Graduate School Scholarships

Thinking about graduate school? Learn about funding opportunities that will help pay for a graduate degree.

Tues, Sept 12
4:00–5:00 pm
International Room, Kansas Union

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Graduate Funding
Nationally Competitive Fellowships & Scholarships
What makes a strong candidate?

- High GPA: 3.7+
- Significant research experience (and/or)
- Leadership, service, and community involvement
- Relatively clear graduate school and career goals
- Strong letters of recommendation
Application components?

- Involvement information: leadership, research, coursework, etc.
- Short essays/personal statements
- Research experience
- Research proposal
- Letters of recommendation
- Resume/CV

***Reference prep courses
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***Reference flow chart***
The Process

Campus competition: KU endorsement required

Open applications: KU endorsement not required
Graduate School Funding Opportunities
Apply junior (3rd year)

Some require you to apply during your junior year (or the year before you plan to graduate)
Truman Scholarship

Up to $30,000 scholarship for graduate study

Eligibility:
• Junior (or 3rd year senior)
• Demonstrated commitment to and interest in careers in public service with potential to be a change agent
• 3.5+ GPA

Campus deadline: end of November
National deadline: early February
Beinecke Scholarship

$5,000 immediately prior to entering graduate school (for undergrad) and an additional $30,000 for graduate school

Seeks to encourage and enable highly motivated students to pursue a graduate course of study in the arts, humanities, and social sciences

Eligibility:
• U.S. Citizen
• Demonstrated superior scholastic achievement
• Junior status
• Plan to enter a research-focused master’s or doctoral program or MFA in the arts, humanities, or social sciences
• Documented history of financial need

Campus Deadline: Early January or February
National Deadline: March
Senior/Recent Graduate Opportunities
With some campus deadlines spring of junior year

Most national deadlines occur the fall before you plan to enter graduate school

Example: apply fall 2023 if you plan to enter grad school in spring 2024

Those requiring campus endorsement: apply at the campus level the spring prior (spring 2023 (campus), fall 2024 (national), fall 2025 (enter grad school))
Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, & Churchill Scholarships

Campus competition – spring of junior year (or later)

Students interested in applying should contact Erin:

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Campus Deadline: end of May annually
Rhodes Scholarship

• Outstanding scholarly achievements
• Character
• Commitment to others and to the common good
• Potential for leadership in any career domain

Award: One to two (occasionally three) years of study at Oxford University in the UK including living stipend

Eligibility:
• US Citizen or permanent resident of the US between 18-24 years old
• OR – citizen of another constituency (international applicant options)

Campus Deadline: Late May (junior year or later)
National Deadline: Late September (senior year or later)

***Recent graduates are eligible.***
Marshall Scholarship

Strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions.

Selection criteria include an exceptional academic record, leadership, and potential to serve as a citizen ambassador to the UK.

Award: 1-2 years of study in any field at any university in the United Kingdom

Eligibility:
• US Citizen
• GPA greater than or equal to 3.7
• Not have studied in or held a degree from a British university or high school

Campus Deadline: Late May
National Deadline: Late September
Mitchell Scholarship

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.

Award: One year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland

Eligibility:
• US citizen
• 18-30 years old by time of application
• Have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited university before beginning study

Campus Deadline: Late May
National Deadline: Late September
Churchill Scholarship

Year of Master’s study in science, mathematics, and engineering at the University of Cambridge, based at Churchill College.

***There is a Master of Public Policy in science research option.

Award: One year master’s degree in STEM at the University of Cambridge in the UK

Eligibility:
• US citizen
• Exceptional GPA
• Extensive research experience in a STEM lab

Campus Deadline: Late May
National Deadline: Late October or early November

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CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP
SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS/ENGINEERING
Additional Opportunities

These do not require a campus competition or endorsement.
Gates Cambridge Scholarship

Outstanding intellectual ability
Leadership potential
Commitment to improving the lives of others
Good fit with the program of interest at Cambridge

Award: Full funding and stipend for a master’s degree or PhD at the University of Cambridge in the UK in any department

Eligibility:
• Citizen of any country outside the UK
• Applying to pursue a PhD or master’s degree at Cambridge

Deadline:
US Citizens: October
Other Citizens: December to January
Schwarzman Scholarship

One-year master’s in global affairs at Beijing’s Tsinghua University

High-caliber individuals with open minds and limitless potential who will serve to deepen understanding between China and the rest of the world

Eligibility:
• 18-28 years old
• Proficient in the English language

National deadline: Mid-September
Knight-Hennessy Scholarship

Graduate funding at Stanford University + leadership development

Visionary thinkers who are curious, open-minded, analytical, eager for cross-cultural perspective, and genuinely excited to boldly and creatively address our world’s important challenges

Eligibility:
• Senior or later
• Independence of Thought, Purposeful Leadership, & Civic Mindset

National deadline: Early October
DAAD Study Scholarship

Full master’s degree program at a German university or study at a German university as part of a postgraduate or master’s degree program completed in the home country

***Open to some international students

Eligibility:
• Senior or post-graduation
• All disciplines
• 3.2+ GPA

National deadline: November
Pickering & Rangel Fellowships

$84,000 over 2 years for graduate school tuition, etc.; internship(s); and employment with U.S. Foreign Service upon completion

***Involves one overseas and one domestic internship as well a 5-year overseas Foreign Service commitment.

Eligibility:

- Senior or above (start preparing junior year - recommended)
- Interest in pursuing graduate education relevant to the Foreign Service
- Interest in working for the Foreign Service
- 3.2+ GPA

National deadline: late September
Soros Fellowship (for New Americans)

Honors the contributions of immigrants and children of immigrants to the United States who are poised to make significant contributions to US society, culture or their academic field

Up to $90,000 in financial support over two years and a lifelong community of New American Fellows

Eligibility:
• Have New America status
• Senior or early graduate student
• 30 years or younger
• 3.0+ GPA

National deadline: End of October
QUESTIONS?

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The Fulbright Program

Program Goal

To increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and people of other countries through exchange

About the Program

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)
- Student Program administered in U.S. by IIE
- Administered overseas by bi-national commissions and U.S. embassies
Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award Types

1. Study/Research Grant:
   - 950+ awards
   - 8-10 months
   - ~130 countries
   - Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad

2. English Teaching Assistantship (ETA):
   - 1150+ awards
   - 8-10 months
   - ~75 countries
   - Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom
Diversity and Inclusion

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Diversity

Fulbright strives to reflect the diversity of the U.S. society and societies abroad. The Program encourages involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all grants, programs and initiatives.

2

Inclusion

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
Eligibility

- Graduating seniors
- Recent graduates
- Graduate students
- Early career professionals, including creative and performing artists/musicians

Basic Eligibility

- U.S. citizen by the application deadline
- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent by start of grant
- No PhD at the time of application
- Country-specific requirements
Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowships in Public Health

PROGRAM MISSION
- Partnership with the Fogarty International Center of the U.S. National Institutes of Health
- Promote the expansion of research in public health and clinical research in resource-limited settings

MORE DETAILS
- Program for individuals currently enrolled in medical school or in a graduate-level program who are interested in global health
- Review country summary pages for specific details about country of interest
- Eligible countries include Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Uganda, Jamaica, Peru, Nepal, Vietnam
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Fulbright-National Geographic Storytelling Fellowship

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Candidates must be selected for a Fulbright Study/Research Grant by the eligible country for which they applied and meet the criteria of the Fulbright Study/Research requirements of the host country.

- Additional grant funds of up to $20,000 to tell the story of your research

- Preference will be given to candidates with demonstrated experience and talent in storytelling.

- Candidates must have completed at least an undergraduate degree by the commencement of the Fulbright award.
The Critical Language Enhancement Award

Supplemental funding for Fulbright U.S. Student Program grantees

3 to 6 months intensive language study

Only in select languages and/or host countries

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES
- Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Taiwan

ELIGIBLE LANGUAGES
- Arabic (MSA, Darija, or all dialects, depending on country), Bahasa Indonesia, Bangla/Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Mandarin Chinese, Punjabi, and Urdu

The number of eligible countries and languages supported by the CLEA is subject to change based on future budget allocations and U.S. Department of State priorities.
EAST ASIA
• Study/Research: All countries seek more Arts candidates. Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand
• ETA: Applicants must show sincere interest in teaching. Laos, Mongolia, Timor-Leste
• Graduate Degrees: Korea, Taiwan
• China and Hong Kong remain suspended

EASTERN EUROPE & EURASIA
• Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Slovakia
• Finland seeking more Arts applicants
• Ukraine, Belarus & Russia applicants must call IIE

WESTERN EUROPE
• Italy Special Awards (Deafness, Law)
• All Doctoral Awards, especially Finland, France, Iceland
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Sub-Saharan Africa | Western Hemisphere

SOUTH & CENTRAL ASIA
• All awards except India

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA
• Study/Research: Bahrain, Kuwait
• ETA: Saudi Arabia

SUB-SAHRAN AFRICA
• Study/Research: Botswana, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Togo
• New: Mozambique ETA

WESTERN HEMISPHERE
• Study/Research: Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Paraguay, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay COMEXUS Public Policy in Mexico, Chile Science Initiative
• ETA: Honduras, Paraguay

Undersubscribed Opportunities
Award Benefits

Pre-Grant & In-Country

- Round-trip airfare
- Monthly stipend*
- Accident and sickness benefits
- Other **possible** benefits*
  - Support for dependents
  - Research allowance
  - Tuition
  - Language lessons
  - ETA TESOL foundations course
  - Disability-related accommodations

Post-Grant

- The Fulbright network of alumni
- State Department’s alumni website
- Eligible for 12 months of noncompetitive eligibility (NCE) hiring status within the federal government
- Lifetime Fulbright email address
- Fulbright Association

* Varies depending on grant and host country.
Application Components

1. Basic Personal Data
2. Essays
   • Statement of Grant Purpose
     ➢ Research/Study: 2 pg max
     ➢ English Teaching Assistant: 1 pg max
   • Personal Statement: 1 pg max
3. Reports / References
   • Foreign Language Evaluation
   • Three (3) References
4. Transcripts
5. Other
   • Research/Study: Affiliation Letter(s)
   • Arts: Supplementary Materials
# Application Timeline

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Factors in Selection

- Quality and feasibility of the proposal
- Academic or professional record
- Personal qualifications
- Language preparation
- Preference factors as established by FFSB
- Extent to which the candidate and the project will help to advance the Fulbright Program goals
- Requirements of the program in individual countries
- Desirability of achieving diversity
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