

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Knight-Hennessy Scholarship

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Section	Brief description	More information
1. Award	Graduate school funding (fully fund 3 years) in any graduate school discipline at Stanford University, plus participation in dedicated King Global Leadership Program and cross-disciplinary networking for Knight-Hennessy Scholars. Denning House , a purpose-built structure at the heart of the Stanford campus, is home to the Knight-Hennessy Scholars community.	https://knight-hennessy.stanford.edu/ Details of funding Details of application process separate from application for the graduate or professional school program of your choice
2. Eligibility	All nationalities, apply during final year of study or within 5 years of earning your first/bachelor's degree, all disciplines, very high GPA. You must meet the eligibility requirements of the Stanford graduate degree program to which you will apply separately.	Eligibility. Application for awards is extremely competitive. In 2021, 76 scholars were selected from the approximately 3,000 students admitted to Stanford's graduate programs. In recent years, more than 6,000 have applied to Knight-Hennessy.
3. Timing	Seniors may submit an application in the fall of senior year. Interested juniors and alumnae seeking Smith Fellowships Program advising should make contact as early in the spring semester preceding application as possible. You must apply separately to the Stanford graduate program that interests you. Note that graduate school application deadlines may be brought forward by an application to the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Prg.	-Electronic application opens May 1, and the external application deadline is early-October. -Details of application requirements . - Sign up to stay in touch with Knight-Hennessy and receive a notice when the application opens. - Links to 7 Stanford graduate schools .
4. Selection Criteria	Phil Knight: "We're seeking Scholars who can out-think, out-work, and out-care others." In 2022 Knight-Hennessy aims to select 80+ scholars (growing in the future to 100 scholars per year). The program is looking for independent thinking, purposeful leadership, and a civic mindset. Share this advice for letter writers with the individuals who will write your letters.	Selection criteria. Note that finalists (probably ~160 of applicants) will be invited to visit Stanford (at the program's expense) for an Immersion Weekend in early February.
5. Smith Role	Applicants are required to have two letters of recommendation from writers who know you well and are in a position to assess your leadership experience and potential. Smith does not offer an endorsement process for Knight-Hennessy. Fellowships Program staff will be happy to talk with current students and alums about their applications.	Pay close attention to advice on your two recommendation letters
6. Fun fact(s)	The 2021 cohort of 76 scholars includes 57% women, 20% first generation college students, 56% of US citizens/residents in the pool identify as a person of color, 26% of scholars enroll in master's degree study, 46% are non-US passport holders.	Profile of 2021 cohort Brief biographies (searchable by degree program)
7. How to get started	Register for an in person or online information session organized by Knight-Hennessy. Contact Fellowships Program staff for an in person or video discussion.	Details: Knight-Hennessy information sessions . Contact fellowships@smith.edu to discuss