



Fellowships & Postgraduate Scholarships Program

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LET FELLOWSHIPS INSPIRE YOU TO BECOME WHO YOU WANT TO BE!

Fellowship foundations seek candidates with a variety of outstanding qualities. Learning what these are before it is time to apply will give you time to develop them. If your sights are set on a Rhodes, a Marshall, or a Luce Scholarship, you will want to acquire leadership experience by your senior year. If you want to apply for a Truman as a junior, you should participate in activities that demonstrate a commitment to public service. Academic excellence is welcomed for all fellowships. The chart below shows qualities that various fellowships value. While you should never pursue activities just to win a fellowship, you *can* let fellowships help you imagine the kind of person you want to be. You can then choose experiences and activities that will shape you in that image. Even if you don't win the fellowship, you will have achieved the most important goal – **becoming the person you want to be.**

ALL CLASS YEARS

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP*	For students who wish to develop proficiency in a critical language; <i>take language classes through departments or the Five College World Language Center; show interest in international cultures through clubs, language tables, attending events</i>
GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP*	For students in receipt of Pell Grants who wish to study abroad; <i>take language classes through departments or the Five College World Language Center; explore how international cultures relate to your career plans with a Lazarus Center adviser; practice public speaking</i>

SOPHOMORE & JUNIOR YEAR ONLY

GOLDWATER**	For STEM students who intend a career in research; <i>pursue semester & summer research internships on and off campus (through SURF and REU), practice science writing</i>
UDALL**	For students in any major who aim to pursue careers focused on the environment or Native American nations; <i>join clubs, volunteer, research, write articles, spearhead projects; choose a study abroad program that offers a research/internship component</i>

JUNIOR YEAR ONLY

BEINECKE*	For humanities, arts, or social science majors who intend academic or creative research grad study; <i>participate in activities related to field such as writing for online/print journals, entering poetry contests, performing, exhibiting, research</i>
TRUMAN*	For students intending to pursue a career in public service in any field; <i>commit yourself to causes you believe in, attend lectures, join political clubs & policy institutes, volunteer on campaigns, pursue field-related internships & research, read widely in reputable news media about current problems/issues, practice public speaking</i>

SENIOR YEAR ONLY

ST. ANDREW'S*	For students of Scottish descent with high academic achievement; <i>do research, commit to related extracurricular activities; seek positions of leadership in areas that interest you; demonstrate interest in community life; research Scottish grad programs</i>
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SENIORS & ALUMS

CHURCHILL*	For exceptional STEM students; <i>sample deeply and widely from STEM courses, pursue summer research on campus and off by REU, take graduate-level classes at UMass, focus intensely on STEM but have a side interest or two; learn about UK grad programs</i>
FULBRIGHT RESEARCH*	For those prepared to do independent research or graduate study abroad as cultural ambassadors; <i>pursue a thesis or other independent work, hone your writing skills by visiting the Writing Center (WC), learn what is happening abroad in your field, study abroad for a semester, take a language at Smith or through Five College Center for Study of World Languages</i>

FULBRIGHT ETA*	For those with strong English speaking & writing skills and desire for cultural exchange; <i>apply for the Mindich Fellowship, volunteer as a tutor with Project Coach, Homework House or after school programs, become a foreign language TA, watch travelogues, read international literature, study abroad, practice public speaking, write print or online articles</i>
GAITHER JR. FELLOWS***	For those with excellent writing, research, analytical skills; <i>seek position as a research assistant to a professor, apply for summer research internships; read widely in current affairs, develop facility in a critical language, hone writing skills at the WC</i>
GATES CAMBRIDGE***	For those with distinguished academic achievement, desire to solve wicked problems & interest in the welfare of others; <i>pursue excellence in your field, do a thesis, read what is happening in your field worldwide, find and commit to causes you care about that improve the lives of others, develop leadership in your activities</i>
KNIGHT-HENNESSEY***	For academically excellent, imaginative, outside-the-box thinkers; <i>pursue excellence in your field, do a thesis, go to lectures, performances, and events outside of your typical area of interest, allow yourself to be broadened and challenged; consult faculty advisors about suitability of programs at Stanford for you</i>
LUCE**	For those with experience in your intended career field; <i>visit the Lazarus Center early to find ways to explore paths & gain experience in your field, study abroad <u>but not in Asia</u>, get involved in activities you care about and take on leadership roles, strive for academic excellence</i>
MARSHALL*	For those with potential to be leaders in their fields; <i>pursue academic excellence & dive deeply into your field (thesis), take on leadership roles, develop public speaking skills, read about US & UK political relations & general current events, attend lectures, sign up for training in dialogue, peacemaking, write opinion pieces for campus & print journals</i>
MITCHELL*	For those driven by service missions; <i>pursue academic excellence including thesis, devote yourself to community service in areas you care about, both on campus and off, pursue leadership positions, keep abreast of current affairs especially in your field</i>
NSF GRF**	For those driven to research in STEM and social sciences; <i>pursue semester & summer research internships on and off campus (through REU or PRAXIS), practice writing in your discipline, plan an honors thesis, senior capstone, or special studies</i>
RHODES***	For those with potential to be leaders on the world stage; <i>pursue academic excellence including thesis, develop strength of body as well as mind, get involved in activities related to your field that demonstrate you want to “stand up for the world”</i>
SCHWARZMAN ***	For those who want to find global solutions to world problems; <i>study conscientiously and read widely about what is happening in your field across the world; identify an area where you want to make an impact, inspire & organize others to make the change</i>
SMITH COLLEGE ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIPS***	For majors in any field with excellent academic achievement who have applied to graduate school; <i>apply yourself conscientiously to your studies; identify appropriate graduate study goals</i>

* Limited to US citizens

** Limited to US citizens and US permanent residents

*** Open to international students. Application process may vary depending on your citizenship

WHAT ELSE?

In addition to the above, to be a strong fellowships applicant, you will need enthusiastic and detailed **recommendation letters**. Cultivate relationships with faculty and supervisors by speaking with them about your goals, asking their advice, inquiring about their work and research. Let them get to know you. Practice reflecting on your education and your experiences throughout your college career. Keep a journal of these reflections. By the time you are applying for fellowships, you will have much to draw upon to write thoughtful and authentic **personal statements**. For fellowships that support graduate study, consult faculty in your field for advice on programs that are a good fit for you and your goals. Consult our website to learn more about eligibility, applications, & timelines.