Representative may request reconsideration for one nominee who was not selected as a Finalist in the regular competition. An appeal request should be made by email by the deadline provided during the competition. The appeals must include the student's name and state of residence. Additional materials, even the text of the requesting email, will not be considered. Nominees who are selected on appeal will be asked to interview along with the other students in his or her home state. The panelists are not told which of the nominees were selected on appeal.

### **Do you welcome communication with Faculty Representatives?**

With pleasure. The Truman Foundation welcomes questions, comments, and suggestions.

## **Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Undergraduate Scholarship**

<http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/MKUScholarship/MKUScholarship.aspx>

**Description:** The Udall Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship for outstanding college students who intend to pursue careers related to the environment, or who intend to pursue careers in Native American health care or tribal public policy and are Native American or Alaska Native. The Foundation seeks future leaders across a wide spectrum of environmental fields, such as policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, and economics. The Foundation also seeks future Native American and Alaska Native leaders in public and community health care, tribal government, and public policy affecting Native American communities, including land and resource management, economic development, and education.

**Dollar Value:** Each scholarship covers tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$5,000 for one year.

**Number of Scholarships:** 80 scholarships and 50 honorable mentions of \$350 are awarded each year.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must:

- ✓ Be sophomores or juniors, pursuing a bachelor's or associate's degree;
- ✓ Have a college grade-point average of at least a "B" or the equivalent;
- ✓ Be pursuing full time study;
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident;
- ✓ Be committed to a career related to the environment, OR committed to a career in tribal public policy or Native American health care (only Native Americans and Alaska Natives are eligible to apply in tribal public policy or Native American health care).

**Application Procedures:** Candidates must be nominated by their institution to compete for the Udall Scholarship. Four-year institutions are eligible to nominate up to three students in each category, for a total of six students per institution. Applications can be found online and are available October 1.

**Deadline:** This year the national deadline was March 2, 2011. (Institutional deadlines may be up to 6 months earlier; be sure to contact the faculty representative.)

**Contact:**

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Ph. 520.901.8500  
Fax 520.670.5530  
Email: [info@udall.gov](mailto:info@udall.gov)

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What are the primary criteria for selection for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship?**

Demonstrated commitment to environmental issues, or to health care or tribal public policy, solid record in last two years of substantial time and effort to at least one or more of the following: campus activities (e.g., recycling, NA clubs, sustainability committees); research activities (e.g., independent and substantive research outside of course requirements related to environmental/NA/health care issues); community activities (e.g., volunteering with clean-ups, park service/tribal internships, urban planning commissions, emergency room volunteer, etc.) **Career goals:** Course of study and proposed graduate study (if applicable) likely to lead to position where nominee can make significant contributions to the shaping of environmental/NA/health care issues, whether through scientific advances, public or political service, or community action. **The “Mo” factor:** Demonstrated leadership and potential, integrity and character, desire to make a difference and generally well rounded.

### **How important are grades?**

Grades are less important than community service and leadership records, but they are still significant. Nominees should generally be in the top quarter of their class and have at least a 3.0 GPA

### **Are any fields of study given priority?**

No. Udall Scholars come from all majors and fields of study. Recent Udall Scholars have majored in environmental sciences and policy studies, agriculture, political science, natural resource management, sociology, anthropology, American Indian studies, tribal public policy, history, English, theater, landscape architecture, and public health, to name just a few areas. However, we anticipate that the nominee’s plan of study will include some coursework in environmental and/or public policy, environmental studies or science, or Native American studies.

### **How are the applications read?**

Applications are read by region. Regions are determined by geographical proximity, geographic or environmental similarity, and number of applications. As a general rule, teams select from 1 to 4 scholars for each region. States with a greater number of applicants (such as Pennsylvania) will typically be read as one region, or divided into two regions. Readers work in teams of two. Applications are given at least two reviews. However, applications deemed clearly noncompetitive will not receive a second review. There are a total of four rating categories, plus a discretionary point allowance. Two categories, **demonstrated commitment** and **personal characteristics**, use a 5-point rating scale, ranging from a 1 (below average) to 5 (outstanding). The other two categories, **academic achievement** and the **essay**, use a 4-point rating scale.

### **Our institution has nominated students for the Udall Scholarship for the past few years, and none has received a Scholarship or Honorable Mention. What are we doing wrong?**

Keep in mind that the Udall Scholarship is a highly competitive award. The principal reasons an applicant may not be awarded a scholarship are: Coursework and plan of study unlikely to lead to career related to the environment, tribal public policy or Native American health care; Career plans not supported by goals of the scholarship program; Poor use of application answers to reveal values, interests, and motivation; Little evidence of leadership; Lack of community involvement, particularly in the case of tribal public policy or Native American health care applicants; Few activities or research that reveal interest in and commitment to the environment, tribal public policy or Native American health care.

Faculty representatives may request feedback from the Foundation concerning unsuccessful nominees and Honorable Mentions who are eligible to reapply their junior year. (The Foundation does not provide feedback directly to individual nominees.)

## **Elie Wiesel Prize for Humanity - [www.eliewieselfoundation.org/](http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/)**

**Description:** Elie Wiesel and his wife, Marion established The Elie Wiesel Prize for Humanity, shortly after he was awarded the 1986 Nobel Prize for Peace. The Foundation's mission, rooted in the memory of the Holocaust, is to advance the cause of human rights by creating forums for the discussion and resolution of urgent ethical issues. The annual essay competition is designed to challenge college students to analyze urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world.

**Dollar Value:** \$5000 First Prize, \$2500 Second Prize, \$1500 Third Prize, and two Honorable Mentions of \$500 each.

### **Eligibility:**

- ✓ The contest is open to undergraduate juniors and seniors who are enrolled full-time at accredited, four-year colleges or universities in the United States. Students must have registered junior or senior status during Autumn quarter.
- ✓ Application Procedures: Students must apply directly to The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. However, as a part of the application process, the student is required to have a professor review his or her essay and fill out a Faculty Sponsor Form. Any interested professor may act as a Faculty Sponsor and a maximum of two entries from any one professor per contest year will be accepted.
- ✓ The essay must be the original, unpublished work of the student, and 3000-4000 words in length. It may be developed from any point of view and can be written in the form of a case study, a personal experience or an analysis that is literary, philosophical, historical, biographical, theological, or psychological. Information and application can be found on the web at <http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/prizeinethics.aspx>

**Deadline:** Early December (This year the deadline was December 6, 2010.)

### **Contact:**

The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics, The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity  
555 Madison Avenue, 20<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York NY 10022  
Phone: 212-490-7788

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **What should applicants write about in their Essay?**

The Foundation receives many inquiries regarding what students may write about in their essays. The topics provided by the Foundation each year are merely suggested topics - students may feel free to write about any topic as long as it pertains to ethics.

### **Who can be a Faculty Sponsor?**

Any interested professor at the student's school may act as a Faculty Sponsor. Students entering the contest are required to have a Faculty Sponsor review their essay and sign the Entry Form. Faculty members should only endorse thought-provoking, well-written essays that fall within the contest guidelines. Students studying abroad may have professors at their home or abroad institution serve as their Faculty Sponsor.