

CALTECH GUIDE TO

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A letter from the Director, Fellowships Advising & Study Abroad office:

The 2025/26 **Caltech Guide to Fellowships and Scholarships** provides information on major awards for graduate study in the U.S. and abroad. Also included are a few lesser known, but interesting, awards. We maintain a copy of this guide on our site, fasa.caltech.edu.

Many fellowships have very early fall deadline dates. The Marshall, Rhodes, Fulbright, Gates, Mitchell, Hertz, and NSF GRFP all have early fall deadlines. Please note that the Marshall Scholarship requires a university endorsement from Caltech. This will require a campus interview to obtain the institute's endorsement for the fellowship, as do all of the international fellowships.

All materials, including your official transcript and references, are due to the Fellowships Advising and Study Abroad office by the campus deadline. It is your responsibility to be sure your reference writers turn in their letters on time.

It takes several weeks to adequately research study options, write high quality application essays and get references. If you are planning a research project, you will need to contact faculty at potential universities, which takes time. The point is, **START ON YOUR FELLOWSHIP RESEARCH BEFORE YOU LEAVE CAMPUS THIS YEAR** and continue to work on your applications during the summer.

I am available to meet with you individually to discuss fellowship options and to review your applications. I strongly encourage you to meet with me before the end of the summer.

The FASA Assistant Director, Elizabeth Nugent, is the official campus liaison for the Watson Fellowship. Students interested in applying for the Watson would need to make an appointment to meet with her. Elizabeth also reviews essays for the NSF GRFP and NDSEG. While we do not proof-read essays, we do review them for content and help you tailor them to the fellowship requirements.

You can call 626-395-2150 or email Samantha Skinner at sskinner@caltech.edu to schedule an appointment or come in during posted walk-in hours. I also advise students on work and study abroad options.

In our office you will find a collection of books on fellowships, study and work abroad. You will also find copies of the essays of this and recent years' winners of fellowships for your review.

I am very familiar with the pressures confronting seniors as they try to choose a path to take after graduation. Fellowships and graduate study are just one path. However, fellowships are one of the easiest options to investigate early. I would be pleased to help you start the process of exploring fellowship options and their relationship to graduate study.

There will be a meeting on national fellowships for graduate study in the U.S., such as the NSF, Hertz and NDSEG, scheduled in early October. **Again, I encourage you to begin research the fellowships for graduate study as soon as you can.**

Sincerely,
Lauren Stolper

Director, Fellowships Advising and Study Abroad

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INTRODUCTION

What are fellowships?

A fellowship or scholarship provides a recipient with funds to support academic study or research. Some fellowships also provide funds for living expenses, books, and travel related to the fellow's area of academic interest. Many types of fellowships exist. Fellowships are awarded at the undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate, and professional level of study. There are special types of fellowships available. This guide discusses fellowships that are primarily awarded to graduating seniors. However, some of these are available to current graduate students or alumni.

Many of the fellowships reviewed in this guide support graduate study abroad. Others, such as the Department of Defense's National Defense Student Education Grant fellowships, support graduate study only in the U.S.

Why apply?

One reason is money! Many fellowships provide more ample funds for study than the traditional grants awarded to beginning graduate students. However, the time and energy needed to apply for a fellowship require applicants to look beyond the funds to the experience itself. It is very difficult to obtain funds to study abroad. Fellowships such as the Fulbright, Marshall, Churchill, Watson, and Rhodes allow you to do just that. The science and engineering fields require international communication. Ironically, most scientists and engineers obtain most of their early education and experience in the U.S. The opportunity to go abroad for one or two years to study and do research will enlarge your knowledge of how science or engineering is "done" elsewhere, allow you to make international contacts that can last a lifetime, and learn how scientists and engineers are viewed in another culture.

Applying for a fellowship or scholarship may seem like a major endeavor. However, if you are applying to graduate school, applying for fellowships is a directly related activity. In graduate and fellowship applications, you must write an essay that outlines your professional goals and objectives for graduate study. Both require letters of recommendation. In contrast to the mid-winter deadline dates for graduate school application, fellowships usually have fall application deadlines, with some exceptions. Those applying for fellowships "get a jump" on the graduate school application process.

Where can I study?

Some fellowships such as the Fulbright will allow a great range of country options. Others will limit you to a particular country: e.g., the Marshall restricts applicants to study in Great Britain. Others will restrict you to a particular university: e.g., the Churchill to Churchill College, Cambridge or Hertz restricts you to a group of U.S. graduate schools.

How do I apply?

This guide will describe the basic application procedures and requirements. It is best for you to consult the actual application material itself for specific details. It is also recommended that you meet with Lauren Stolper, Director of Fellowships Advising and Study Abroad, to discuss your specific situation

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH & STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, NATIONAL DEFENSE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP (NDSEG)

Overview

The DOD National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG) can be used at any accredited U.S. university for graduate study. The awards support graduate students in fields important to national defense needs. However, this stipulation should be broadly construed and most prospective graduate students in the sciences and engineering are eligible to apply. For example, the biosciences are an eligible field.

The NDSEG Fellowships are intended for students who are at or near the beginning of their graduate study for a Ph.D. in science or engineering. Ninety-seven percent of fellowships are awarded to students who are either graduating seniors or in their first year of graduate study. Fellowships are awarded for a maximum period of three years of graduate study. The actual number of awards varies from year to year depending upon the available funding. Over 10,000 applications are received each year. Applications are encouraged from minority students, women, and those with disabilities. Ten percent of these awards are set-aside for applicants from underrepresented minority groups. The NDSEG pays for full tuition and all mandatory fees (excluding room and board), a \$3600 monthly stipend, and up to \$1,600 a year in medical insurance (this excludes dental and vision insurance). NDSEG Fellowships last for three years.

Eligibility

Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the United States – proof of citizenship is required. Permanent residents are not eligible for this fellowship. The NDSEG covers graduate study in the following fields: aeronautical and astronautical engineering, biosciences, chemistry and chemical engineering, cognitive, neural and behavioral sciences, computer sciences, electrical engineering, geosciences, manufacturing and industrial engineering, materials science and engineering, mathematics, mechanical engineering, naval architecture and ocean engineering, oceanography and physics. More eligibility requirements can be found at <https://ndseg.sysplus.com/NDSEG/about/Eligibility>.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

All applicants must submit their applications online. Detailed instructions for electronic submission and for mailing supporting documents are integrated into the online application, which can be found at <https://ndseg.org/apply-link>. **The 2025-2026 Application Period begins Friday, August 15th and will close on November 15th, 2025.** Applicants are usually notified in April regarding the outcome of the selection process.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, SMART SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The SMART (Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation) Scholarship is open to U.S. citizens studying one of the allowed subjects (see website for complete list) as an undergraduate or graduate student.

The award covers:

- Full tuition and education related fees (does not include items such as meal plans, housing, or parking)
- Annual Stipend paid at a rate of \$30,000 - \$46,000 depending on prior educational experience (may be prorated depending on award length)
- Paid summer internships
- Health Insurance reimbursement allowance up to \$1,200 per calendar year
- Book allowance of \$1,000 per academic year
- Mentoring
- Employment placement after graduation

Requirements

Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, be a U.S. citizen, be able to participate in summer internships with the DOD, and be willing to accept post-graduate employment with the DoD at a ratio of one year of school funding to one year of employment.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Applications are submitted online through the SMART Scholarship website. The SMART Program accepts applications annually from **August to December. The due date for the 2025 application cycle is by 5:00pm EST on the first Friday in December.** Applicants are then notified of their award in Spring 2026.

For more information, visit: <https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart>

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) sponsors approximately one hundred fellowship opportunities for faculty, post-docs, graduate students and undergraduates who are interested in research related to energy concerns. The Oak Ridge Institute administers the DOE awards for Science and Education (ORISE). These awards require U.S. citizenship or permanent residency. Some awards are restricted to U.S. citizens only. In addition to the two highlighted below, students can search for specific fellowship options on their websites:

www.energy.gov/scholarships&internships.htm www.ornl.gov

DOE COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (DOE CSGF)

Overview

A yearly stipend of \$45,000, an academic allowance of \$5,000 for research the first year (\$1,000 in following years). Computational Science Graduate Fellowship Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy through the Office of Scientific Computing. The program supports full-time doctoral study in the United States in an applied science or engineering discipline with applications in high-performance computing.

Fellowships are granted for one-year renewable terms from September 1 through August 31 of each year. This fellowship can cover up to 48 months of graduate study. These fellowships will provide tuition, fees, a yearly stipend.

Eligibility

Students must be planning full-time, uninterrupted PhD study in the life, physical, engineering, and mathematical sciences at a U.S. university. Support of this fellowship is limited to 4 years and must be renewed each year. Applicants must be either U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens who are exceptional senior undergraduates or in their first of graduate study (without an M.S.).

Application Procedures/Deadlines

The application is straightforward and, in addition to standard background information, requests a statement of career and academic goals, a list of current and planned courses, a transcript, three references and GRE scores. Applications for the fellowship's 35th cohort – the 2025-2026 incoming class were due Thursday, January 16, 2025. The next application period should begin in October 2025. Applications can be found at the following website: <http://www.krellinst.org/csgf>.

DOE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION STEWARDSHIP SCIENCE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP (DOE NNSA SSGF)

DOE NNSA SSGF offers a yearly stipend, tuition and fees for students pursuing a Ph.D. in areas of interest to stewardship science, such as high-energy density physics, low-energy nuclear science, or properties of materials under extreme conditions. **The 2026-2027 application will be available late October 2025 and due in January of 2026.** More info can be found here:

<http://www.krellinst.org/ssgf>.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

FORD FOUNDATION PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

The Ford Foundation seeks to increase the number of minorities who are underrepresented as faculty members in U.S. colleges and universities. Applicants must be pursuing research or teaching careers. Students may study the behavioral or social sciences, humanities, biological sciences, mathematics, physical sciences and engineering or an interdisciplinary area. Awards will not be made to those seeking professional degrees, the fine or performing arts, or education. Awards will not be made for terminal Master's degrees. Seniors or current graduate students can apply. Approximately 60 pre-doctoral and 29 dissertation fellowships are awarded yearly. See the

Ford brochure for more information on the dissertation awards. Predoctoral awards, which are granted to college seniors or first and second year grad students, provide an annual stipend of \$24,000. Awards are for three years and can be used at any accredited nonprofit U.S. institution granting Ph.D. or Sc.D. degrees in the fields specified above.

Important Updates regarding The Ford Fellowship

Please note: The Ford Foundation Fellowships are no longer accepting applications for Predoctoral Fellowships. The final competition took place in 2023. For more information please visit: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/ford-foundation-predoctoral-fellowships>.

HERTZ FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

The Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowships are based on merit (not need). There are two options for Hertz Fellowships:

Option 1 – Five Year Hertz

- \$38,000 / 9-month Personal Stipend
- Full Tuition Equivalent
- Renewable for up to 5 years

Option 2 – Five Year Coordinated Hertz Period – Two Years

- \$44,000 / 9-month Personal Stipend
- Full Tuition Equivalent
- Other Fellowship Period – Up to Five Years
- \$9,000 / year Supplemental Stipend from Hertz

The fellowship supports academic versus professional graduate study, e.g., study for the Ph.D. Only those studying the physical sciences whose work will have real world applications versus the theoretical are eligible. This focus, however, may be broadly construed. The official description of the fellowship stresses applicants who are “willing to morally commit to make their skills available to the United States in time of national emergency.” Again, this should not be taken literally. Students with excellent academic credentials, who plan to study in some area of the physical sciences, should consider applying for the Hertz, which offers very generous support. There are 10-15 awards annually. Fellows must attend one of the Foundation’s tenable schools, which are listed on their website.

Eligibility

Any senior or graduate student is eligible to apply, although they generally do not award fellowships to students who are already beyond their first year of graduate study except in cases of “exceptional leverage”. There is no GPA requirement. However, students should demonstrate academic excellence through their academic record.

Applicants must be students of the applied physical sciences, a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Those with exceptional creativity, broad understanding of the physical sciences, and outstanding potential for innovative research are expected. Applicants will also be screened for specific qualities listed on the fellowship’s web site.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

The 2026 application period will open on August 28, 2025. Applications are submitted online (<http://www.hertzfoundation.org>). Application and support materials have separate deadline dates that usually fall in the last week of October.

KNIGHT-HENNESSY SCHOLARS

Overview

Each year the **Knight-Hennessy Scholars** program will identify a group of 100 high-achieving students from around the world with demonstrated leadership and civic commitment to receive full funding to pursue a wide-ranging graduate education at Stanford, with the goal of developing a new generation of global leaders.

The Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program funds up to three years of graduate education. If the applicant's graduate degree program exceeds three years, such as an MD or PhD program, then the home department will fund the remainder of the scholar's education (to the extent consistent with its standard funding commitment for that program). The Knight-Hennessy Program cannot be deferred, but applicants can reapply for the year they wish to join. This indicates it cannot be "coordinated" with fellowships such as the NSF GRFP nor deferred if a student wins a Fulbright, Marshall, Gates, Rhodes, etc.

Eligibility

There is no citizenship requirement. Applicants for the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program must apply within four years, and enroll within five years, after earning their first bachelor's degree. Graduating seniors may apply, but must complete their Caltech B.S. before they enroll as a graduate student at Stanford in the fall after receiving their B.S.

To qualify for the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program, applicants must also apply to enroll in a full-time graduate degree program at Stanford (e.g., JD, MA, MBA, MD, MS, or PhD) or plan on pursuing one of Stanford's many joint- and dual- graduate degree options (e.g., MD+PhD, JD+MA, MBA+MS). There are no allocations or quotas by discipline or program. However, the program will give priority to applicants who are pursuing graduate programs that last more than one year.

Application Procedures/Deadline

Application requirements and instructions will be released in May of each year. **The application deadline is October 8, 2025, by 1pm Pacific Time.** However, in order to apply for this opportunity, all candidates must apply separately to the specific Stanford graduate degree program that they wish to pursue **no later than November 15 of the year of the Knight-Hennessy application**. For more information go to <https://knight-hennessy.stanford.edu/>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) GRADUATE PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Overview

The NIH GPP is designed to bring PhD graduate students to the NIH Intramural Research Program in Bethesda, MD, for dissertation research. 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.

The stipend for graduate students at the NIH are adjusted yearly; the level depends on prior research experience and number of years at NIH as a graduate student.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

The application for 2025-2026 is now open. **The application deadline is December 1, 2025, for the applicant and December 4, 2025, for references.**

<https://www.training.nih.gov/research-training/grads/gpp/institutional/#opening-and-closing-dates>

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (NSF GRFP)

Overview

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships provide support for research based graduate study leading to doctoral degrees in the natural sciences, mathematics, computer sciences, engineering, behavioral and social sciences, and in the history or philosophy of science.

Effective as of the 2017, NSF will limit graduate students to only one application to the GRFP, submitted either in the first year or in the second year of graduate school.

Individuals are typically eligible to apply:

- During the senior year of college
- After graduating from college and prior to entering graduate school
- During the first OR second year of graduate school

Graduate study may be pursued in the U.S. only, with the exception of the NSF GROW program. The NSF is highly competitive. For the 2018 competition, NSF received over 12,000 applications, and made 2,000 award offers.

Awards carry a stipend for each fellow of \$37,000 for a 12-month tenure and an annual cost-of-education allowance of \$12,000, paid to the Fellow's institution in lieu of tuition and fees. Students should read the annual NSF GRFP Program Solicitation for all information on eligibility and to understand the application process and requirements of the NSF.

Eligibility

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals or those who are permanent resident of the United States at the time of application. Applicants should have an excellent academic record and have demonstrated their ability to do original research or other creative work related to their field of study. Generally, more awards are given in the physical sciences than the social sciences and the philosophy or history of science. Note that applicants find the essays to be quite difficult and require a great deal of thought and editing.

Applicants must articulate clear and definite plans for their Ph.D. research and graduate study. Although there are no GPA requirements, Caltech seniors and first year grad students receiving the NSF have usually had a 3.5 or better GPA.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

The NSF application electronic transmission deadlines fall near the end of October. **Be sure to check the exact dates for the application process when the NSF Fastlane goes live in August or September. Each group has a different deadline, and they are usually grouped as follows:**

- Engineering; Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering; Materials Research
- Mathematical Sciences; Chemistry; Physics and Astronomy
- Social Sciences; Psychology; STEM Education and Learning
- Life Sciences; Geosciences

The NSF requires that students use the electronic submission process. Note that when you submit, you will receive a return receipt. If you do not receive this message, your submission did not go through.

The NSF does not require applicants to submit GRE scores and prefers that recommenders not mention scores either.

The NSF essays require that students be able to articulate very specific plans for graduate study. Applicants must have top notch essays to win. Your grades and essays along with your reference letters are the most crucial part of the application process, but the essays are the part of the application that is under your direct control. Essays must demonstrate 50% Intellectual Merit and 50% Broader Impacts. Read through the NSF website thoroughly for details on these requirements. Students have found it helpful to have their essays reviewed by the Fellowships Advising and Study Abroad Office. It is also helpful to have faculty read your essays and give you their comments and suggestions. You can review sample essays in our office.

Panels of faculty members from all over review applications in the early winter. Each application is read by at least two faculty members related to the applicant's field. Applicants receive a score from 1 to 6 with 1 being high and 6 low, as well as comments on their essays. Faculty look carefully at grades, references, the research statement, research plan, and personal statement. The top 10% of applicants automatically receive NSF fellowships. The next 15% of applicants undergo a statistical analysis that results in half of this group getting NSF fellowships. The rest of this group plus the next 15% of students get honorable mention. The NSF can be deferred for up to two years. It cannot be accepted concurrently with another federal fellowship.

Applicants are notified of their status around the end of March, and all applicants receive feedback on their essays. Be sure to print this feedback for future reference. Usually by mid-March a list of winners is available on the web at www.nsf.gov/grfp. Be sure to download the most up to date

Program Solicitation form the website for the due dates and any possible changed to the application process or requirements.

Applications are online at <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/fastlane.jsp>.

NORTONLIFELOCK RESEARCH GROUP GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The NRG Graduate Fellowship, formerly known as the Symantec Research Labs Fellowship (SRL), provides up to \$20,000 USD that may be used to cover one year of the student's tuition fees and to reimburse expenses incurred by the student to engage into research collaboration with Symantec, such as conference registration fees, travel expenses, hardware, etc. Mentors from Symantec Research Labs are paired with award recipients. The mentor is a top researcher who can provide ongoing technical guidance on the recipient's research, during their graduate training as well as during summer internships at Symantec. All recipients will be encouraged to take a salaried summer internship with Symantec Research labs. Fellowships are awarded to recipients for one academic year and may be extended for a second year, based on the award recipient's continued exceptional academic standing, progress and achievement. Any such extensions will be granted solely at Symantec's discretion.

Eligibility

Applicants must attend a U.S. university in a Ph.D. or master's program focused on technology research. Exceptional graduating undergraduate seniors may also apply, and final award is contingent on their acceptance to a graduate program. Preference will be given to students with a desire to work in an industrial research lab and those working on research projects likely to have real-world practical value to customers, in areas related to Symantec's businesses of information security, availability, and integrity. The scholarship awards will be made through the university and are not transferable to another academic institution.

Application Procedures/Deadline

Applicants must complete an application and provide references and transcripts by the December deadline. For more information go to <https://www.nortonlifelock.com/about/careers/graduate-fellowship>.

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GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH & STUDY ABROAD

AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN FOUNDATION AWARDS FOR STUDY IN SCANDINAVIA

Overview

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) provides fellowships for advanced research or study in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Fellowships are intended to support a yearlong stay and priority is given to graduate students for dissertation-related study or research. Fellowships are valued at up to \$23,000. The number of awards depends on the total funds available by country.

Eligibility

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applicants must have received their undergraduate degree by the time that they begin their study or project in Scandinavia. ASF prefers applicants to have some ability in the language of their host country. Applicants must have a well-defined study project that makes a stay in Scandinavia essential. The ASF prefers to support senior graduate students at the dissertation level for yearlong study or research. Smaller grants of approximately \$5,000 are available to support one to three months of postgraduate study.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Applicants must complete the ASF application, references, and transcripts **online by November 1st**. Award results are announced in April. Applications are available online at

<https://www.amscan.org/fellowships-and-grants/fellowshipsgrants-to-study-in-scandinavia/>.

CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The Churchill funds one year of study and research in the sciences, mathematics, or engineering at Churchill College, Cambridge University, England. Up to 18 awards are given yearly and all tuition and fees are paid. Students enrolled in the nine-month program will receive an annual living allowance of £11,000-£13,000 depending on the length of their academic program. They also receive a travel allowance of \$1,500. Married students who are accompanied by their spouses receive an additional allowance of £500. Depending on the field of study and recent rates of exchange, the value of a Churchill Scholarship is approximately \$75,000.

The Churchill Foundation also funds Special Research Grant Program. Churchill Scholars will be eligible for up to \$4,000 in research expenses approved in advance by the Foundation. The Special Research Grant may be used to pay for travel to a conference where a Churchill Scholar has been invited to present a paper, to buy specialized software related to his or her research interests, or other expenses that the Foundation will consider on a case-to-case basis.

Eligibility

Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Only graduating seniors are eligible to apply. Applicants must be between the ages of 19 and 26 and must possess a bachelor's degree at the time the scholarship begins. Applicants may hold a Master's, but not a Ph.D. Applicants should have good character and demonstrate a concern about the critical issues that face the world.

Applicants should have an exceptional academic record. Winners usually have at least a 3.9 G.P.A. The selection committee is also seeking applicants that have demonstrated their originality through creative work in their field of study or interest. Applicants need strong letters of recommendation and must take the general test of the GRE no later than November of their senior year.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Students must submit the application to the FASA Office by the campus deadline. **The next nomination deadline is November 3, 2025.** Students must apply to the University of Cambridge by the October deadline and submit all Churchill Scholarship materials to the FASA Office by the campus deadline in September. Caltech can nominate two students to the national committee.

The Churchill application, as well as very clear directions from the Foundation, can be found online here: <https://www.churchillscholarship.org/>.

If endorsed by Caltech, seven reviewers in the National Churchill Committee: five academic, one industrial and one chair will rank 20-25 students for 15 fellowships. The National Churchill Committee informs nominees in January whether their application will be forwarded to Cambridge University for review. These recommended students will be interviewed in January or early February. Winners are announced by early April.

KANDERS CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The Kanders Churchill Scholarship was created to address the growing divide between science and science policy. At present, there is just one Kanders Churchill Scholarship available each year. The recipient will join the cohort of the existing 15 Churchill Scholars in science, mathematics, and engineering, bringing the size of the group to 16 Scholars.

The Kanders Churchill Scholar will hold a bachelor's degree (either as a major or minor concentration) in science, mathematics, or engineering, and will attend the Cambridge Master's in Public Policy (see <https://www.polis.cam.ac.uk/study-at-polis/graduates/MPhilPP>). It is an addition to the Churchill Scholarship program and builds upon the two days of science policy seminars and visits to UK government ministries, which was introduced in the 2016-17 academic year for all Churchill Scholars.

Eligibility

Applicants for the Kanders Churchill Scholarship must be US citizens who are seniors when they apply or have graduated from any US institution.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Students must submit the application to the FASA Office by the campus deadline. Unlike the other Churchill Scholarships, there will be no application to the Churchill Foundation. Instead, candidates will state their interest in the Kanders Churchill Scholarship on their Cambridge application: (see <https://www.polis.cam.ac.uk/study-at-polis/graduates/MPhilPP/fees-and-funding>). The deadline is in early October (date to be announced).

Applicants must put Churchill College as their first college choice. The selection process will be completed by late December. The Selection Committee will consider candidates' academic achievements in STEM as well as their preparation for the Master's in Public Policy.

FULBRIGHT

Overview

There is a myriad of Fulbright grants available. This guide will focus on the Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study that provide one year of graduate study abroad. It should be noted that in most cases this year should not be devoted to commencing Ph.D. studies. Rather, the applicant should have a specific program of study or project that they wish to accomplish. The Fulbright is a wonderful opportunity for graduate students completing their Ph.D. studies and seeking a post-doctoral year abroad or grad students needing to complete a special project.

Fulbright requirements can vary according to the host country. In most cases, applicants must have earned their bachelor's degree prior to starting their grant. Applicants applying for a Fulbright through Caltech must be U.S. citizens and have language proficiency in the language of the host country. Those with other citizenship should contact their country's embassy or consulate to inquire if their country participates in the Fulbright program.

Recipients receive round-trip travel, tuition, living expenses, books, and a language orientation course when necessary. The Fulbright offers so many options that students can feel overwhelmed by the brochure. Please feel free to consult with Lauren Stolper who acts as Caltech's Fulbright Advisor if you need any assistance whatsoever in clarifying the Fulbright options. The brochure, "Fulbright and Other Grants for Graduate Study Abroad" provides information about awards in specific countries. Teaching assistantships are also available through the Fulbright program. Several countries seek individuals to teach science, math, or English. Grants are also available in the performing arts. Again, the Fulbright brochure or the fellowship advisor can help you find out about these grants. It should be noted that no support is available for spouses.

United Kingdom

Candidates may pursue independent post-BA-level research or undertake a graduate degree program with affiliation at any accredited academic institution. Of the 48 awards, only up to four are tenable at any UK institution in England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. *These 'open' awards are the Commission's most competitive awards* and prospective applicants should carefully consider all award categories before choosing to which to apply. The Cambridge and Oxford programs are only for PhD study.

Eligibility

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board seeks the best-qualified students regardless of degree level. It is not necessary for applicants to have specific career goals. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and must have a BA or BS by the time they begin their period of study as a Fulbright Scholar. Applicants should possess a solid G.P.A. of 3.5 and up. Highly competitive countries may need 3.7+. Students with a track record of independent study experiences or research are looked on with favor.

Applicants may not hold a doctoral degree at the time of application, unless otherwise noted. Those already holding a Ph.D. degree at the time of application should investigate the Fulbright Grants for Faculty and Professionals. Information on this program can be accessed through the Fulbright link given below.

One of the biggest myths of the Fulbright program is that applicants must be proficient in the host country's language to even consider applying to any particular country. Although language proficiency may be a factor in competitiveness, it does not mean that a candidate is ineligible to apply. In general, an applicant should have the necessary language skills to complete the project that they design using whatever language skills they have.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Students must submit their application to the FASA Office by the campus deadline in September. Student Fulbright competition usually opens in May. Students interested in applying for a Fulbright should meet with the Director of FASA, Lauren Stolper, in the spring or summer before the deadline.

Applicants can apply to only one country. However, applicants will be considered for all grants within that country including teaching assistantships. Usually, individuals may apply to study any field taught at the university level. Awards are also available to those in the performing arts. Occasionally a field of study is "non-recommended" for study in a particular country. These fields are specified in the Fulbright brochure in the individual country descriptions. The Fulbright Advisor must submit applications of endorsed candidates to the International Institute of Education by the national deadline, usually the third week in October. In January, applicants will be advised whether their application will be recommended. Those selected as finalists will be notified by their respective country committee between February and June. Applications are available in May on the Web at <https://apply.iie.org/apply/>.

Applications for the 2026-2027 Competition Deadline: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 5pm Eastern Time.

FULBRIGHT – CRITICAL LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT AWARD

This award is held in conjunction with a full Fulbright grant.

Overview

The purpose of the Critical Language Enhancement Award is to cultivate language learning prior to and during the Fulbright grant period and beyond. Ultimately, critical language enhancement awardees will achieve a high level of proficiency in a targeted language and will go on to careers or further study which will incorporate the use of this and/or related languages.

Each year, up to 150 Critical Language Enhancement Awards will be available for grantees to pursue in- country training for up to six months prior to beginning their Fulbright project. The languages available for the Critical Language Enhancement Award: Arabic, Azeri, Bengali, Chinese

(Mandarin only), Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Korean, Marathi, Pashto, Punjabi, Russian, Tajik, Turkish, Urdu, and Uzbek.

Before beginning the Fulbright Full grant, critical language enhancement awardees will study the language full-time for up to six (6) months in either the host country of the Fulbright Full grant project or another appropriate country. The requirements of the enhancement awards include pre- and post-testing of the prospective awardees knowledge of the language, as well as a clearly defined commitment to continuing study in the language after the six-month training period, i.e., during their Fulbright Full grant period and beyond. This can be in formal course work, tutoring, or structured independent study.

Applicants must be prepared, if selected, to begin language training abroad as early as June. While students may suggest their own language training programs, final approval – and possible reassignment – will be the responsibility of the Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy in the receiving country. In the Language Background Report (Form 8A), you may describe in more detail the institution in which you would like to pursue language study.

The minimum length of the Critical Language Enhancement Award is three (3) months in the host country or country where the language is spoken. The maximum length is six months. In selecting a country and language of interest, it is important to note that the language of study is of more relevance than the venue of the Fulbright Full grant. For example, if a student's Fulbright project involves working with the Turkish community in Germany and Turkish language ability is needed, that student will be eligible to apply for a Critical Language Enhancement Award.

Eligibility

All candidates must already have the minimum level of language capability to carry out their Fulbright Full grant projects, or to be able to do so following their period of concentrated language study. Candidates should convincingly demonstrate how language study will enhance their ability to carry out their primary Fulbright research project.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Anyone applying for a Fulbright Award to a country where a critical language is spoken ought to consider the Critical Language Enhancement Award. The application and process are the same as for the Fulbright Full Award. One must receive a Fulbright U.S. student award to be considered for a Critical Language Enhancement Award.

FULBRIGHT TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP GRANTS

English Teaching Assistantships are offered in many countries worldwide. Each ETA Program is designed by the host country and individual elements may vary by country.

In most cases, ETAs:

- Are placed in schools or universities outside of capital cities.
- Are assigned various activities designed to improve their students' language abilities and knowledge of the United States
- Are fully integrated into the host community, increasing their own language skills and knowledge of the host country.
- May pursue individual study/research plans in addition to ETA responsibilities. Applicants for English Teaching Assistantships can apply to only one country. Multi-country ETA projects will not be considered.

The Fulbright ETA program has grown rapidly over the last two years. See the website for participating countries and for more information: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/thinking_teaching.html.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

2026-2027 Competition Deadline: Tuesday October 7, 2025, at 5pm Eastern Time.

GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The Gates Cambridge Trust offers about 80 Gates Cambridge Scholarships to students from every country other than the United Kingdom who are committed to serve their communities and who gain admission to the University of Cambridge. Students can study almost any subject at Cambridge. There are approximately 800-1000 applications from U.S. citizens each year, from which about 85 students are interviewed, and 25 of those are offered scholarships. Of the 8,000-10,000 international applications, 90 are interviewed and 55 scholarships are awarded. Applicants may earn a second Bachelor's degree, do a one-year postgraduate course, or engage in research leading to a Ph.D. One to three years of funding are available.

Eligibility

Applicants for graduate study should:

- hold, or expect to be able to obtain before October of the year the applicant wishes to begin their studies at Cambridge, a first class or exceptionally high second-class honors degree or its equivalent from a recognized University
- gain admission to the University of Cambridge and to a constituent College in due course
- be able to meet the conditions set by the University for admission, i.e., academic qualifications, evidence of proficiency in the English language, etc.
- normally be under the age of 30

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Applicants apply simultaneously for admission to a graduate program at the University of Cambridge and a Gates Scholarship by the October deadline:

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/gradadmissions/prospec/>.

Applications for the 2026/27 academic year will open in early September 2025.

American citizens should apply through the U.S. Gates Committee. The deadline for US citizens is usually mid-October, and the deadline for non- US citizens is usually early December. Visit the website at <https://www.gatescambridge.org/> for additional procedures.

MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The Marshall Scholarship offers three different options to study in the UK: a one-year program, a two-year program or a two-year program with the option of a third-year extension. The Marshall Scholarships were created by the British Parliament to commemorate the ideals behind the Marshall Plan that provided much needed aid to Britain after World War II. The British Government funds the scholarships.

About 1,000 applicants compete yearly for these awards, of which about 150 are interviewed, and 30-35 are receive the scholarship. Recipients have high academic capability and distinction of intellect. The amount of the scholarship varies a bit depending on the fees of the institution at which the scholar is studying. This fellowship covers tuition, provides a comfortable living allowance, a book grant, thesis preparation costs, and provides approved travel connected to the scholar's study. A spousal allowance is also available under certain circumstances. Travel to and from Britain from the scholar's home is also covered.

Eligibility

Applicants must have at least an A-minus grade point average (3.7+ on a 4.0 scale). Applicants must be

U.S. citizens and there is no age restriction on the Marshall Scholarships, but you must have graduated from your first undergraduate degree after April 2023. Applicants may be married. Applicants must have a BA or BS degree by the time they take up their studies.

Before completing the application, candidates are advised to consider the objectives of the Marshall Scholarship Programme (see opening paragraph of the Rules for Candidates) and to be aware that the selection committees are seeking candidates who have the potential to excel as scholars, leaders and as contributors to improved UK-US understanding.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Students must submit the application to the FASA Office by the campus deadline in September. Applicants can only apply to one of the options. They need to complete an application that includes a statement of their academic interests and pursuits and a proposed plan of academic study. The plan of study must be well thought out, relate to the candidate's future goals, and be well researched. While students are not required to continue study in their undergraduate major, they must be well prepared in the field in which they would like to study. Students must possess the qualifications to gain entrance into a degree program in this field. Second, they will need to be able to articulate their interest with depth in their essay and in an interview if they make it to the next stage of the competition. Students should take the time to thoroughly research the faculty, courses, and requirements connected with their proposed plan of study. The Marshall Selection Committees are known to carefully inquire into the plan of study.

The Marshall requires each university to determine if a student will be given a university endorsement before any materials are submitted to the regional centers. The deadline for the submission of all endorsed applicants to the regional centers falls on approximated Oct. 1. This creates a very tight schedule for the Caltech Fellowships Committee and applicants are highly encouraged to work hard on their essays and researching study options over the summer. It is

impossible to produce at the last minute the quality of application that will earn an interview at a regional center.

Students must apply from one of eight regions: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, or Washington, DC. Applicants may apply from the region of their permanent residence or from the region of their college. The list of the regions by state can be obtained from our office. Applicants are screened and selected applicants are called in for an interview during November. Travel costs to and from the interview are paid and include airfare and overnight accommodation. U.S. citizens residing abroad must pay their own travel costs.

Scholarships are awarded for a specific course of study at a specific university. Applicants will have previously specified their course of study, a first and second choice of university, and, where applicable, a specific college within a university, e.g., Oxford or Cambridge. Note that applicants who wish to study at Oxford, Cambridge, or the University of London may not list either of the remaining two schools as their second-choice schools.

You can learn more about the Marshall on the web at www.marshallscholarship.org.

The deadlines for the 2026 Marshall Competition are: September 16, 2025, for applicants and recommenders at 5:00pm and September 18, 2025, for the endorsement and submission by the US Institution at 5:00pm.

GEORGE J. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP US-Ireland Alliance Scholarship

Overview

Named in honor of the former Senator's pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, these scholarships will allow American post-graduates to pursue one year of study at institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

The scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated both academic distinction and the potential for leadership. There are no restrictions as to academic field of study. Twelve awards are normally made each year and provide tuition, housing, a living expenses stipend and international travel.

Eligibility

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, aged eighteen or over but not yet thirty on October 1 in the year of application. They must also have academic standing sufficient to assure completion of a Bachelor's degree before they begin study under the Mitchell Scholarship. Those interested in applying are advised to begin preparing their applications well in advance of the September campus deadline. The Scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated both academic distinction and the potential for leadership. There are no restrictions as to academic field of study.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Students must submit the application to the FASA Office by the campus deadline in September.

Applicants are required to secure the formal endorsement of their university or college representative, Lauren Stolper, Director of Fellowships and Study Abroad. An academic transcript, a photocopy of the birth certificate and a thousand-word essay in which applicants set out in their own words their interest and aspirations, and detailed reasons for wishing to study the specific areas of proposed academic work is required.

In addition, applicants are asked to supply a brief description of their activities during their college years. Applicants are required to provide 4 letters of recommendation. These must be persons under whom the applicant has done academic work at Caltech. Those who provide references are asked to measure the applicant against the full range of the Mitchell Scholarship criteria and not to speak solely to those attributes that would, for example, be relevant to the evaluation of a student's acceptability to a program of study. The campus deadline is usually early September. At least 3 letters of reference must be submitted with your application on the campus deadline to Lauren Stolper. Information on the program as well as the online application can be found at <https://us-irelandalliance.org/scholarships>

On March 13, 2024, The US-Ireland Alliance announced its decision to pause the selection of future classes of George J. Mitchell Scholars due to budget cuts. A Mitchell Scholarship class of 2026 will not be selected. Please await any future updates regarding the direction of this opportunity. <https://us-irelandalliance.org/mitchellscholarship/news/mitchell-scholarship-program-selection-to-pause>

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (NIH) OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Overview

The National Institutes of Health-University of Oxford Scholars in Biomedical Sciences interdisciplinary program is specially devoted to the training of outstanding students in various areas of biomedical research leading to a Doctor of Philosophy degree awarded by the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. Being a collaborative program between the NIH laboratories and University of Oxford, students are provided with the opportunity to work at both institutions. Student research projects will be co-mentored by a research investigator at NIH and a faculty member at University of Oxford who work together on a collaborative project in which students carry out research. It is envisioned that students will spend roughly half of their time at Oxford and half their time at NIH, though the specific division of time will be dictated by the nature of the research.

The National Institutes of Health-University of Cambridge Health Science Scholars Program is a special interdisciplinary program committed to scholarship in the training of exceptional students in various areas of basic biomedical research or clinical research leading to a Doctor of Philosophy degree awarded by the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. Being a collaborative program between the NIH laboratories and University of Cambridge, students carry out research at both institutions. Students will have the opportunity to be co-mentored by outstanding research investigators at NIH and at the University of Cambridge who work together on a collaborative project that can fall into any area of biomedical research. It is envisioned that students will spend roughly half of their time at Cambridge and half their time at NIH, though the specific division of time will be dictated by the research project.

The NIH also funds students who wish to pursue an MD/PhD degree as part of the NIH/Oxford/Cambridge Scholars Program. Students can attend one of the participating medical schools affiliated with the NIH's Medical Scientist Research Training Program and should visit their website below for the complete list.

Eligibility

Applicants for admission into the partnerships for prospective PhD students must be US citizens or U.S. permanent residents. Applicants must also have an undergraduate degree by the time of admission. Certain partnerships may have additional degree requirements such as the NCI – Molecular Pathology and NINR – Nursing & Biobehavioral Research partnerships.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

The application deadline is Monday, December 1, 2025, at noon ET. The letter of recommendation deadline for references: Thursday, December 4, 2025, at noon ET.

To apply online visit the following web address: <http://oxcam.gpp.nih.gov/>

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The Rhodes may be the best known of all the fellowships as many of its scholars have pursued careers in public life. Indeed, the Rhodes Selection Committee looks for individuals who have leadership ability and will have a major impact on some area of society.

Rhodes Scholarships are available to American citizens, Canadian citizens, and citizens from other Commonwealth countries. Certain U.S. permanent residents may be eligible if they meet the Rhodes residency requirements (see Rhodes website or specifics). Thirty-two American Rhodes Scholarships are awarded annually. Seventy-one are awarded to Canadians and citizens of other Commonwealth countries. Over one thousand individuals apply each year for the thirty-two American Rhodes Scholarships. Rhodes applicants can only apply in one country.

Rhodes Scholars study for one or two and, with special permission, three years at Oxford University in Britain. Most students do one two-year degree program or two one-year degree programs. Study can be in any field and must lead to a degree. Study can be at the graduate or undergraduate level. Some Rhodes Scholars study the last two years of an undergraduate major. Others do graduate study. The Rhodes pays for tuition, fees, travel to and from home to Oxford, and an allowance that is sufficient to pay living costs during the academic year and vacation periods.

Eligibility

The Rhodes Selection Committee looks for individuals who have leadership ability, community service, and who will have a major impact on some area of society. Intellectual ability is required, and winners usually have a 3.9 (on 4.0 scale) or above G.P.A. A genuine interest and regular participation in some type of sport or regular physical activity is required. Rhodes winners are no longer the perfect all-around leader/scholar/athlete. However, applicants should have invested themselves in leadership activities, should be physically active, and should have demonstrated their intellectual ability through coursework and related academic activities. It is also helpful to be articulate and have a quick wit.

All applicants must be at least 18 and not over 24 years old by October 1 of the year of application and can be married or single. Scholars must have received a bachelor's degree by the time they begin their studies at Oxford.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Students must submit the application to the FASA Office by the campus deadline.

Applicants apply for a Rhodes from one of eight regional districts. Each of these districts comprises four to eight states depending on population. Applicants first apply to the state selection committee in which they attend school or in which they have their permanent residence.

There are two levels in the Rhodes application process:

University Level: Applicants must obtain an endorsement from their college. The Rhodes has an early fall application deadline, and the Caltech Fellowships Committee holds endorsement interviews usually during the last week of September or first week of October. Applicants should contact Lauren Stolper prior to leaving school in the spring of their junior year or during the summer. Applicants can receive endorsement in the fall of their senior year, but it cannot be stressed enough that the Rhodes application process is complex. Serious applicants should work on the Rhodes application over the summer and not wait until September to begin. In fact, it is impossible to produce the quality of application necessary to obtain a state level interview without a great deal of hard work.

District Level: Applicants apply from the state of their residency or the state in which they attend college – Caltech is in District 16. There are 16 districts, and each has approximately the same number of applicants. Each Committee selects four of their applicants as one of the thirty-two Rhodes Scholars-elect.

The Rhodes application requires five to eight letters of recommendation, a transcript, and a 1,000-word compelling essay about the applicant. The personal essay is the key to the Rhodes process. This should be written in a clear, direct style and should discuss the applicant's major accomplishments, the applicant's interests, and important influences or turning points in the applicant's life. The essay should also include a proposed course of study at Oxford.

As of 2014, the Rhodes Trust has issued a new policy on personal statements that states that applicants cannot have their essays reviewed by advisors, previous Rhodes scholars, professors, or anyone else. Applicants must sign the attestation as follows: *"I attest that this personal statement is my own work and is wholly truthful. Neither it nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application."*

The course of study must be well researched and can be at the undergraduate or graduate level and must be related to a student's undergraduate coursework. Do not make the essay into a list of awards or try to create an entirely new worldview. A major mistake in the essay is to make statements that are based on assumption and or hearsay. Be sure to have your essay reviewed by the fellowships advising director and faculty that have a background in your field or the field you intend to study at Oxford. The Rhodes web site is located at www.rhodesscholar.org.

The application period is open from July 1, 2025, and closes on October 1, 2025.

SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The Schwarzman Scholars Program offers students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and professional networks through a one-year Master's Degree in public policy, economics and business, or international studies at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

Eligibility

Students can apply as seniors or after graduation as long as they are under 29 years old. While there is no GPA requirement, applicants should have very strong academic records. There is no citizenship requirement and applicants must be proficient in the English language.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Applicants complete the online application and prepare and a three-part essay that includes a statement of purpose and leadership essay. The essay gives the applicants an opportunity to describe their professional interests and goals and how the Schwarzman Scholars Program and a deeper knowledge of China's role in the world will help them advance these goals. Applicants should give specific examples in the essay of situations where they have demonstrated leadership by taking initiative, working well with a team, and overcoming obstacles to achieve their goals.

Applicants must also have three letters of recommendation and can choose a combination of professors, supervisors, mentors, or advisors to write these letters. While applicants will no longer require an institutional letter from the fellowship office or other central administrative office, recommendations from any faculty member, advisor, or administrator who knows the candidate well enough to write a letter are welcomed. Recommendation writers should know the applicant well and be able to speak to their intellectual abilities, personal characteristics and/or leadership potential.

Submission of a video is strongly recommended but not required. The deadline is in mid-September. Semi- finalists receive interviews, and winners are notified in November. For more information, visit:

<https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/>

The application Deadline for 2025 is September 10, 2025, by 3pm, Eastern Daylight Time.

THOMAS J. WATSON FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The Watson Fellowship provides graduating seniors of unusual promise the opportunity to engage in a year of independent study and travel abroad after graduation. Candidates must devise their own study program. This independent study program should provide substantial contact with another culture or cultures. This year should not involve extended foreign study at a university.

Rather, the applicant's proposal should be one that fosters independence and be of personal significance. Unmarried fellows receive \$30,000 and married fellows receive \$40,000 for the year.

Eligibility

Applicants may be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or foreign nationals. Applicants must be graduating seniors attending one of the approximately forty colleges whose students may apply for a Watson, including Caltech. Applicants may be single or married. No specific grade point, language skill, or major is required. However, applicants must be able to develop a creative, interesting, and feasible proposal for a year of independent study and travel. Each year, about 40 students are selected nationally as Watson Fellows.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Students must submit the application to the FASA Office by the campus deadline in May of their junior year. Applicants apply by the campus deadline, usually in the spring of their junior year. Students must submit a personal statement and proposal that support the independent 12-month project. Letters of recommendation and extracurricular activities should demonstrate initiative, accomplishment, and commitment to the applicant's area of interest. Caltech interviews the most promising applicants and nominates up to three individuals to the Watson Foundation for submission at the national deadline in November.

A representative of the Watson Foundation interviews the nominees on campus. The Watson Foundation announces the names of fellows in mid-March. Previous winners' essays are available for review in the FASA Library. Students interested in applying for the Watson must meet with FASA to discuss their project and proposal. A successful proposal takes months to prepare, so juniors should begin their applications towards the beginning of their winter term, if not before.

The Caltech application deadline was on April 23, 2025, and we are no longer accepting applications this year. There will be more information to follow in Winter 2026.

More fellowship information is available in the FASA office, and the official Watson web site:

<https://watson.foundation/fellowships/tj>.

DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The American Council of the Blind's (ACB) Scholarship Program was established in 1982. The American Council of the Blind (ACB) in partnership with other organizations and individuals offers educational scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$7,500 for entering freshman, undergraduate and graduate students, and those attending technical college.

This program awards students with scholarships to help with post-secondary education financial needs such as tuition, fees, room and board and other additional costs associated with assistive technology.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants need to be legally blind, maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible for most scholarships, be a full-time student or a part-time student who works at least 32 hours per week, and be involved in their school and local community. Scholarships are awarded to students who attend post-secondary institutions in the United States.

<https://www.acb.org/scholarships>

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year closed on February 14, 2025. The application period for the 2026-2027 school year can be expected to open in November 2025.

AMERICAN INDIAN GRADUATE CENTER FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) is a national private 501(c)(3) non profit headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico providing fellowships to American Indian and Alaska Native graduate students throughout the United States. Established in 1969, AIGC has disbursed

more than 15,000 graduate fellowships with the support of the Bureau of Indian Education, corporate and foundation partnerships, and our generous alumni and private donors.

In 2001 AIGC Scholars was incorporated as a partner in the Gates Millennium Scholars Program, to help native communities successfully access the prestigious GMS scholarship, and to provide financial and academic support to the 1500 American Indian and Alaska Native students who earn this award through 2020.

Eligibility

Basic Eligibility for all AIGC Fellowships and Scholarships include:

1. Demonstration of one of the following:
 - Pursuing a master, doctoral, or professional degree as a full time student at an accredited graduate school in the United States (Fellowship, Loan for Service, Wells Fargo)
 - Pursuing an undergraduate degree as a full time student at an accredited undergraduate school in the United States (Wells Fargo and Accenture)
 - A high school sophomore or junior planning to attend an accredited undergraduate school in the United States (All Native American High School Academic Team)
2. All applicants must be able to demonstrate financial need through submission of a Financial Needs Form (FNF) and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
3. All applicants must be able to demonstrate personal enrollment in a federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group, or possess one fourth (1/4) degree verifiable federally recognized American Indian blood through the submission of a Tribal Eligibility Certificate (TEC).

Please note: This is an older fellowship and may have transitioned to a different platform. Please visit the following website for other scholarship opportunities: <https://www.nativeforward.org/>.

AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY (AISES) SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

AISES recognizes education as a means of empowerment, personal growth, and fosters the diversity Indigenous students will bring to STEM landscapes. They provide financial aid to Indigenous students in STEM through scholarships funded by our dedicated donors and partners.

Eligibility

In addition to the listed requirements, all scholarships require the following:

- AISES Membership
- Enrollment at an accredited college/university
- Tribal Affiliation

Visit <https://aises.org/scholarships/#about> for more information.

The 2025 application deadline was on July 30, 2025.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (ASME) - GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

The Graduate Teaching Fellowship Program is a collaboration between ASME and mechanical engineering departments to encourage outstanding doctoral candidates in mechanical engineering education (and related engineering fields), particularly women and minorities. These fellowships are made possible with support from the [ASME Foundation](#).

Fellowship awards in the amount of \$5,000 a year are made, for a maximum of two years. Fellows are selected/renewed annually by the ASME Selection Committee.

Eligibility

To be considered for a fellowship, the following criteria must be satisfied:

- Applicant must be a Ph.D. student in mechanical engineering, with a demonstrated interest in an academic career. A master's degree or passage of qualifying exam is required. A lecture-responsibility teaching assistantship commitment from the applicant's department is required.
- In the term of the fellowship, the awardee must teach at least one lecture course with full responsibility for the course. The applicant's department head must certify, prior to the award or renewal/continuation notice, the commitment of a teaching assistantship and outline a description of the lecture assignment anticipated (course or semester [or quarter] need not be specified).
- Applicant will be reviewed in the spring, prior to the second and final year of the Fellowship for satisfactory academic progress and continued commitment to a career in engineering education. (see below)
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and be a member or student member of ASME
- **Applications are normally due in Mid-February and recipients are notified sometime in May.**

<https://www.asme.org/ame-programs/students-and-faculty/fellowships/graduate-teaching-fellowships>

LIGHTHOUSE GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

For full-time graduate or undergraduate students who are legally blind and who are entering or attending an accredited college or university.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

<https://lighthouseguild.org/support-services/academic-and-career-services/scholarships/>

The 2025 application deadline was on March 31st, 2025.

FORD FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

Ford Foundation Fellowship awards are offered at the Predoctoral, Dissertation and Postdoctoral levels. Fellowships are awarded in a national competition. Awards are made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a Ford Foundation Fellowship award, you must be a citizen, national, and permanent residents (holder of a Permanent Resident Card) of the United States, or individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program. Receipt of the fellowship award is conditioned upon each awardee providing satisfactory documentation that he or she meets the eligibility requirements.

Please note: The Ford Foundation Fellowships are no longer accepting applications for any Ford Foundation Fellowship awards.

GAMMA MU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The Gamma Mu Scholarships Program provides support to gay men who want to further their education at a college, university, or vocational or professional training program. In addition, effective 2016, the Gamma Mu Scholarship Program will award two scholarships annually ("The Folisi & Goodwin Scholarship in Memory of Ray Williams" and "The Phil Papel Memorial Scholarship" to two students from the broader LGBT community. These programs support a wide range of educational options, including vocational and technical training, associate, bachelors and graduate degrees.

The Foundation will not fund online education degree programs. Scholarships are offered for full-time study beginning at an accredited institution or program of the student's choice. Interested students must complete and submit the online application by March 31. We strongly urge students to also review the tab on this web site labeled "Scholarship FAQ's."

MISSION STATEMENT "The Gamma Mu Foundation is a non-profit charitable foundation that seeks to make a positive difference in the lives of the LGBT community, primarily in rural and underserved populations of the United States."

Eligibility

Scholarships are awarded based upon financial need and the desire to pursue additional training through academic or vocational endeavors. The applicant must be a gay man (with the exception of the "Folisi & Goodwin Scholarship In Memory of Ray Williams" and the "Phil Papel Memorial Scholarship" which will be awarded to two LGBT students) under 35 years of age, have completed high school (or GED) by June of the current year, and be a U.S. citizen. Preference is given to 1)

students who have come from an underserved area; 2) students who have overcome issues of discrimination and/or marginalization within their community; 3) students who demonstrate leadership qualities and pursue goals to benefit the LGBT community; and 4) students who demonstrate a strong academic performance. All of these key factors are taken into consideration in evaluating scholarship applications. To qualify for a scholarship, students must:

- Submit a completed application online no later than March 31.
- Have completed high school or the GED by June of the application year.
- Be admitted to an accredited college, university, or vocational institution for fall of the current year or spring of the following year.
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a gay male (or LGBT student for the "Folisi & Goodwin Scholarship" and the "Phil Papel Memorial Scholarship") under 35 years of age at time of application.

The 2025 application period opened on March 1st, 2025, and closed on March 31st, 2025.

<https://www.gammamufoundation.org/scholarship-guidelines---application-info>

GEM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

The GEM fellowship programs are designed to offer opportunities for under-represented minority students to obtain M.S. degrees in engineering and Ph.D. degrees in engineering and the natural and physical sciences through a program of paid summer internships and graduate financial assistance.

Eligibility

Candidates for participation in these programs are selected from the following under-represented minority groups: African American, Mexican American, American Indian, Puerto Rican American, and other Hispanic Americans. The application must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application. In addition, the following academic requirements must be satisfied:

- M.S. Engineering Applicant: Must pursue the M.S. degree in the same academic major as the baccalaureate, and currently be a junior, senior, or graduate of an engineering program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Computer science and computer engineering majors are also eligible; however, engineering technology majors are not eligible. Minimum acceptable GPA is 2.80 on a 4.00 scale.
- Ph.D. Engineering Applicant: Must have an M.S. degree or be currently enrolled in an M.S. engineering degree program. Support will commence upon completion of the M.S. degree. Minimum acceptable GPA is 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
- Ph.D. Science Applicant: Must be a junior, senior, or graduate of a life science, mathematics, or physical science program, and enroll in a graduate program in the same discipline. Minimum acceptable GPA is 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. GRE results are required.

Financial Support

Both the M.S. engineering fellowship and the Ph.D. fellowships pay tuition, fees, and a stipend. The stipend for the M.S. program is \$16,000 over the entire Master's program. The Ph.D. programs offer a \$16,000 stipend per year plus additional stipend (assistantships, grants, other stipend dollars) support from GEM Member University to bring the stipend amount up to the funding level of other funded PhD students in that department. Both depend on academic status at time of application (i.e., junior, senior, graduate, or working professional), summer employer, and graduate school costs.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Applications are submitted online. Students are encouraged to submit Part 1 of the application with their resume and transcript by October 1 for early consideration.

The application cycle opens July 1, 2025, and closes on November 14, 2025.

Applications are available on their website at www.gemfellowship.org.

GENERATION GOOGLE SCHOLARSHIP

North America

Overview

The Generation Google Scholarship was established to help aspiring students pursuing computer science degrees excel in technology and become leaders in the field. Selected students will receive 10,000 USD (for those studying in the US) or 5,000 CAD (for those studying in Canada) for the 2025-2026 school year

The Generation Google Scholarship will be awarded based on the strength of each candidate's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, demonstrated leadership, and academic performance. The program is open to students who meet all the minimum qualifications, and we strongly encourage students that identify with groups historically excluded from the technology industry, including Women, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, American Indian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, to apply.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled as a full-time student in a Bachelors program at an accredited university or college OR currently enrolled as a high school senior for the 2024-2025 academic year
- Intend to be enrolled in or accepted as a full-time student in a Bachelors program at an accredited university in the United States or Canada for the 2025-2026 academic year
- Be studying computer science, computer engineering, or a closely related technical field
- Demonstrate a strong academic record
- Demonstrate financial need
- Exemplify leadership and demonstrate passion for improving representation of underrepresented groups in computer science and technology

For students who may not be eligible, we strongly encourage you to visit Google Careers for Students page to find out about alternative opportunities and programs that are available for your country/region based on your academic level.

2025 applications are due Thursday, August 14, 2025, or until 1,250 eligible application responses are received.

<https://www.google.com/about/careers/applications/buildyourfuture/scholarships/generation-google-scholarship>

GOOGLE LIME SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Overview

Google has partnered with Lime Connect, a nonprofit organization that supports students with disabilities while they pursue education and promising careers, to help university students with disabilities work toward their academic goals in the field of computer science.

Eligibility

See the Lime Connect site (linked above) to view eligibility requirements for individual scholarships.

The Johnson & Johnson Access-Ability Lime Scholarship 2025 applications are open until September 15, 2025. All other scholarships have closed for the 2025 application period.

GOOGLE SVA SCHOLARSHIP FOR VETERANS

Overview

As part of Google's commitment to military veterans, the company partners with SVA each year to fund scholarships. The scholarship provides assistance to student veterans who are pursuing university degrees in the field of computer science in the U.S. Selected students will receive \$10,000 for the upcoming school year.

Eligibility

Student veterans must meet the following criteria to apply for the Google SVA Scholarship: Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at a university for the 2025-2026 academic year or intend to be enrolled in or accepted as a full-time student at a university in the United States for the 2025-2026 academic year.

- Maintaining a strong academic performance.
- Pursuing a Computer Science or Computer Engineering degree, or a degree in a closely related technical field.
- Must be a current student veteran (includes members of the National Guard or Reserve) as proven by a DD- 214 and transcript, or a student on Active Duty as proven by submission of Active Duty orders and a Memorandum of Understanding from your commanding officer indicating that you are currently in good standing with your unit and transcript.
- Has received an honorable discharge or is in good standing with his/her branch of service.

The 2025 application period opened on February 10, 2025, and closed on March 24, 2025.

<https://studentveterans.org/programs-events/scholarships/>

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR STEM DIVERSITY (GFSD)

Overview

The GFSD (formerly the National Physical Science Consortium, NPSC) offers graduate fellowships in the physical sciences and related engineering fields. GFSD's partners select those they wish to support through an annual fellowship allowance and summer internships. Partners pay no annual fee and are not required to support a minimum number of fellows. GFSD's 125 research university members do not require fellows to pay tuition, greatly reducing the cost to a GFSD partner compared to funding its own fellowship program, which would typically have to cover graduate tuition. The annual allowance per GFSD fellow is \$20,000 and GFSD's administrative fee is \$7,000, for a total annual cost of \$27,000.

A federally-funded STEM fellowship like the NDSEG can cost \$80,000. Current federal partners include Los Alamos National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the National Security Agency, and Sandia National Laboratory. The two summer internships build a connection with these diverse and talented predoctoral scientists that can lead to hiring down the road.

Eligibility

All GFSD welcomes applications from any qualified U.S. citizen who has the ability to pursue graduate work at a GFSD university associate. Applicants at any stage of their graduate program may apply, as long as they will be available to accept two summers of paid internship. Those who already possess a doctoral degree are ineligible.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Applications for the fall of 2025 are open until January 10, 2025.

Apply online at <https://stemfellowships.org/>.

Contact GFSD with any questions at (800) 854-6772 or e-mail at gfsd@stemfellowships.org.

GREAT MINDS IN STEM SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

The GMiS STEM Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship ranging from \$500-5,000 or a non-merit based scholarship ranging from \$500-\$1,000 for applicants of Hispanic descent and enrolled in a STEM undergraduate / graduate program in the U.S. or its territories.

Eligibility

- Applicants must demonstrate merit through academic achievements, leadership and campus/community activities
- Applicants must be pursuing a **science, technology, engineering or math** degree
- Applicants must have an **overall minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale** for merit-based scholarships. Applicants may have a minimum 2.5 GPA for non-merit-based donor scholarships.
- Applicants must be of Hispanic descent **and/or** must demonstrate significant leadership or service within the underserved community
- Applicants may be enrolled full-time or part-time at the time of application and the time of the scholarship award
- Applicants must be enrolled in a STEM or health-related undergraduate or graduate program for the upcoming fall semester, at an accredited 2-yr or 4-yr college/university in the **U.S. or its territories**.
- If you have already earned a bachelors degree and are seeking support for another bachelors degree OR you have already earned a masters degree and are seeking support for another masters degree OR you have already earned a doctoral degree and are seeking support for another doctoral degree, you are **ineligible to apply** to this scholarship program.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Complete the online GMIS STEM Scholarship Application and submit your personal statement, resume, letters of recommendation, official transcript(s) and photo. **The application period for the 2025-2026 Academic Year was due May 10, 2025.**

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF GAY AND LESBIAN SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICAL PROFESSIONALS OUT TO INNOVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

The Out to Innovate™ Scholarships, established in 2011, are intended for LGBTQ+ undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) programs. The scholarships are designed to promote academic excellence and increased visibility of talented LGBTQ+ students in STEM careers. Learn how to apply here:

<https://www.outtoinnovate.org/scholarships>

The mission of scholarship program is to:

- Award scholarships to LGBTQ+ students currently enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) or STEM-related teaching fields.
- Honor students who support a creative educational community that increases the visibility and the accomplishments of LGBTQ+ and supportive students
- Encourage students to be out in their careers and support diversity in the STEM workforce

Award Guidelines:

- Scholarship awards will be paid in the Fall semester/quarter only.
- Scholarship availability depends on funding, and might not be offered every year. Some years will offer more scholarships than other years.

- All awards will be paid directly to the recipient's university, and must be used in support of recipient's education (Tuition, fees, books, study materials such as computers, research supplies, research conference support).

Eligibility

- Successful completion of a minimum of two years of post-high school education at an accredited U.S. college or university
- Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4-point scale.
- A declared major in an accredited STEM or STEM-related teaching field. STEM is Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, and is defined in detail in this document.
- Identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Be an active supporter of and participant in programs or organizations that promote LGBTQ+ inclusion and visibility
- Students must be eligible for fall term registration at an accredited U.S. college or university and must not be under disciplinary sanction.
- Beginning 2025, this scholarship will be available to undergraduates only. Graduate students are no longer eligible for the Out to Innovate scholarships. Instead, please consider applying for a Fellowship.

The application portal for the 2025/2026 academic year closed on Monday, July 7, 2025, 11:59 Pacific Time. The next application cycle for the 2026/2027 academic year will be open in Spring 2026.

PAUL & DAISY SOROS FELLOWSHIPS FOR NEW AMERICANS

Overview

The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans supports thirty awards per year for up to two years of graduate study in any subject anywhere in the United States. The fellowship provides a maintenance allowance of \$25,000 and a tuition grant of one-half the tuition cost of the US graduate program attended by the Fellow (up to a maximum of \$20,000 per academic year). The Fellowship Program pays the tuition grant directly to the institution. The size of the tuition grant depends on the cost of tuition at the institution the Fellow attends. Fees are not included in calculating tuition.

Eligibility

Graduating seniors or current graduate students may apply. Applicants must be either holders of Green Cards, naturalized citizens, children of two naturalized citizen parents, DACA, or born outside of the US and adopted by American parents. Applicants must be between 20 and 30 years of age as of the October deadline. See the website for full requirements.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Applicants must complete an application and provide references and transcripts by October 30, 2025, at 2pm ET. Interviews are held virtually in late January, to which only 7-9% of applicants are invited. Recipients are announced March 2026. You can obtain more information and apply online at www.pdsoros.org.

P.E.O. SCHOLAR AWARD

Overview

P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA) are one-time, competitive, merit-based awards for women of the United States and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university, and within two years of completing the PhD. The maximum award amount is \$25,000.

Eligibility

A woman is eligible for consideration for a P.E.O. Scholar Award if she:

- is nominated by a local chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood
- is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the U.S. or Canada at the time of her nomination
- at a minimum, has a bachelor's degree
- is within two years of her graduation date and has at least one full academic year of work remaining to complete her doctoral-level degree as measured
- from the time the first award payment is made (August 1). Those in a multiple-degree program (e.g., pursuing both an M.D. and a Ph.D.) must be within two years of completing the entire program from that date.
- is enrolled in her program at an accredited U.S. or Canadian college or university. Study abroad is permitted provided the student is enrolled in a U.S. or Canadian postsecondary institution.

The applications of individuals who satisfy this eligibility criteria will be evaluated on a nondiscriminatory basis without consideration of race, age, national origin, religious affiliation, disability or P.E.O. connection. Applicants are nominated by local P.E.O. chapters. **The chapter nomination period is between August 20 and November 20 each year.**

RUTH L. KIRSCHSTEIN NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARD INDIVIDUAL PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH

Overview

The purpose of this program is to enhance the diversity of the health-related research workforce by supporting the research training of predoctoral students from population groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research workforce. The proposed mentored research training is expected to clearly enhance the individual's potential to develop into a productive, independent research scientist.

Through this award program, promising predoctoral students will obtain individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting well-defined research projects in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. The proposed mentored research training is expected to clearly enhance the individual's potential to develop into a productive, independent research scientist.

The linked Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) does not allow applicants to propose to lead an independent clinical trial but does allow applicants to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a sponsor or co-sponsor.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements and due dates.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Overview

Immigrants Rising maintains a list of scholarships and fellowships available for immigrant students attending graduate and professional schools.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Check website for specific application deadlines. There are applications open until November 1, 2025.

SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (SHPE) FOUNDATION DISSERTATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

Merit-based scholarships awarded to doctoral candidates, who demonstrate both significant motivation and aptitude for a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and have completed All But Dissertation.

Eligibility

The minimum requirements for all scholarships are as follows:

- Active SHPE Member (To become an active member, please visit shpe.org and select “Join” in the top right hand corner of the webpage.)
- Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.5 (This is a cumulative GPA as listed on the transcript of your latest academic institution.)
- Plan to pursue a STEM degree
- Plan to enroll at an accredited two-year or four-year college/university for the 2025-2026 academic year in the United States*
- NOTE: Some sponsored scholarships may have additional requirements or specifications; these requirements will be listed on the ScholarSHPE application page.

** Includes ALL U.S. territories*

The application period for 2025 opened on February 14, 2025, and closed on February 28, 2025.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

SWE Scholarships support women pursuing ABET-accredited bachelor or graduate student programs in preparation for careers in engineering, engineering technology and computer science in the United States.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Applications are closed for the 2025-2026 academic year. See website for future updates on the next application period.

SPACE COAST CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN IN DEFENSE

Overview

In addition to the Horizon Scholarship (National-Level Scholarship), the Space Coast Women In Defense offers STEM scholarships to women of merit to help them pursue their educational goals, whether just beginning a post-secondary education or working on a doctorate degree.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

The 2025 application period opened on February 25, 2025, and closed on April 24, 2025.

TRUMAN D. PICARD SCHOLARSHIP: FOR NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKAN NATURAL RESOURCE STUDENTS

Overview

The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing higher education in natural resources.

Eligibility

- Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation
- College students: Must be a natural resource major (examples: forestry, hydrology, wildlife & fisheries, natural resource management or environmental studies.)
- College seniors not eligible unless they are applying to graduate school
- All natural resources degrees accepted, but preference will be given to students whose degree or area of study directly involves management of Forest Resources.

- Award given in early summer and intended to support student for the following year

The 2026 application deadline will be announced in Fall 2025.

UNCF GRADUATE SCIENCE RESEARCH DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

The UNCF Graduate Science Research Dissertation Fellowships are intended to support African American graduate students as they complete coursework, conduct research, and prepare the dissertation required for the doctoral degree in the biomedical relevant life or physical sciences. For more information or questions regarding fellowships and funding in support of diversity, please feel free to contact us.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Please see website for individual Fellowship deadlines.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

The **Zonta International Foundation** established this award to honor famed air pioneer and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The \$10,000 award is for women who have completed at least one year of graduate study in an area of science or engineering that is closely related to advanced studies in the aerospace-related sciences. While often thought of as an award just for those studying aerospace sciences, awards have been made for graduate study in such fields as aerospace, engineering, astronomy, astrophysics, biomedical engineering, computer science, fluid mechanics, geological oceanography, meteorology, molecular biology and space medicine. Therefore, this grant supports a wider range of study than commonly thought. About 30-40 grants are made yearly and the one-year grant can be renewed for a second year by repeating the application process.

Eligibility

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in an area of science or engineering that is closely related to advanced studies in the aerospace-related sciences. They must be pursuing their studies in a university that offers accredited courses in aerospace-related studies. Applicants must have a superior academic record and show evidence of a well-defined program of graduate study in the aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering. **Applicants must have completed one year of graduate school or be a graduating senior with a track record of well-defined research as demonstrated by a senior research project or publications.** Women of any nationality may apply.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Candidates must submit a completed application and provide three recommendations and transcripts. Applications can be downloaded from the website and must be postmarked by application deadline. Award recipients are notified in April. Applications are available at: [http://www.zonta.org/Web/Programs/Education/Amelia Earhart Fellowship](http://www.zonta.org/Web/Programs/Education/Amelia_Earhart_Fellowship).

The 2026 application period will close on November 15, 2025.

PUBLIC POLICY & PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

AAAS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

Fellows select assignments in Congressional offices or federal agencies. This is a year-long opportunity, beginning September 1 and ending August 31. AAAS seeks candidates from a broad array of backgrounds and a diversity of geographic, disciplinary, gender, and ethnic perspectives, as well as disability status. Fellows have ranged in age from late 20s to early 70s. They represent a spectrum of career stages, from recent PhD graduates to faculty on sabbatical to retired scientists and engineers. Stipend of \$100K – \$131K.

Eligibility

Eligibility requirements listed below:

- Hold a doctoral level science degree or a master's in engineering
- U.S. citizenship
- Not currently a federal employee or full-time employee of AAAS

The application for the 2026-2027 fellowship class will open in fall/winter 2025.

ACS SCIENCE POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The American Chemical Society Science Policy Fellowship places one fellow on ACS's External Affairs and Communications (EAC) team for one to two years. The fellow works with experienced EAC staff to provide information to policymakers on the role of science in public policy, advance specific recommendations on issues affecting the chemical enterprise, and inform and involve ACS members in the policy process. EAC staff cover a range of issues of interest to ACS members,

including federal funding for scientific research; science, technology, engineering and math education; green chemistry; environmental policy; and regulatory policy.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Applications for the 2025-2026 ACS Science Policy Fellowships are now closed.

AGU CONGRESSIONAL SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The Congressional Science Fellowship program places highly qualified, accomplished scientists, engineers, and other professionals in the offices of either an individual Member of Congress or on a committee for a one-year assignment. The Fellowship program enables more effective use in government of scientific knowledge and provides a unique experience to scientists seeking careers involving public use of technical information.

Eligibility

The applicant must be:

- an active AGU member
- a U.S. citizen or permanent resident eligible to work in the United States, or have an applicable US work visa

Additionally:

- Though the program is aimed at geoscientists with a doctorate degree, there are no restrictions on age, educational, career level, or specific scientific background
- Ph.D. candidates must have completed their degree work prior to the start of the fellowship term
- The committee seeks to recruit a diverse applicant pool for the fellowship. Minorities, women, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Applications for the 2026-2027 fellowship will open on October 15, 2025, and close on January 15, 2026.

AIBS EMERGING PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Overview

AIBS established the Emerging Public Policy Leadership Award (EPPLA) to engage scientists in the public policy process. The award recognizes graduate students in the biological sciences who are demonstrating an interest and aptitude for working at the intersection of science and policy.

EPPLA recipients receive an expense paid trip to Washington, DC to participate in meetings with their congressional delegation, communications and policy training, and a one-year subscription to *BioScience*.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

The 2025 application period is closed.

ALASKA SEA GRANT FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

Alaska Sea Grant, located at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, is offering graduate students, or those who recently completed their degree, the opportunity to acquire on-the-job-training in Alaska-based federal and state agencies for one year as part of ASG's State Fellowship Program. This is a paid fellowship (\$5,000 per month for a total of \$60,000) for highly motivated and qualified applicants who are focused on science or policy that affects Alaska's marine and freshwater resources. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Alaska residents and students completing their degrees at Alaska institutions will be given preference.

Eligibility

Graduate students who are close to completing their degree or those who have earned a graduate degree within 2 years of the application deadline in a relevant discipline can apply. Applicants must be in good academic standing while completing their degree at an academic institution. Alaska residents and students completing their degrees at Alaska institutions will be given preference. Fellows are required to be based in Alaska during the fellowship.

Applications for 2025 fellows and hosts were due on February 6, 2025.

ASHG GENETICS & EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP

Overview

This is a fellowship program designed for genetics professionals with an advanced degree who are early in their careers and interested in the development and implementation of national genomics literacy efforts, informal science education, science education policy, program development, or science education research. The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in genetics education program development at the NHGRI and ASHG and to work directly with other organizations involved in genetics education (optional). Annual 72k stipend plus benefits. Duration: 16 months.

Eligibility

Applicants for this fellowship must meet the following criteria:

Applicants must:

- Have earned (or will earn prior to the start of the fellowship) an advanced degree (e.g., Masters, PhD, MD, or JD) and be eligible to work in the United States
- Have demonstrated expertise and/or interest relevant to human genetics or genomics

Employment offers will be contingent upon a satisfactory federal background check.

ASHG is an Equal Opportunity Employer, including for disability and veteran status. All eligible applicants may apply. The Society is committed to building a diverse and inclusive community of human genetics and genomics professionals, welcomes applicants from diverse backgrounds, and strongly encourages individuals to apply who:

- Are from racial and ethnic groups that are underrepresented in the genetics and genomics fields;
- Have a disability;
- Are/were Pell Grant-eligible in college;
- Are/were enrolled in Tribal Colleges and Universities, community colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions, or Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs);
- Identify as LGBTQ+;
- Were disadvantaged by life circumstances that have negatively impacted their educational opportunities; and/or
- Have a demonstrated commitment to inclusion and support for a diversity of perspectives and backgrounds.

Please see website for any updates on future application openings for this fellowship.

ASHG GENETICS & PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Overview

This is a fellowship program designed for genetics professionals with an advanced degree who are early in their careers and interested in the development and implementation of genetics-related health and research policies at a national level. The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in policy analysis at NHGRI and ASHG, and to work directly within the U.S. Congress. Annual 79k stipend plus benefits. Duration: 24 months.

Eligibility

Applicants for this fellowship must meet the following criteria:

- Have earned (or will earn prior to the start of the fellowship) an advanced degree (e.g., Masters, PhD, MD, or JD) and be eligible to work in the United States
- Have demonstrated expertise and/or interest relevant to human genetics or genomics

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- Are/were enrolled in Tribal Colleges and Universities, community colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions, or Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs);
- Identify as LGBTQ+;
- Were disadvantaged by life circumstances that have negatively impacted their educational opportunities; and/or
- Have a demonstrated commitment to inclusion and support for a diversity of perspectives and backgrounds.

The application cycle typically opens at the beginning of every year in January.

ASME FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

The Federal Government Fellowship Program enables selected ASME members to devote a year to working in government, providing engineering and technical advice to policy makers in the U.S. Congress, White House, and federal agencies.

Eligibility

An ASME Federal Government Fellow must be a U.S. citizen and a member of ASME at the time of application. ASME members with the following credentials are particularly encouraged to apply:

- at least five years of professional experience
- advanced engineering degree
- public policy experience

All applications for this fellowship are currently closed. Please see website for any future application openings.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CCST) POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The California Science and Technology (CCST) Policy Fellowships place professional scientists and engineers in the California State Legislature for one-year appointments. The fellowships are ideal for qualified applicants who are interested in improving the interface between science and legislative decision-making and who want to learn the public policy decision-making process. To be eligible for the Fellowship, candidates must possess a PhD or equivalent level degree OR an MS degree in an engineering discipline, plus at least three years post-degree experience. The base stipend is \$45,000 plus benefits.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Fellows program, candidates must possess the following minimum qualifications:

- A Ph.D. or equivalent level degree (Sc.D., M.D., DVM, DO, DDS, EdD, etc.) in a qualified field (engineering; social or behavioral sciences; medical or health sciences; biological, physical, or earth sciences; or computational sciences or mathematics). Degrees other than those noted here may also qualify on a case by case basis.
- Applicants must be legally authorized to work full-time in the United States as a U.S. citizen or national, asylee, refugee, or lawful permanent resident. CCST will not sponsor a Fellow for a work visa.

The following are not eligible to apply:

- Individuals who are not expected to have completed *all* doctoral program requirements by September 15, 2025.
- Individuals who have registered as lobbyists in the State of California or under the federal Lobbying Disclosure Act within 6 months of the application deadline.

The application period is currently closed. Please see website for updates on the next application cycle.

CANADIAN SCIENCE POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

An initiative of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Science Policy Fellowships Program, is designed to foster positive exchanges between health researchers and policy makers in order to help bridge the gap between the worlds of science and policy making. The Program provides academic researchers with the opportunity to undertake short-term assignments at Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to work on a specific policy issue (e.g., health policy, science policy, or regulatory policy).

Eligibility

Eligible CSPF positions must:

- Offer a full-time 12-month fellowship to a PhD holder in a host office location
- Provide remuneration and employee benefits to the fellow in the range of \$70,000-\$80,000 through an employment contract
- Be a policy-focused position addressing a clearly defined challenge that requires the advanced competencies and skills of a PhD holder
- Demonstrate a clear reporting and mentoring structure for the fellow
- Outline the processes of the host office (accountability practices, mentorship, or other professional opportunities, etc.) that can support the success of the fellowship

Please note: The Canadian Science Policy Fellowship Program has been on hold since 2023 until further notice, please check their website for any future updates.

CAPITAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Overview

The Capital Fellows Program is unique to the state of California. Fellows work as staff members in the California State Assembly, Senate, Executive or Judicial branch for 10-11 months. They are paid a monthly stipend (about \$2000) and receive full health benefits. This is a great opportunity to participate in public service, policymaking and development. There are several programs offered:

- California Senate Fellows
- Executive Fellowship Program
- Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program
- Judicial Administration Fellowship Program

Eligibility

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in any field and have a demonstrated interest in policy making and public service. Graduate, post-graduate and mid-career applications are accepted. Non-U.S. citizens must provide proof of appropriate immigration status. The Capital Fellows Programs do not meet the requirements for F-1 or J-1 visas.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Applicants can apply to more than one of the programs. The deadline is a postmark deadline usually in February. Fellows are selected in the spring and start their programs in the fall with an intensive orientation. For more information, visit <https://www.csus.edu/center/center-california-studies/capital-fellows.html>.

Applications for the 2026-2027 Capital Fellows should be released in Fall 2025.

CHRISTINE MIRZAYAN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Overview

This 12-week professional development fellowship engages fellows in the analytical process that informs US science and technology policy. Fellows develop the basic skills necessary to participate in science policy at the federal, state, or local levels.

Eligibility

Graduate and professional school students and those who have completed a graduate degree within the last 5 years may apply. Areas of study may include any social/behavioral science, medical/health discipline, physical or biological science, any field of engineering, law, business, public administration, or any relevant interdisciplinary field. Fellows receive a stipend of \$8,500.

The 2026 application period is open from June 25, 2025, and closes on August 20, 2025, at 11:59pm. Go to this site for more information on how to apply: <https://mirzayanfellow.nas.edu/>.

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE (CHCI) PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Overview

Begin your path toward becoming one of our nation's future Latino policymakers. Recent college graduates can take advantage of this paid fellowship, which opens doors for talented young Latinos who are pursuing a career in public policy. You will spend nine months working in Washington, D.C., with significant exposure to leaders in congressional offices, federal agencies, national nonprofit advocacy organizations, government-related institutes, and more—growing both personally and professionally during your fellowship experience.

Eligibility

Program eligibility:

- Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree in any field within three years of the program start date
- High academic achievement (preference of 3.0 GPA or higher)
- Evidence of leadership skills and potential for leadership growth
- Demonstrated commitment to public service-oriented activities
- Superior analytical skills, outstanding oral and written communication skills
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, asylees, or individuals who are lawfully authorized to work full-time without restriction for any U.S. employer and who, at the time of application, possess lawful evidence of employment authorization. International students on F-1 or M-1 visas are not eligible for CHCI programs.
 - NOTE: Individuals who are seeking consideration under the “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival” (DACA) policy must be eligible to work and possess valid employment authorization at the time of acceptance, and must maintain continuous lawful employment authorization for the duration of the program for which the person is applying.

The 2026-2027 application period is open from August 15, 2025, and will close on December 1, 2025.

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE (CHCI) GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

CHCI's Graduate Fellowship Program is designed for exceptional emerging Latino leaders who want to immerse themselves in a specific public policy area. This paid, nine-month fellowship will provide you with valuable work experience, access to powerful Latino network, and a chance to showcase your public policy knowledge on Capitol Hill.

Eligibility

Program eligibility:

- Applicants must have completed a master's degree or JD within two years of the program start date (doctoral students are **NOT** eligible to apply)
- High academic achievement (preference of 3.0 GPA or higher)
- Evidence of leadership skills and potential for leadership growth
- Demonstrated commitment to public service-oriented activities

- Superior analytical skills, outstanding oral and written communication skills
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, asylees, or individuals who are lawfully authorized to work full-time without restriction for any U.S. employer and who, at the time of application, possess lawful evidence of employment authorization. International students on F-1 or M-1 visas are not eligible for CHCI programs.
 - NOTE: Individuals who are seeking consideration under the “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival” (DACA) policy must be eligible to work and possess valid employment authorization at the time of acceptance, and must maintain continuous lawful employment authorization for the duration of the program for which the person is applying.

The 2026-2027 application period is open from August 15, 2025, and will close on December 1, 2025.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (EERE) SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Overview

Serves as a next step in the educational and professional development of scientists and engineers interested in energy efficiency and renewable energy policy. The EERE STP Fellowships provide an opportunity for highly talented scientists and engineers to participate in policy-related projects at DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Washington, D.C. EERE STP Fellows apply the expertise gained from their education and history of conducting research to new and ongoing EERE initiatives.

Eligibility

Appointments will be awarded to applicants based on academic level and experience. Level 3 are Master's or Ph.D. graduates who have held a graduate degree for more than three years at the time of application and have post-degree experience in a technical or research capacity. Level 2 is recent Master's or Ph.D. graduates who have held a graduate degree for less than three years at the time of application. Level 1 is recent Bachelor's graduates who have held a degree for less than five years at the time of application.

Ideal Candidates will:

- Have a superior academic performance and publication record.
- Have strong analytical, research and communication (oral and written) skills and demonstrated capacity for creative thinking.
- Have a strong technical background and expertise in an energy-technology-related field.
- Be interested in being part of a multi-disciplinary, fast-paced environment, focused on energy technology research and development.

Required Qualifications for Level 3:

- Doctorate or Master's degree for more than 3 years in an energy-relevant field of science, engineering or other highly quantitative field such as economics. If more than five years since receipt of graduate degree, applicant must have at least three years of post-degree experience in a technical or research position in a field related to energy innovation.

- Be a U.S. citizen or have Permanent Resident (Green Card) status.
- Experience and knowledge in technology commercialization is desirable, but not required.

Required Qualifications for Level 2:

- Hold a Ph.D. or Master's degree for no more than 3 years in an energy-relevant field of science, engineering or other highly quantitative field such as economics.
- Be a U.S. citizen or have Permanent Resident (Green Card) status.

Required Qualifications for Level 1:

- Bachelor's degree for less than five years in an energy-relevant field of science, engineering or other highly quantitative field such as economics.
- Be a U.S. citizen or have Permanent Resident (Green Card) status.
- Matriculated undergraduates may be considered for short term appointments.

Other Important Information:

- Applicants enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application may not begin the program until all degree obligations have been met.
- Applicants holding a postdoctoral/employment position at the time of application must rescind from all employment or affiliation commitments before the beginning of the appointment.
- This will be an equal opportunity program open to all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, age, sex, religion, national origin, mental or physical disability, genetic information, sexual orientation or covered veteran's status.

Please note: This fellowship opportunity is currently closed. Please check on website for any future updates regarding this opportunity.

GOOGLE POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (U.S.)

Overview

The Google Policy Fellowship program offers undergraduate, graduate, and law students interested in Internet and technology policy the opportunity to spend the summer contributing to the public dialogue on these issues and exploring future academic and professional interests. Google fellows will have the opportunity to work at public interest organizations at the forefront of debates on broadband and access policy, content regulation, copyright and trademark reform, consumer privacy, open government, and more.

Eligibility

To participate in the program, you must be a student. Google defines a student as an individual enrolled in or accepted into an accredited institution including (but not necessarily limited to) colleges, universities, master's programs, PhD programs and undergraduate programs. Eligibility is based on enrollment in an accredited university by January 1st.

You may be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student. You must be eligible and authorized to work in the country of your fellowship. Google cannot provide guidance or assistance on obtaining the necessary documentation to meet these criteria.

Please note that previous Google Policy Fellows are not eligible to apply.

The 2025 application period is currently closed. Please check the website for future application openings.

GULF RESEARCH PROGRAM SCIENCE POLICY FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

The science policy fellowship program helps early-career scientists hone their skills by putting them to practice for the benefit of Gulf Coast communities and ecosystems. Fellows gain first-hand policymaking experience as they spend a year on the staff of federal or state environmental, natural resource, oil and gas, or public health agencies in the Gulf of Mexico region. Fellows who have completed an MA, MS, or MPH degree or who are currently enrolled in a doctoral program will receive an annual stipend of \$58,000. Fellows who have completed a PhD, ScD, MD, or DVM will receive an annual stipend of \$63,000. Stipends will be paid directly to the fellow in monthly disbursements.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled in a doctoral program or hold an eligible degree, including an MA/MS, MPH/MSPH, PhD, ScD, EngD, MD, DrPH, or DVM. For applicants not currently enrolled in a doctoral program, eligible degrees must be completed by August 15, 2025, and conferred by December 31, 2025. Applicants currently enrolled in a doctoral program must take a leave of absence for the duration of the fellowship.
- Come from an area of research – including social and behavioral sciences, health sciences and medicine, engineering and physical sciences, earth and life sciences, and interdisciplinary scientific fields – relevant to the mission of the Gulf Research Program which is to develop, translate, and apply science, engineering, and medical knowledge to enhance offshore energy safety, environmental protection and stewardship, and human health and community resilience in the Gulf region in ways that empower its citizens.
- Open to U.S. citizens only.
- Not be currently employed by the U.S. Federal Government. Full-time, paid, permanent Federal employees are not eligible for the fellowship.

The 2026 application cycle is estimated to begin late November 2025.

HARVARD BELFER CENTER FELLOWSHIP

Overview

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University offers research fellowships during the academic year to individuals who wish to devote their time to research and writing in the fields of science and international affairs. Fellows are selected by the Center's major research programs and are expected to work collaboratively with other Center researchers, as well as on

their own projects. The Belfer Center Fellowship Program is known for its selectivity and the high quality of its participants.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

The application period for the 2026-2027 academic year will open on October 1, 2025.

HERBERT SCOVILLE JR. PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship, established in 1987, is a highly competitive national fellowship program that provides college graduates with the opportunity to gain a Washington perspective on key issues of peace and security. Fellows spend 6-9 months working directly with organizations in Washington DC such as: Global Green USA, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Federation of American Scientists, Union of Concerned Scientists. Fellows are provided with a \$4,079 monthly stipend plus health insurance. Some of the issues covered by the Scoville Fellowship are: Environmental and Energy Security, including the Nexus of Climate Change and Energy Use, Conflict, and Resource Scarcity, Dismantling Chemical and Nuclear Weapons in the former Soviet Union, and Environmental Impact/Cleanup of Nuclear Weapons Production Complex.

Eligibility

Students must have an undergraduate degree before beginning their fellowships and a demonstrated interest in peace and security issues. Students should be good writers and comfortable with a fast-paced environment.

Application Process/Deadlines

The fellowship is offered in the spring and fall of each year. The deadline for the fall program is in January, and the deadline for the Spring program is in October. Students must submit via email a cover sheet, personal essay, CV, policy/opinion essay, transcripts, and two letters of reference. For full details and requirements, please visit: <http://scoville.org/>.

The next application deadline is October 6, 2025, for the spring 2026 semester. Applications will be accepted beginning one month before the application deadline.

INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS (IEEE) GOVERNMENT FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

Each year, IEEE-USA sponsors several government fellowships for qualified U.S. IEEE members. The Fellows — chosen by the IEEE-USA Government Fellows Committee and confirmed by [their Board](#) — spend a year living and working in Washington as advisers to the U.S. Congress and to the U.S. Department of State or U.S. Agency for International Development. Known as [Congressional Fellowships](#), [Engineering & Diplomacy Fellowships](#), or [Engineering &](#)

[International Development Fellowships](#), the fellowship program links science, technology and engineering professionals with the U.S. government, and provides a mechanism for IEEE's U.S. members to learn firsthand about the public policy process while imparting their knowledge and experience to policymakers.

IEEE-USA maintains its Fellows program as part of its mission to serve the public good, and as an educational program for our members. Fellows do not provide any services to IEEE-USA, other than periodic reports designed to educate other engineers about the fellowship experience.

IEEE-USA sponsors Fellowships for qualified IEEE members to spend a year in Washington serving as advisers to the U.S. Congress and to key Executive Branch decision-makers.

Eligibility

Applicants for all three types of IEEE-USA Government Fellowships must be American citizens. The fellowship is a fully in-person experience. All fellows must be available to live in Washington D.C. for the entire duration of the fellowship due to the specialized nature of the work, which often requires close proximity to government institutions and public policymakers.

Before you apply for a U.S. Department of State or USAID fellowship, please consider whether or not you think you will be able to obtain a U.S. Government security clearance. Ability to obtain a security clearance is a prerequisite to working as a U.S. Department of State or USAID fellow. If a fellow fails to obtain the necessary clearance, the fellowship will be rescinded and all stipend funds, if issued, must be returned to IEEE-USA. If you have any questions about the process, this website provides additional information: <https://www.state.gov/security-clearances>

Be thoughtful about which fellowship you would prefer or feel you are most suited. While there is no prohibition on applying for all three types of IEEE-USA fellowships, if you apply for more than one, applicants must submit separate applications, one for each fellowship. IEEE-USA will not accept a single application stating that you are interested in all three fellowships.

Be mindful of the fact that the three fellowships are unique and very different from each other. If you are applying for more than one, you must submit separate cover letters, separate application packets, and separate reference letters for each application. Your cover letters, references, and application materials should reflect an understanding of the distinctions between the executive and legislative branch fellowships and illustrate the experiences and qualifications that might benefit you in each fellowship.

2026-2027 Fellowship Applications are due Friday January 9, 2026.

JACOBS SCIENCE WRITER FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The Science Writer Fellowship will bring five science, society or health policy journalists from the US and UK to Zurich, Switzerland, to enhance their understanding of the work and research of the Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize recipient, a leading international scholar in the field of child and youth development, and to connect these journalists with Swiss premier research institutions. The

annual Fellowship, launched in 2015, covers Fellows' travel and ground costs and includes a five-day program in Zurich.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Applications for this fellowship are currently closed. Please check their website for any future application openings.

JOHN A. KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The NOAA Sea Grant John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, established in 1979, provides a unique educational experience to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources. The program matches highly qualified graduate students with "hosts" in the legislative and executive branch of government located in the Washington, D.C. area, for a one year paid fellowship. Provides up to \$56,500 to each Fellow.

Eligibility

Any student, regardless of citizenship, is eligible to submit to this opportunity if:

1. The student is enrolled towards a degree in a graduate program at any point between the onset of the 2023 Fall Term (quarter, trimester, semester, etc.) and February 15, 2025;
2. The graduate degree will be awarded through an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or U.S. Territories, and;
3. The student has an interest in ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources and in the national

policy decisions affecting those resources.

Other Considerations

- The one year fellowship will take place in the National Capital Region. Applicants must be prepared to relocate to the Washington, D.C. area. Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for obtaining the appropriate visa to allow them to work in the Washington, D.C. area during the fellowship period.
- Foreign nationals and dual citizens please note: while this fellowship is open to all eligible students regardless of nationality, a significant number of participating federal host offices are unable to accept foreign nationals or dual citizens as fellows. This may reduce the number of placement opportunities available to foreign nationals/dual citizens. Foreign nationals/dual citizens are eligible for both the Executive and Legislative cohort.
- Applicants must be able to pass a federal background security check. ○ NOTE: most positions require a public trust clearance, some require a secret clearance. You will be asked detailed questions about personal history.
- Prior contact/arrangements made with possible host offices before the start of the placement week will be cause for immediate disqualification from the process.
- Applicants that have been accepted as national finalists and/or become fellows are not eligible to apply again without the written permission of the NSGO Fellowships Manager,

which will only be granted in response to exceptional life events. A national finalist is defined as an applicant who goes through the review process and is selected at the national level for the fellowship program.

Applicants are considered finalists until they are paired with a host office during the placement process.

The National Sea Grant College Program champions diversity, equity, and inclusion by working to create a marine science workforce that reflects the communities we serve. We are recruiting, retaining, and preparing a diverse workforce, and proactively engaging and serving the diverse populations of coastal communities. Sea Grant is committed to building inclusive research, extension, communication, and education programs that serve people with unique backgrounds, circumstances, needs, perspectives, and ways of thinking. We encourage applicants of all ages, races, ethnicities, national origins, gender identities, sexual orientations, disabilities, cultures, religions, citizenship types, marital statuses, education levels, job classifications, veteran status types, income and socioeconomic status types to apply for this opportunity.

FAQs About Eligibility

Q: I am a foreign national, am I eligible for the Knauss Program?

A: Yes! You are eligible for both the executive and legislative branches of the fellowship. For both, there may be restrictions on which offices are able to host a Foreign National.

Q: I would like to defer my selection as a Knauss Fellow for a year, is that possible?

A: Applicants who are selected to be National Level Finalists are not able to defer their placements. As a Knauss Fellow you are expected to begin your fellowship on February 1 of the respective year.

Applications for the 2026 Fellowship were due on February 19, 2025.

JOHN BAHCALL PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The John Bahcall Public Policy Fellowship was created in 2006 to provide an opportunity for early career astronomers to gain experience in the world of science policy and serves to augment the policy advocacy programs of the society. The Bahcall Fellowship is currently a one-year postdoctoral level appointment, renewable for a second year. The Fellow works in partnership with the Director of Public Policy to coordinate the public policy activities of the American Astronomical Society (AAS).

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Applications are currently closed. Please check their website for any future application openings.

PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT FELLOWS PROGRAM (PMF)

Overview

The PMF Program provides an excellent opportunity for men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths who have an interest in, and commitment to, public service and to excellence in the leadership and management of public policies and government programs. The PMF Program, administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), is a two-year paid fellowship which includes 160 hours of formal classroom training and a mandatory four to six month developmental assignment plus optional rotations of one to six months. PMF fellows work at over 80 federal agencies and engage with current and future government leaders in solving domestic and international issues in a wide range of areas, including science and technology. Graduate students from all academic disciplines who expect to complete an advanced degree (master's, law, or doctoral-level degree) from a qualifying college or university during the current academic year are eligible to be nominated for the PMF by their schools.

Eligibility

The information below explains the eligibility criteria in general. Please select the class year application webpage to the left for more specific information. The PMF application is conducted annually in the fall and the Class Year aligns with the Federal Government's Fiscal Year. For example, the 2025 PMF application will take place in the fall of 2024.

You may be eligible to apply to the PMF Program if you are a current graduate student *or* a recent graduate student. You may be eligible to apply if:

- (1) You are a *current graduate* presently attending a qualifying college or university and expecting to complete your advanced degree requirements (including the completion or successful defense of any required thesis or dissertation) by August 31st of the year following the annual application.

- OR -

- (2) You are a *recent graduate* who has completed an advanced degree from a qualifying college or university during the two years preceding the opening date of the PMF Program's annual application (referred to as the 2-year rule).

For example, the PMF Class of 2025 application launches on September 4, 2024, and if you obtained your advanced degree between September 4, 2022 and September 4, 2024, you would be eligible to apply based on the 2-year rule. If you expect to complete all advanced degree requirements (including the completion or successful defense of any required thesis or dissertation) by August 31, 2025 (the following year), then you would be eligible to apply. If you obtained your advanced degree prior to September 4, 2022 (prior to the 2-year rule), then you would NOT be eligible to apply; we are unable to waive any advanced degree requirements.

Based on the above, if you are not eligible to apply, you may be interested in other Federal opportunities at www.USAJOBS.gov.

"Advanced degree" is defined as a professional or graduate degree (e.g., Master's, Ph.D., J.D.). Eligibility to apply to the PMF Program for selection of Finalists is based on an advanced degree,

not by the type or discipline of the advanced degree. "Certificate" programs are not eligible. There are no GPA (grade point average) requirements or age restrictions associated with the application.

NOTE: An individual who previously applied to the program, but was not selected as a Finalist, may reapply if they meet eligibility requirements. Such individuals will need to re-register for an applicant user account. Current Finalists who have not obtained a PMF appointment and remain eligible may apply again; however, they will forfeit their status as a current Finalist upon initiating a new application. There is no exception in the PMF Program regulations for the 2-year eligibility rule for advanced degrees.

A qualifying college or university is an academic institution that must be accredited or must have acquired "pre-accreditation" or "candidate for accreditation" status by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Applicants using an advanced degree from a non-U.S. academic institution who are selected as Finalists will be required to utilize a credential evaluation service (see additional information under [Become a PMF/Eligibility/Education Outside U.S.](#)). If degree requirements are not completed by the August 31st deadline, Finalists will be ineligible for placement and withdrawn from the program.

Applicants who are in the process of completing their advanced degree are strongly encouraged to determine whether they will complete all degree requirements by the August 31st deadline. There is no regulatory provision to allow the PMF Program Office to waive or defer a Finalists' appointment eligibility if he/she does not complete all advanced degree requirements. Completing advanced degree requirements includes the successful completion/defense of any required thesis/dissertation, which includes any deadlines or findings of the school's review.

If you have completed or will complete multiple advanced degrees, choose the one that meets the eligibility requirements referenced above. Applicants can identify multiple degrees when applying and will be searchable by Federal agencies if selected as a Finalist.

There is no waitlist option for those applicants not selected as Finalists.

Veterans unable to apply within two years of receiving their degree, due to military service obligation, have as much as six years after degree completion to apply via the Recent Graduates Program (which is separate than the PMF Program). General information about the Recent Graduates Program can be found [here](#).

Please note: This fellowship was terminated as of March 21, 2025, due to Federal Budget cuts.

PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING SOCIETY FELLOWS PROGRAM

Overview

The United States Department of State Professional Science and Engineering (S&E) Society Fellows Programs enlist bright, inquisitive scientists and engineers with an interest in policy and international affairs to further the diplomacy and development policies of the United States. Fellows contribute their science and technology expertise to the policymaking process by working directly in

an office at the U.S. Department of State or, in some cases, the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The Professional S&E Society Fellows Programs were established beginning in 2001 by the Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State to support the goal of strengthening the science and technology expertise of the Department. Fellows are members of the sponsoring societies, which currently include the American Institute of Physics (AIP) [added in 2001], the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) [added in 2002], and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) [added in 2022]. Salaries and benefits are paid by the societies.

The S&E Fellows participate in an extensive orientation conducted each September by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, connecting them to a broad network of other Fellows from diverse backgrounds and disciplines serving in a multitude of Executive Branch agencies and the Congress.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

The 2026-2027 Fellowship application will be due Friday January 9, 2026.

SAN FRANCISCO FELLOWS PROGRAM

Overview

The primary initiative of the City Hall Fellows is a 12-month-long, post-college, pre-graduate school Fellowship program that integrates hands-on, full-time work as city employees. These positions provide intensive, comprehensive, real-politic-focused training in how cities work and the people, issues and organizations that influence local policy. Fellows spend their service year working on high-need, high- impact municipal initiatives.

Fellows work on projects during the program that have a direct impact on City operations. They span a broad range of City functions, involving analytical, planning, and operational work in the Arts Commission, Public Utilities Commission, Recreation and Park, Airport, Municipal Transportation Agency, Controller, Public Works, and other City agencies. In addition to hands-on work experience and comprehensive professional development, Fellows will be paired with experienced mentors in City government. Over 90 Fellows have participated in the San Francisco Fellows program predecessor, City Hall Fellows, which partnered with the City from 2008 through 2015.

Eligibility

There is no citizenship requirement for this program, however the program does not sponsor visas. Students must have earned a bachelor's degree by the start of the program, and graduate students are eligible to apply if they have earned their bachelor's degree within the last five years. Ideal candidates for the Fellowship will have less than five years of full-time professional work experience, as the Fellowship is designed as a learning opportunity for individuals with limited work experience. Ideal candidates will also have a desire to learn to perform data analysis work and will be flexible and open to a fellowship placement in any City department.

Applicants from all majors and academic disciplines will be considered and are encouraged to apply. Fellows are expected to possess the following characteristics: (i) academic achievement, (ii) written and oral communication skills, (iii) leadership potential and ability, (iv) dedication to public service; and (v) an entrepreneurial spirit appropriate for participating in our growing program. While there is no GPA cut-off, the Fellowship is highly competitive. Additionally, preference is given to applicants who can demonstrate a strong connection to the city for which they are applying.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

San Francisco Fellows has a two-stage application process: a written application submitted online followed by in-person finalist interviews. Select applicants are invited to participate in half-day in-person interviews in the city they applied to. **Applications will open in December 2025.** For more information, visit: <https://sfdhr.org/sffellows>.

SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE EARLY CAREER POLICY FELLOWS PROGRAM

Overview

Interested neuroscience students, postdoctoral trainees, and early-career faculty (within 10 years of MD or PhD) can get involved with science policy and advocacy through the SfN Early Career Policy Fellows Program. Fellows will learn how to become effective advocates for science and how to encourage others to do the same. The yearlong program includes travel and lodging to attend Hill Day 2015.

Eligibility

The eligibility requirements for the ECPA program are as follows:

- You must be a member in good standing.
- You must be either:
 - A graduate student, or within 10 years of having received your Master's, PhD, or MD;
 - An undergraduate or post-baccalaureate currently performing neuroscience research in a lab.
 - Undergraduate and post-baccalaureate applicants will have to upload a letter of recommendation from their advisor or Principal Investigator.
- Previous participants in the following SfN programs are not eligible for consideration:
 - Early Career Policy Ambassadors, Early Career Policy Fellows, or Young Advocates.

The 2025 application cycle is now closed.

STPI'S POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

This two-year fellowship provides recent bachelor's degree recipients with a unique opportunity to use their critical thinking and analytic skills to work on a diverse set of challenges in science and technology (S&T) policy areas. Fellows will be involved in collaborative research for leaders in the

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the Executive Office of the President and other Federal Government organizations. Fellows work with teams of researchers to support a wide variety of S&T policy-related tasks. Individuals who earned a recent bachelor's degree are eligible to apply for the Fellowship. The fellowship is a paid, benefits-eligible position.

Eligibility

This is a full-time position and is only open to recent recipients of a bachelor's or master's degree. Candidates with degrees higher than a master's degree will not be considered.

- Candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree conferred between May 2023 and July 2025. Candidates with MA/MS degrees should apply if their bachelor's degrees were conferred between May 2022 and July 2024.
- Candidates with degrees in engineering, life sciences, physical sciences, social and behavioral sciences, computer science, mathematical sciences, statistics, and learning sciences are encouraged to apply.
- Candidates should possess a strong interest in science and technology policy, although previous policy experience is not required.
- Candidates must demonstrate strong written and oral communication skills, and will be asked to give a 30-minute presentation on a topic to be assigned during a group interview.
- Ideal candidates are able to contribute to and support team efforts.

Applications for the 2026 cohort will open in Fall 2025.

TECHCONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The Congressional Innovation Fellowship provides a unique opportunity to change Congress by injecting desperately needed technological expertise into the Legislative Branch. The fellowship is a twelve-month residency on Capitol Hill, running from January to December, with an optional 13th month the following January. Fellows work directly for a Member of Congress or Congressional Committee for the duration of their residency and may spend their time on technology-related issues like emerging technologies, AI and automation, election security, data privacy, encryption, cybersecurity or defense technology policy.

Eligibility

What we're looking for in TechCongress Fellows:

- Early-career, with between two and six years of experience, including recently finishing (or projected to finish by January 2025) a technical degree program (Master's, PhD, or done with PhD coursework and still completing your dissertation).
- Tech savvy, with experience working in or studying the technology sector.
- Great interpersonal and communications skills.
- Some technical ability.
- Ability to explain technology to those that aren't as familiar with technology tools or concepts.
- Track record of success taking initiative and working with others.
- Ability to thrive in a fast-paced, collaborative environment.

- Committed to helping get Members of Congress and Congressional staff up to speed on technology issues.

No experience working in or with government? Great! We're not looking for that. The Congressional Innovation Fellowship is an opportunity to expose technology leaders like you to Capitol Hill. It is first and foremost an educational experience, giving you a one-of-its-kind education into how Congress and the government works.

Applications for the January 2026 Fellowship are closed.

TISDALE PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The Tisdale Fellowship provides opportunities for students to learn about high tech public policy issues in Washington, DC. The Fellowship places fellows in a high-tech company, firm or trade association, take two classes worth of credits from George Mason University and live in furnished apartments on George Washington University's downtown campus. Fellows will also attend weekly issues seminar lunches as well as briefings at the Capitol, State Department, World Bank and Federal Reserve.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

There is no current application for this fellowship. Please check their website for any future updates on application openings.

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE JEFFERSON SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP

Overview

Scientists and engineers from the American academic community into the U.S. Department of State for one year. The JSF program is administered by the National Academies and supported through a partnership between the U.S. academic community, professional scientific societies, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Fellows are given assignments either in the Department headquarters in Washington, D.C., or at U.S. Missions abroad. Jefferson Science Fellows return to their academic careers following their Department of State assignments but remain available to the U.S. government as expert consultants for short-term projects over the following 5 years. Successful candidates are selected based on their scientific achievements, articulation and communication skills, and their interest in science policy issues.

Eligibility

To complete an online application, an applicant must confirm they are:

- A U.S. citizen

- A scientist (life, physical, and/or social), engineer, or physician
- Tenured or similarly ranked faculty at a U.S. academic institution
- Able to confirm or secure an active Memorandum of Understanding between their academic institution and the National Academy of Sciences
- Able to confirm or secure their academic institution's Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement (required if selected for placement at the U.S. Department of State).
- Not knowingly hindered from obtaining a U.S. government security clearance (more information below under Security Clearance)

Please note: This fellowship is currently not accepting applications. Please refer to their website for any future updates.

WILBURFORCE FELLOWSHIP IN CONSERVATION SCIENCE

Overview

This year-long program empowers scientists with training in leadership and communication to build a community of conservation science leaders who excel in using science to help achieve durable conservation solutions in western North America. The program is delivered in partnership with COMPASS.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Please note: This specific program was phased out at the end of 2024 and no longer accepting applications.

WILLIAM L. FISHER CONGRESSIONAL GEOSCIENCE FELLOWSHIP

Overview

This fellowship represents a unique opportunity for those with a Ph.D. in geosciences to gain first-hand experience with the legislative process on Capitol Hill. The successful candidate will spend 12 months in Washington, D.C., working as a staff member in the office of a member of Congress or congressional committee. Fellows make practical contributions to the effective and timely use of geoscientific knowledge on issues relating to the environment, resources, natural hazards, and federal science policy. This one-year fellowship carries an annual salary of \$78,000, relocation and travel funds, plus a full benefits package.

Eligibility

Prospective applicants should have a broad geoscience background and excellent written and oral communication skills. Although prior experience in public policy is not necessary, a demonstrable interest in applying science to solving public problems is desirable. A Ph.D. in geosciences is required by the time of appointment. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or already eligible to work in the United States. Individuals who are federal employees, active-duty military, or foreign service

personnel at the time of the application deadline are not eligible to apply. Applicants must also be a member of one of AGI's member societies.

The 2025-2026 Fellowship application deadline was January 20, 2025.

SCIENCE TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS – TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

KNOWLES SCIENCE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The Janet H. and C. Harry Knowles Foundation was established in 1999 to strengthen the quality of science and mathematics teachers in grades 9-12 in United States schools. The Knowles Science Teaching Foundation supports individuals and programs designed to encourage and sustain young scientists and mathematicians as they dedicate their lives to teaching other young people and to becoming leaders in the field of education. The Foundation also supports efforts that provide insight into how to best prepare high school science and mathematics teachers.

The Knowles established the foundation in recognition of the importance of quality science and mathematics instruction to the well-being and future of our country as well as in appreciation of the many dedicated science and mathematics teachers that helped shape their lives.

In addition, KSFT is recruiting for the new Biological Science Teaching Fellowships, which began in June 2010. Applicants should have a comprehensive understanding of contemporary biology such as systems, computational or model-based biology.

Eligibility

Those Knowles Science Teaching Fellows who are applying to become members of a cohort will be selected from among young men and women who have earned or are in the process of earning a degree in one of the physical sciences such as physics, chemistry, astronomy, geology, engineering and/or mathematics from a recognized institution of higher education.

Fellows should have received their most recent degree within the past five years. Also, an applicant might be in the final year of an undergraduate, master's, combined B.S. with M.A.T or M.Ed. program or near the completion of their doctoral program. Applicants who will be in their first year of teaching in the next academic year are also eligible. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please read the selection criteria and then contact the fellowship at info@kstf.org with any additional questions.

The application for a Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship does not depend on having been admitted to an education program that leads to a science or mathematics teaching license. However, the award of the fellowship does require the fellow to have been admitted to such a program.

Individuals who are not citizens or who hold degrees from outside the United States are eligible for the Knowles Teaching Fellowship. However, they must be committed to teaching science or mathematics in U.S. high schools.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

The timeline for selection of the Knowles Science and Mathematics Teaching Fellows is as follows:

- **Applications for the 2026 Fellowship are open from August 15, 2025, and will close on January 6, 2026.**
- Fellowships will be awarded Early July 2026.

For more information, go to <https://knowlesteachers.org/apply-for-a-fellowship>.

NYC TEACHING FELLOWS

Overview

The New York City Teaching Fellows Program offers fellows the opportunity to work in the classroom while obtaining a master's degree in education. Fellows receive extensive training the summer before, and then apply for placement at a NYC high-need school. While teaching, they attend night and summer classes at one of the participating universities. Students earn the same as other NYC public school teachers, and their salaries usually start at about \$50,000. The master's degree tuition is partially funded by the program.

Eligibility

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree by the start of the program, a 3.0 GPA, and be a US citizen.

These Fellows understand that teaching is a privilege, and a tremendous responsibility. Using the skills and experiences that brought them success in college or their first careers, Fellows ignite students' imaginations—and challenge them to dream big.

Program Eligibility

Before applying to our program, make sure that you meet basic program eligibility requirements:

- Bachelor's degree by the start of training

- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0*
- Fluent in written and spoken English
- Authorized to work in the United States
- Never been certified to teach or completed a program that would lead to certification in the U.S. or Puerto Rico
- Never started pre-service training in any of the following alternative certification programs: NYC Teaching Fellows, NYC Teaching Collaborative, Pathways to PE or Teach for America (TFA)

**GPA minimum is required by our university partners, as per NY state regulations. Applicants with an undergraduate GPA between a 2.5 and 3.0 ARE ELIGIBLE to apply to the NYC Teaching Fellows. If you are in this situation, you will be asked to submit a GPA statement in the application to provide more context about your GPA. The GPA statement should outline any factors that may have impacted your undergraduate GPA and why you feel you will be able to succeed in a rigorous master's degree program.*

Further exemption made to those whose undergraduate GPA is below a 2.5 but they have completed a master's degree and earned at least a 3.0 GPA.

Application Procedures/Deadlines

Students submit an online application form, resume, and two essays. A selection of students will be interviewed in New York City. **The 2025 Fellowship application is currently closed. Applications are usually due March, and winners are notified in late spring.** For more information, please visit: <https://www.nycteachingfellows.org/>.

ROBERT NOYCE TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, funded by the National Science Foundation, responds to the critical need for K-12 teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by encouraging talented STEM students and professionals to pursue teaching careers in elementary and secondary schools.

The program provides funding to institutions of higher education to provide scholarships, stipends, and programmatic support to recruit and prepare STEM majors and professionals to become K-12 teachers. Scholarship and stipend recipients are required to complete two years of teaching in a high-need school district for each year of support.

The program is university-specific, but many universities do offer the scholarship, including Tufts University outside of Boston, MA. Students first apply for admission to the specific program, and then proceed with the fellowship application.

For general information on the Robert Noyce Teaching Scholarship and a list of programs by state, visit: <http://nsfnoyce.org>.

Eligibility

Eligibility and Support FAQs:

1. What STEM majors or degrees are eligible for Noyce scholarship or stipend support?

Noyce-eligible STEM majors, degrees, or disciplines are identified based on its Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code. The CIP code is used by state agencies, national associations, academic institutions, and government agencies for collecting, reporting, and analyzing instructional program data. Additional details on CIP codes can be found at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode>.

STEM majors, degrees, or disciplines that are typically eligible for Noyce cost of attendance support are: biological sciences (CIP code 26), computer sciences (CIP code 11), engineering (CIP code 14), mathematics and statistics (CIP code 27), physical sciences (CIP code 40), or fields related to these disciplines (e.g., biological and physical science CIP code 30.01, data science CIP code 30.70, marine sciences CIP code 30.32, mathematics and computer science CIP code 30.08).

Noyce does not provide cost of attendance support for agriculture (CIP code 01), business (CIP code 52), education (CIP code 13), or health professions (CIP codes 51, 60, and 61), unless these majors are coupled with a Noyce-eligible STEM major in a double major.

2. Can cost of attendance cover non-scholarship expenses such as licensure exams or internship placement fees?

Licensure exams and internship placement fees are not included in cost of attendance but may be included in the "Participant Costs (Other)" section of a Noyce budget. Cost of attendance should only include the cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books, supplies, transportation, and certain other personal expenses for a student enrolled at the institution on at least a half-time basis. For additional guidance on allowances for miscellaneous personal expenses, students with dependents, students enrolled less than half-time, or other specifics, see the full definition of cost of attendance in Section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087II).

3. Are Noyce scholarships or stipends taxable?

NSF does not consider scholarships or stipends to be income. However, NSF does not interpret tax laws or provide guidance on whether scholarships or stipends are taxable.

4. Can a Noyce scholarship, stipend, or fellowship recipient receive concurrent support from a Department of Education Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) grant?

A recipient of a Noyce scholarship, stipend, or fellowship may receive concurrent support from a TEACH Grant, as long as the recipient meets the appropriate eligibility criteria for both programs, and the total annual support received from both sources does not exceed the recipient's annual cost of attendance.

A student receiving both Noyce and TEACH support is subject to both the Noyce teaching service commitment and the TEACH teaching service commitment in their entirety, although the same period of teaching service that meets the eligibility requirements of both programs may count toward both Noyce and TEACH teaching service commitments simultaneously.

Applications are currently closed. Please check their website for any future application openings.

WOODROW WILSON TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship seeks to attract talented, committed individuals with backgrounds in the STEM fields—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—into teaching in high-need secondary schools in Georgia, Indiana, and New Jersey. Eligible applicants include current undergraduates, recent college graduates, midcareer professionals, and retirees who have majored in, or had careers in, STEM fields.

As part of their commitment to ensuring the success of students in high-need secondary schools, Fellows teach for at least three years in an urban or rural school district. Continuation as a teacher of record is contingent on the Fellow's completing the master's degree and obtaining appropriate teaching licensure. Students receive a \$30-\$32,000 stipend in addition to admission to a master's degree program at a participating university.

Eligibility

Must be US citizen or permanent resident, have a bachelor's degree in a STEM field, and a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Please note: There is no current website for this fellowship and no current fellowship offering.

AMASA BISHOP SUMMER STUDY ABROAD FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The Amasa Bishop Fellowship funds students to study abroad during the summer months in an organized study abroad program for two up to ten weeks. Programs should be run by reputable universities, non-profit or private-sector organizations. No independent, self-designed study or research is eligible nor does this fellowship fund internships. The Amasa Bishop Fellowship was established by the Bishop family in honor of Dr. Amasa Bishop, who graduated from Caltech with a B.S. in physics in 1943. Dr. Bishop served as Chief of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's Controlled Thermonuclear Branch and went on to become the Atomic Energy Commission's European Scientific representative.

This fellowship honors Dr. Bishop's understanding of the need for scientists and engineers to gain exposure to international issues and cultures. Previous awardees have spent two weeks studying the language and culture in the changing technological landscape of Japan, six weeks studying French language and culture, and three weeks in Mexico studying Spanish and Mexican weaving. More examples of the types of study supported by the Bishop Fellowship are available in the FASA Library and can be reviewed during regular office hours.

Eligibility

Current Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors with a 2.8 and above GPA may apply and must be enrolled at Caltech for the winter and spring term of the current academic year. Some study abroad programs may have higher GPA requirements.

Applicants must be in good standing – no disciplinary problems or ongoing issues. Applicants may not be on leave from Caltech for any part of the current year or the fall term following the summer abroad. U.S. citizens, permanent residents and international students may apply. *Note: applicants cannot study in a country in which they hold citizenship or are a permanent resident.* Students must be at least 18 years old at time of application.

The 2025 application window is closed. Please check the FASA website for updates on the 2026 application deadline.

SANPIETRO TRAVEL PRIZE

Overview

Craig SanPietro, Caltech class of 1969, has generously endowed a summer travel prize open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Travel provided Mr. SanPietro with a new perspective and allowed him to broaden his horizons. In his words, "Since leaving Caltech in 1969, I have traveled through 50 countries, mostly in the third world. This travel has greatly enriched my life and I want to make similar experiences available to Caltech students. Hopefully, this travel can immerse you in unusual cultural and physical situations that challenge you and make you feel more alive." It is in this spirit that he wishes to share this opportunity with Caltech students. The SanPietro Summer Travel Prize allows students to travel solo or as a pair with another eligible Caltech student to travel abroad or in the U.S. or abroad for two weeks to 12 weeks during the Caltech Summer Term. Travel cannot begin before the end of spring term and must be completed before the start of instruction for fall term (including graduating seniors).

Students must spend at least 14 days on the ground, not including roundtrip travel, i.e., that means that the day you arrive and the day you leave do not count. SanPietro travel is meant for fun, adventure, and to expand a student's sense of the world during the summer after their sophomore, junior, or senior year. It can be a great follow-up to a summer research experience, before studying abroad in the fall, before graduate school or a full-time job, or as a summer experience on its own.

The experience should be one that expands the applicant's horizons and challenges them. Note there is no limit on the number of countries visited nor are there any language skills required. However, commonsense should be used and too many countries can water down a proposal. Note that 1 to 4 countries, with at least a week in each is a good standard. There is no academic component to the proposal as the focus is travel. Note students must be enrolled at Caltech all 3 terms of the current academic year. (Official FASA run fall or winter study abroad counts as Caltech enrollment.)

Students awarded the SanPietro MUST share their experiences with the Caltech community to help broaden the horizons of their fellow students as required by the terms of the prize endowment. This applies to all prize recipients, including graduating seniors. Continuing undergraduates must attend and speak at the Winter Term SanPietro Information Session. 1 Graduating seniors can either attend the winter term SanPietro Information meeting in person or via Zoom to give a few minutes talk on their travels with slides. The alternative is to write a detailed article on their SanPietro travels for the Tech published in the Fall term or in January prior to the SanPietro Information meeting.

Eligibility

There is NO GPA REQUIREMENT and NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT, but students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing and enrolled during winter and spring term. All students

must be current Caltech sophomores, juniors, or seniors and must be enrolled all three terms of the current year. Early graduates or students on leave are ineligible.

Applicants must be 18 years of age by application deadline. No exceptions to requirements. Freshmen are ineligible for the SanPietro. Exchange/visiting students are ineligible. Graduate students are ineligible. Alumni are ineligible. Students at other universities are ineligible. Seniors completing graduation requirements and not enrolling in winter and/or spring term are ineligible. Students on leave before or immediately after the SanPietro are ineligible.

The 2025 application window is closed. Please check the FASA website for updates on the 2026 application deadline.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

AGENCY FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH (A*STAR)

Overview

A*STAR Graduate Academy offers and awards scholarships and fellowships to young aspiring scientific talent at top global universities to enable them to pursue their passion in science and to prepare for a rewarding R&D career. Since 2001, A*STAR has supported and nurtured a pipeline of more than 1300 local PhD talent, ensuring a sustainable flow of capable and committed PhD students and early-career researchers at public research institutes, industry and universities, as part of Singapore's efforts to strengthen the growing community of scientific talent in Singapore.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Some application deadlines for 2025 are due on October 1st. Please see their website for specific application deadlines.

AIR AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (A&WMA) GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

The Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) provides several scholarships to outstanding students who are pursuing courses of study and research leading to careers in air quality, waste management, environmental management / policy / law, and sustainability.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Applications and more information for the 2026/2027 academic year will be available in October 2025.

AKER SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

The Aker Scholarship is for Norwegian students pursuing an advanced degree in all disciplines. Scholarships are limited to students pursuing degrees at Caltech, MIT, Harvard, Stanford, University of Pennsylvania, Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London, and the National University of Singapore.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

The application deadline is September 13, 2025.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS (AAPG) FOUNDATION GRANTS

Overview

Grants are open to all geology graduate students. Grants are based on merit, and in part, on the financial needs of the applicant. Although the focus of the program is the support of qualified candidates for Masters or equivalent degrees, qualified doctoral candidates are also encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

View the site for eligibility information specific to the award of your interest.

Please note: The AAPG Grants webpage are currently under construction and don't have an expected return date until 2027. Please see their website for any further updates.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) - INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

AAUW International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research to women who are not U.S citizens or permanent residents. Recipients are selected for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to women and girls. The overwhelming majority return to their home countries to become leaders in government, academia, community activism and the arts and science. Both graduate and postgraduate studies at accredited institutions are supported.

Eligibility

International Fellowships are not open to previous recipients of any AAUW national fellowship or grant (not including branch or local awards or Community Action Grants). Members of the AAUW board of directors, committees, panels, task forces and staff, including current interns, are not eligible to apply for AAUW's fellowships and grants. A person holding a current award is eligible for election or appointment to boards, committees, panels and task forces.

International Fellowships are open to women, including people who identify as women, in all fields of study at an accredited institution of higher education or, for postdoctoral fellows, research. AAUW will make final decisions about what constitutes eligible institutions. Unsuccessful applicants may reapply.

To be eligible for an International Fellowship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have citizenship in a country other than the U.S. or possession of a nonimmigrant visa if residing in the U.S. Women who are currently, or expect to be during the fellowship year, a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, or dual citizen with the U.S. and another country are not eligible.
- Hold an academic degree (earned in the U.S. or abroad) equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree completed by the application deadline.
- Intend to devote themselves full-time to the proposed academic plan during the fellowship year.
- Intend to return to their home country to pursue a professional career upon completion of their studies.
- Be proficient in English and confirm proficiency by submitting one of the Required Components (see below), which include certain English proficiency exams, transcripts from English-speaking institutions, or a written statement verifying English is the applicant's native language. Applicants planning to take one of the accepted English proficiency exams should plan for and take the test as early as possible. Please direct questions about the tests to the test provider.
- Master's/first professional degree and doctoral applicants must have applied by the AAUW application deadline, to an accredited institution of study for the period of the fellowship year and must indicate the name of the institution in the International Fellowship application. While acceptance is not required at the time of application, fellows must provide official confirmation from the institution with their award acceptance materials.

Master's/first professional degree fellowships are intended for master's or professional degree-level programs such as J.D., M.F.A., L.L.M., M.Arch., or medical degrees such as M.D., D.D.S., etc. Certificates, associate degrees, and undergraduate degrees are ineligible. Doctoral fellowships are intended for doctorate degrees classified as research degrees, such as Ph.D. or Ed.D. Postdoctoral applicants must provide proof of their doctorate degree; hold a doctorate classified as a research degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.B.A., D.M.) or an M.F.A. by the application deadline; and indicate where they will conduct their research.

Master's/first professional degree and doctoral applicants must be enrolled in a U.S.-accredited institution located in the U.S. during the fellowship year. A limited number of awards are available to Graduate Women International members for study or research in any country other than their own. Note that foreign branches of U.S. institutions are considered outside of the U.S.

Applicants can apply for the fellowship for any year of their program but must be conducting a full year of study or research. International Fellowships do not provide funding for a partial year of study or research. Programs ending prior to April of the fellowship year are not eligible.

Distance learning/online programs: Master's/first professional degree and doctoral fellowships support traditional classroom-based courses of study at colleges or universities. This fellowship program does not provide funding for distance-learning or online programs or for degrees heavily dependent on distance-learning components. Final decisions about what constitutes distance learning under these fellowships will be made by AAUW. AAUW will accept applications from applicants who are temporarily studying remotely due to COVID-19 precautions at their institution.

The 2025 application period is open from August 1, 2025, and will close on September 30, 2025.

AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION (AGU) - HORTON RESEARCH GRANT IN HYDROLOGICAL SCIENCES

Overview

AGU recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Earth and space sciences through scientific research, education, science communication and outreach. They offer grants, scholarships and other benefits for students. AGU Honorees are recognized in Honors Explorer—browse through their site to search for opportunities that may inspire you to nominate yourself, a peer, colleague, or student.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

The application period for travel grants and scholarships are open from July 8, 2025, and the last deadline is September 10, 2025. Go to AGU's website for the breakdown of all available Travel Grants and their application deadlines here: <https://agu.secure-platform.com/a>.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION (AHA) PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Overview

AHA's predoctoral fellowship helps students initiate careers in cardiovascular and stroke research by providing research assistance and training. Proposals are encouraged from all basic science disciplines, bioengineering or biotechnology, public health, behavioral, epidemiological and community and clinical investigations that bear on cardiovascular and stroke problems.

Within this award, additional collaboration money has been designated through the AHA/CHF Congenital Heart Defect Research Awards, Autism Speaks, the Barth Syndrome Foundation and the California Walnut Commission.

The trainee and mentor should collaboratively provide a thoughtfully planned, systematic proposal aimed at clearly answering an investigative question in cardiovascular, cerebrovascular or brain health research. (5-page limit). A fellow must have primary responsibility for the writing and the preparation of the application, understanding that the mentor will play a significant part in providing guidance to the applicant. Because the fellow receives only a stipend from the award, additional monetary support for the proposed work MUST come from the mentor's laboratory. Therefore, the proposal will likely be related to the mentor's currently funded work. The mentor should clarify the role the applicant played in developing the proposal, the relationship of the proposal to ongoing work in the mentor's laboratory, and how the proposal will contribute toward the training and career development of the applicant.

A new fellow may not have had adequate time to generate preliminary data; therefore, applicants may present preliminary data generated by the mentor. The assessment of preliminary data, whether generated by the mentor or the applicant, should be put into perspective so that bold new ideas and risk-taking by beginning investigators are encouraged rather than stymied. Submission of an application to the AHA with identical or significantly similar content as a submission by another investigator is prohibited. Also, the submission of an application to the AHA with identical or significantly similar content from a mentor to a grant program and his/her fellow to a fellowship program is prohibited. In such cases, both applications may be removed from funding consideration. If a grant application is submitted by the sponsor of a fellowship application, both applications may be funded if there is no duplication of aims.

Eligibility

At the *time of application*, the applicant must be:

- enrolled in a post-baccalaureate PhD, MD, DO, DVM, PharmD, DDS, DrPH, or PhD in nursing, public health, or equivalent clinical health science doctoral student who seeks research training with a sponsor prior to embarking upon a research career.
- a full-time student working towards his/her degree.

At the *time of award activation*, the candidate must have completed initial coursework and be at the stage of the program where they can devote full-time effort to research or activities related to the development into an independent researcher or a related career aimed at improving global cardiovascular health.

Applicants are not required to reside in the United States for any period before applying for American Heart Association funding. However, AHA research awards are limited to U.S.-based non-profit institutions, including medical, osteopathic, and dental schools, veterinary schools, schools of public health, pharmacy schools, nursing schools, universities and colleges, public and voluntary hospitals and others that can demonstrate the ability to conduct the proposed research. An awardee must maintain an AHA-accepted visa throughout the duration of the award. Please refer to [AHA Application Resources](#) for acceptable visa types.

The 2026 AHA Predoctoral Fellowship Proposal deadline is Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY - GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAMS

Overview

Argonne offers a variety of research appointments, cooperative education opportunities, and specialized schools to fit the needs – and schedules – of any graduate student. We encourage students pursuing a Master's degree as well as Ph.D. candidates to check out the many opportunities we offer. Come to Argonne, expand and create new knowledge – and change your world.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Please see website for specific application deadlines.

AUTISM SPEAKS - DENNIS WEATHERSTONE PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

Autism Speaks supports global biomedical research into the diagnosis, causes, prevention and treatment of autism. Autism Speaks invites applications from predoctoral students interested in pursuing careers in autism research.

Eligibility

Candidates must be an enrolled student in a program leading to a research doctorate such as a Ph.D. or Sc.D., or a combined degree such as an M.D./Ph.D., in an academic department of an accredited university or health/medical institution. The selected pre-doctoral fellow must spend at least 80% of his/her professional time engaged exclusively in their Autism Speaks' autism research related activities for the duration of the award and cannot simultaneously hold another named fellowship award during the support period. International applications are encouraged.

Applications for 2025 and 2026 Fellowships are due in early September. Visit <https://www.autismspeaks.org/research-grants> for exact submission dates and times.

CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIPS FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH IN FRANCE

Overview

The Chateaubriand Fellowship is a grant offered by the Embassy of France in the United States. It supports outstanding PhD students from U.S institutions who wish to conduct part of their doctoral research in France for a period ranging from 4 to 9 months. Chateaubriand fellows are selected through a merit-based competition, with expert evaluation in France and in the United States.

The Chateaubriand fellowship is a Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Biology-Health (STEM) for doctoral students aims to reinforce collaboration partnership or joint projects

between French and American research teams. This fellowship is offered by the Office for Science & Technology (OST) of the Embassy of France in partnership with American universities and French research organizations such as Inserm and Inria. It is a partner of the National Science Foundation's GROW program.

This fellowship is offered by the Office for Science & Technology (OST) of the Embassy of France in Washington in partnership with American universities and French research organizations such as Inserm and Inria.

Eligibility

Requirements below:

- Must be currently working on PhD
- Must be registered in an American university (US citizenship is not required; however, French citizen are not eligible.
- All STEM and Health research topics are eligible
- Research should be performed in a French laboratory (university, engineering school, public research laboratory, ect.)
- You, US and French advisors must agree to co-supervise part of your thesis
- Knowledge of French is not mandatory and is left to the discretion of the host institution
- Co-sponsorship by a candidate's American university or French host institution is encouraged

The 2025-2026 application period is now closed.

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS (CGS)/PROQUEST DISTINGUISHED DISSERTATION AWARD

Overview

Sponsored jointly by CGS and ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, a Division of ProQuest Information and Learning, and first presented in 1981, these awards are made annually to individuals who, in the opinion of the award committee, have completed dissertations representing original work that makes an unusually significant contribution to the discipline. Two awards are given annually in two different broad areas (biological sciences; social sciences; mathematics, physical sciences and engineering; and humanities and fine arts). Individuals must be nominated for these awards by a member institution.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

2025 nominations were due on July 3, 2025.

META RESEARCH PHD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

The Meta Research PhD Fellowship is a global program designed to encourage and support promising doctoral students engaged in innovative and relevant research at an accredited university. Winners receive two years of paid tuition and fees, a \$42,000 annual stipend, and various Meta opportunities.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Please note: Meta is not accepting new applications at this time.

FULBRIGHT PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Overview

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program enables graduate students, young professionals and artists from abroad to study and conduct research in the United States. The Fulbright Foreign Student Program operates in more than 160 countries worldwide. Approximately 4,000 foreign students receive Fulbright scholarships each year.

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program is administered by binational Fulbright Commissions/Foundations or U.S. Embassies. All Foreign Student Program applications are processed by these offices.

Program eligibility and selection procedures vary widely by country. Please use the drop-down menu here to find information about the Foreign Fulbright Program in your home country, including eligibility requirements and application guidelines.

Please also discuss the U.S. university admission and placement approach with the Fulbright office in your home country.

There are two placement models: IIE-Placement and Self-Placement.

IIE-Placement

IIE's Placement service works to secure degree and non-degree opportunities on behalf of Fulbright candidates. Candidates are required to submit their Fulbright application and provide all supporting documents to their respective Fulbright office per established country/award deadlines. The Placement Team will use the information shared in their Fulbright application to apply to institutions on behalf of each candidate. The Placement Team will manage admission decisions and negotiate funding. The Placement Team will accept and decline on behalf of candidates once a final placement decision is made. The Placement Team is the first point of contact to U.S. institutions during this process and candidates are only in touch directly with U.S. institutions on an as needed basis.

Self-Placement

Candidates apply to universities directly and manage their applications with universities directly. Candidates are responsible to submit materials and test scores per each university deadline and application requirements including any associated fees or deposits. IIE is not involved in the application process for self-placed candidates. Candidates secure their own admission, possible university funding and tuition awards independently.

Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements:

- Reside in the country of nomination at the time of application.
- At the time of program start date, possess the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree with a good academic record.
- Are fluent in English, as demonstrated by a recommended recent score of no less than 550 (Paper Based TOEFL), 79-80 (Internet Based TOEFL - IBT), or 6.5 (Overall Score International English Language Testing System - IELTS); test scores can be submitted to IIE by indicating the institutional code 2326 on the day of the test .
- Do not hold U.S. citizenship; dual citizens are not eligible for the program participation.
- Additional eligibility requirements differ by country of citizenship. Please use the drop-down menu below to find information about the Fulbright Program in your home country, including eligibility requirements and application guidelines.

Placement types for the Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Program eligibility, U.S. university admission & placement, and selection procedures vary widely by country. You may find information about the Fulbright Program in your home country, including eligibility requirements and application guidelines by finding your country in the drop-down below. Please discuss the U.S. university admission and placement approach with the Fulbright office in your home country.

In the United States, the Institute of International Education (IIE) as well as AMIDEAST administer the Fulbright Foreign Student Program on behalf of the U.S. Department of State.

IIE administers the Foreign Fulbright Program for Africa, Eurasia, Europe, East Asia and Pacific, South and Central Asia, part of the Middle East, and the Western Hemisphere. IIE is the longest running administrative agency and has been administering the program since its inception in 1946. AMIDEAST administers the Fulbright Foreign Student Program for most of the Middle East and North Africa.

There are two placement models for IIE's Fulbright Foreign Student Program: IIE-Placement & Self-Placement.

IIE-Placement

IIE Placement: IIE's Placement service works to secure degree and non-degree opportunities on behalf of Fulbright candidates. Candidates are required to submit their Fulbright application and provide all supporting documents to their respective Fulbright office per established country/award deadlines. The Placement Team will use the information shared in their Fulbright application to apply to institutions on behalf of each candidate. The Placement Team will manage admission decisions and negotiate funding. The Placement Team will accept and decline on behalf of candidates once a final placement decision is made. The Placement Team is the first point of contact to U.S. institutions during this process and candidates are only in touch directly with U.S. institutions on an as needed basis

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Note: Students cannot apply for programs with clinical requirements such as dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, nursing. Please note that fields of study such as public health and nursing administration are permitted.

Please see website for specific program application deadlines.

GOOGLE PHD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

Google PhD Fellowships directly support graduate students as they pursue their PhD, as well as connect them to a Google Research Mentor.

Nurturing and maintaining strong relations with the academic community is a top priority at Google. The Google PhD Fellowship Program was created to recognize outstanding graduate students doing exceptional and innovative research in areas relevant to computer science and related fields. Fellowships support promising PhD candidates of all backgrounds who seek to influence the future of technology. Google's mission is to foster inclusive research communities and encourage people of diverse backgrounds to apply. We currently offer fellowships in Africa, Australia, Canada, East Asia, Europe, India, Latin America, New Zealand, Southeast Asia and the United States.

Eligibility

All regions:

Students must remain enrolled full-time in the PhD program for the duration of the Fellowship or forfeit the award. Google employees, and their spouses, children, and members of their household are not eligible. Students that are already supported by a comparable industry award are not eligible. Government or non-profit organization funding is exempt. Past awardees from the PhD Fellowship program are not eligible to apply again.

For incoming PhD students (Africa, India, Latin America and Southeast Asia), Grant of the Fellowship does not mean admission to a PhD program. The awardee must separately apply and be accepted to a PhD program in computer science (or an adjacent field) at an eligible institution. Grant of the Fellowship will be subject to the rules and guidelines applicable in the institution where the awardee registers for the PhD program. Nominated students in Africa, Australia and New Zealand, Canada and the United States, East Asia and Europe.

Universities should only nominate students that meet the following requirements:

Africa: Incoming PhD students are eligible to apply, but the Fellowship award shall be contingent on the awardee registering for a full-time PhD program in computer science (or an adjacent field) within the academic award year of the Fellowship award, or the award shall be forfeited.

Australia and New Zealand: early-stage students enrolled in the first or second year of their PhD (no requirement for completion of graduate coursework by the academic award year).

Canada and the United States: students who have completed graduate coursework in their PhD by the academic award year when the Fellowship begins.

East Asia: students who have completed most of graduate coursework in their PhD by the academic award year when the Fellowship begins. Students should have sufficient time for research projects after receiving a fellowship.

Europe: Students enrolled at any stage of their PhD are eligible to apply.

Direct applicant students in India, Latin America and Southeast Asia:

Incoming PhD students are eligible to apply, but the Fellowship award shall be contingent on the awardee registering for a full-time PhD program in computer science (or an adjacent field) within the academic award year of the Fellowship award, or the award shall be forfeited.

Latin America: incoming or early stage-students enrolled in the first or second year of their PhD (no requirement for completion of graduate coursework by the academic award year).

Please check the organizations website in 2026 for details on future application cycles.

THE GRASS FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

Grass Fellowships at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA, support investigator-designed, independent research projects by scientists early in their career. Supported approaches include neurophysiology, biophysics, integrative neurobiology, neuroethology, neuroanatomy, neuropharmacology, systems neuroscience, cellular and developmental neurobiology, and computational approaches to neural systems. The Foundation also has a longstanding interest in epilepsy-related research.

Grass Fellowships provide research support including laboratory space, animals, equipment and supplies for one summer at the MBL. Additionally, the investigator, his/her spouse or legal domestic partner, and dependent children are provided housing, a daily meal allowance and round-trip travel to the MBL. Fellows function as an intellectual and social group within the MBL scientific community while sharing space in the Grass Laboratory. In a weekly private seminar series, eminent investigators at the MBL discuss their work with the Fellows. In addition, a yearly Forbes Lecturer will spend a portion of the summer in the Grass Lab interacting with Fellows.

Priority is given to applicants with a demonstrated commitment to pursuing a research career. Please see [FAQ](#) page on website or contact the Program Coordinator for more information.

Eligibility

Early investigators (late stage predoctoral trainees and beyond) are eligible to apply. This includes applicants with prior experience at MBL or with the Grass Foundation (MBL course alumni are

encouraged to apply). Priority is given to applicants with a demonstrated commitment to pursuing a research career. Please see FAQ page on website or contact the Program Coordinator for more information. International Fellows (i.e., not US citizens or resident aliens) must hold a valid visa (e.g. J-1, H-1B, F1 or F1-OPT) for the entire duration of the fellowship. Please contact us early in case you need to adjust your visa status! The Grass Foundation values diversity in all its programs.

The application for summer 2026 will open in fall of 2025.

IBM PH.D. FELLOWSHIP

Overview

The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Awards Program is an intensely competitive worldwide program, which honors exceptional Ph.D. students who have an interest in solving problems that are important to IBM and fundamental to innovation in many academic disciplines and areas of study. These include: computer science and engineering (including cyber security, cloud, and mobile computing), electrical and mechanical engineering, physical sciences (including chemistry, material sciences, and physics), mathematical sciences (including analytics of massive scale data with uncertainty, operations research, and optimization), public sector and business sciences (including urban policy and analytics, social technologies, learning systems and cognitive computing), and Service Science, Management, and Engineering (SSME).

Eligibility

All nominees must be nominated by a doctoral faculty member, students cannot nominate themselves and must be enrolled full-time in a PhD program over the academic year of the award or forfeit the fellowship, should be within two years of their estimated graduation date at the time of the nomination.

Nominees that are from U.S. embargoed countries or attending institutions located in U.S. embargoed countries are not eligible for the program. There is a limit of three nominations per department. Four nominations are allowed from each university. Faculty should coordinate their nomination(s) with their department chair. IBM encourages that Faculty will consider a diverse slate of candidates for nominating to the program.

Receiving a comparable fellowship, internship, or support from another company or institution (except for academic scholarships) during the IBM PhD Fellowship funding period are ineligible for this award. IBM reserves the right to revoke nominee's eligibility and withdraw the funding of the PhD award upon knowledge of such award. Nominees must stay in the same program for the duration of the award —no transferring of departments or schools.

Awardees will be selected based upon:

- Their potential for research excellence. All awardees will have an IBM mentor for the duration of the award period and are strongly encouraged to intern during the year of their award. The internship is not guaranteed or mandatory. All student visas must align with terms of the internship.

- The degree to which the nominees' research aligns with IBM focus areas.
- Academic standing, publications, and endorsements from faculty advisors and department heads.

Nominating faculty must submit thoroughly developed proposals, remain engaged during the vetting and due diligence process, and use the university domain email address for all correspondence.

The last nomination period was July 15, 2024, through August 30, 2024. Please check their website for any future application openings.

INDO-US SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (RISE)

Overview

Provides unique opportunities for science, technology, engineering and medical students from the United States to undertake internships in national laboratories, federal research centers, academic research institutes, and private R&D laboratories in India. Objective of the internships are to provide students exposure to Indian S&T milieu, gain practical skills and develop collaborative networks. Internships are envisaged as a source of mutual cultural and professional enrichment for both the interns and their host institutions.

Eligibility

Requirements below:

- U.S. Citizens or permanent residents and Indian Citizens (Currently pursuing higher education in the U.S.)
- Open to science, engineering, technology and medical disciplines
- Ph.D. and Masters students currently enrolled at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.

There is no current application available. Please check the organization's website for any future application openings.

INTEL PHD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

The Intel PhD Fellowship Program awards fellowships to exceptional PhD candidates pursuing leading-edge innovation in fields related to Intel's business and research interests.

Eligibility

Requirements below:

- Must be currently enrolled in a PhD program at one of the participating universities with interest in one of the following technology areas: Hardware Systems Technology and Design, Semiconductor Technology and Manufacturing, Software Technology and Design, Social Research and Ethnography.
- Must have the unrestricted permanent right to work in the U.S. without any type of sponsorship. Exceptions may be made for PhD candidates with critical skills in an area of demonstrated shortage in the U.S. These positions are also subject to U.S. Department of Commerce restrictions on Export Licensing and are therefore not open to individuals from embargoed and controlled countries.
- Student must retain full-time student status during the academic year for which the fellowship is awarded.
- Must be within eighteen months of graduation.
- Must have successfully completed qualifying exams.
- If selected, student may not defer the fellowship.
- Final awards are competitive and based on the student's academic excellence and ability to clearly articulate their research interests.
- Payment of the fellowship award will be made directly to the university and is non-transferable.
- Intel employees and their families are not eligible.

Please check with the FASA Office for any future application opportunities for this fellowship.

JOSEPHINE DE KARMAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST

Overview

The Josephine De Karman Fellowship Trust was established in 1954 by the late Dr. Theodore Von Karman, world renowned aeronautics expert and teacher and first director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, in memory of his sister, Josephine, who passed away in 1951. The purpose of this Fellowship program is to recognize and assist students whose scholastic achievements reflect Professor Von Karman's high standards.

Eligibility

De Karman fellowships are open to students in any discipline, including international students, who are currently enrolled in a university or college located within the United States. Only candidates for the PhD who will defend their dissertation within two years and undergraduates entering their senior year are eligible for consideration. Postdoctoral and master's degree students are not eligible for consideration. Special consideration will be given to applicants in the Humanities.

The 2025-2026 application is no longer accepting applications.

KOREA FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (KFAS) SCHOLARSHIP

Overview

This program was established in 1974 to support talented young students in social sciences, natural sciences, computer science, and information technology-related fields. The program enables the students to pursue and successfully complete their doctorates at leading overseas research universities.

Overseas PhD Scholarship Program

The Overseas PhD Scholarship Program is the oldest scholarship program in KFAS history. The program selects outstanding students in the fields of social sciences, natural sciences, and Computer science, and Electrical Engineering, providing financial and moral support and encouraging these students to become world class scholars who will open dialogues with the international academic community and who will serve as an engine for national development.

- Overseas PhD Scholarship Program: This scholarship program supports outstanding PhD students enrolled in world's top universities with full tuition and living expenses.
- Training Program for Overseas PhD Scholarship: This is a prerequisite for Overseas PhD Scholarship program, offered to highly selective students who are applying for admission to the world's top universities. Selected students are provided with tailor-made education, in preparation for overseas doctoral programs.
- PhD in China Scholarship Program: This program supports students who are applying to doctoral programs at China's leading universities.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Please check foundation's website for any future application openings.

LINDA HALL LIBRARY OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Overview

Resident fellowships for the duration of a minimum of 1 month to a maximum of 9 months are offered in support of research projects in science, engineering, and technology; in the history of science, engineering and technology; or in interdisciplinary topics that link science or technology to the broader culture.

Recipients of fellowships are expected to work full time on their research projects while at the Library, to engage with other resident scholars, and to offer a presentation on their work to the public.

Eligibility

The Linda Hall Library offers general research support to humanities scholars whose projects examine the relationship between science, technology, and society. We encourage applications from doctoral students, postdoctoral scholars, and independent researchers who would benefit from using our collections.

Except for the NEH Fellowship, applicants for postdoctoral funding must have their PhD completed by the start of the academic year (July 1). The **NEH Fellow** must be a United States citizen or a foreign national who has lived in the United States for the three years immediately preceding the application deadline. Doctoral candidates must have completed all degree requirements, except for the actual conferral of the degree, by the application deadline for the fellowship.

International students may apply, provided the applicant can secure the necessary travel documents. Please note that the Linda Hall Library is **not** a visa-granting institution. Residential fellows from outside the United States are responsible for securing their own travel documents. Also, international fellows should be aware that the US does not have tax treaties with some countries. Consequently, researchers from these countries may be required to pay income taxes on their fellowship monies.

2025-2026 fellowship applications are now closed.

LINK FOUNDATION - ENERGY FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

To foster education and innovation in societal production and utilization of energy, the Link Foundation invites applications for 2-year fellowships for students working toward a Ph.D. degree.

Eligibility

The applicant must be working toward a Ph.D. in an academic institution, please note that the applicant must be accepted in a Ph.D. program. There are no limitations have been placed on citizenship.

Fellowships are only tenable at U.S. and Canadian Universities.

Fellowship applications for 2025 will open on Wednesday, October 1 and will be due on Monday, December 1, 2025.

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY (LANL) - GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

Overview

Los Alamos National Laboratory supports robust student internship programs. Each summer, they host more than 1,800 student and post-graduate interns. These programs offer you an opportunity to work in an inclusive environment that is rich in intellectual vitality and opportunities for growth. Participants take part in challenging work that advances science and serves the national interest.

The Graduate Research Assistant Program is a year-round internship program that provides domestic and international students with relevant research experience while they pursue a graduate degree. This educational program is designed to complement your education with work experience related to your chosen field of study. In some cases, you can arrange to conduct masters or doctoral thesis research at the Lab. We offer appointments in both technical and professional fields.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Please check Los Alamos website for specific application deadlines.

MICROSOFT RESEARCH PHD FELLOWSHIP

Overview

Microsoft Research is committed to advancing the state of computer science. Our fellowship program provides financial support for students and early-career faculty, allowing them to focus on their research. Fellowships build lasting relationships between Microsoft Research and academic institutions. Applicants must be nominated by their department and forwarded to the Graduate Studies Office for review. Finalists will then be forwarded to Microsoft for consideration in the national competition.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, candidates will be required to confirm they are actively pursuing (enrolled in program) or have already earned their terminal degree in their respective field or discipline. A terminal degree is defined as the highest-level college degree that can be achieved within your academic discipline or professional field.

A fellow selected to be a part of the Microsoft Research AI & Society Fellows program is subject to disciplinary proceedings for inappropriate behavior, including but not limited to discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), or plagiarism will forfeit their funding. If accepted, a standard background screen will be conducted. Though Microsoft is not hiring for employment, a successful screen is required as a stipulation to transfer funds under this fellowship.

The call for proposals has now closed. Please check the website for any future proposal openings.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) - EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP (NESSF)

Overview

NASA is seeking fellowship proposals from accredited U.S. universities on behalf of individuals pursuing Master of Science (M.Sc.) or Doctoral (Ph.D.) degrees in Earth and space sciences, or related disciplines. The purpose of NESSF is to ensure continued training of a highly qualified workforce in disciplines needed to achieve NASA's scientific goals. Awards resulting from the competitive selection will be made in the form of training grants to the respective universities.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

Please note: This fellowship is no longer active. Please visit NASA's website for any current or future fellowship offerings.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) - SOFFEN GRANTS FOR TRAVEL TO CONFERENCES

Overview

The travel grants are awarded to students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in aerospace-related sciences or engineering fields (astrobiology, astronomy, earth and space science, engineering, etc.) to attend a meeting at which they will present their research. Students of all nationalities are welcome to apply; however, applicants must be enrolled full time in an accredited undergraduate or graduate institution of higher learning in the United States.

Eligibility

Students of all nationalities are welcome to apply; however, applicants must be enrolled full time in an accredited undergraduate or graduate institution of higher learning in the United States.

Notification of the award will be made approximately one month after the application deadline, after conclusion of the review process. Given the requirement that recipients must acknowledge the Soffen Fund in their presentations, **only conferences on or after November 11, 2024, are eligible for consideration.**

The application period closed on April 25, 2025. Please see the website for future application openings.

NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH COUNCIL (NSERC) SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

The NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships – Doctoral (PGS D) program provides financial support to high-calibre students who are engaged in an eligible doctoral program in natural sciences and engineering (refer to the [Eligibility criteria for students and fellows](#) web page for more information).

This support allows scholars to concentrate more fully on their studies and seek out the best research mentors in their chosen fields both within Canada and abroad.

Applications to the PGS D program will automatically be considered for the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral (CGS D) award. If your application is one of the highest-scored applications, you will be offered a CGS D award; if your application is among the next tier of meritorious applications, you will be offered a PGS D award; and if your application is one of the lower scored applications, you will not be offered an award.

Important: The majority of information about the PGS D program is contained within the [CGS D program](#) web page, including important information about:

- eligibility
- application procedures
- application deadlines
- Indigenous student researchers
- Black student researchers
- selection criteria
- notification of results
- conditions of the award

Note: You may be eligible to apply to the [Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's \(CGS M\)](#) program instead of the PGS D/CGS D program for your first year of study. Applying for a CGS M award, if you are eligible, will maximize your potential period of funding. You are responsible for choosing the type of award for which you apply. You cannot apply to both the CGS M and PGS D programs in the same year.

The information on this page is specific to the NSERC PGS D program and the review process at NSERC.

Eligibility

To be eligible for support from the majority of NSERC's scholarships and fellowships programs (except for Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships and Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships), you must be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada or a protected person under subsection 95(2) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (Canada), as of the application deadline date. NSERC may ask for proof of citizenship, residency or protected person status before and while providing funding.

You must not be currently declared ineligible to apply for and hold funding from NSERC, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), or any other Canadian research funding organization for reasons of breach of standards of ethics or integrity (including financial or scientific misconduct).

You must have accounts in good standing with NSERC, including having paid and/or returned any money owed to NSERC. The determination of whether or not an account is in good standing shall be at the sole and absolute discretion of NSERC.

NSERC uses the date of degree completion to determine your eligibility for some NSERC programs. This is the date on which all the requirements of your degree have been met, including the successful defence and submission of the corrected copy of your thesis (in accordance with your institution's regulations). It is not the conferred or convocation date.

Please see website for individual application deadlines.

Note: To determine if you are eligible for a particular award, consult the information about eligibility criteria of each program description found in the [program guides for students and fellows](#). For eligibility criteria specific to the [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#) or the [Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships](#), consult their respective websites.

QUALCOMM INNOVATION FELLOWSHIPS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Overview

The QInF program is open to teams of two students from a preselected variety of top US based and international schools. Students are encouraged to apply and submit a proposal on any innovative idea of their choice. Qualcomm Research's top engineers carefully review submitted proposals and select the QInF finalists, who are then invited to present their proposals to a panel of executive judges. Winning students earn a one year fellowship and are mentored by our engineers to facilitate the success of the proposed research.

Eligibility

See individual fellowships listed on the linked site for eligibility requirements.

The 2025 application period is now closed.

SCHLUMBERGER FOUNDATION - FACULTY FOR THE FUTURE (FFTF) PREDOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Overview

The Schlumberger Foundation Faculty for the Future program supports outstanding women from developing countries in their pursuit of advanced graduate studies in engineering, science, and technology at leading universities worldwide. The program's long-term goal is to accelerate gender equality in STEM by generating conditions that result in more women pursuing scientific careers through alleviating some of the barriers they encounter when enrolling in STEM disciplines.

The program is committed to gender parity in science in the interests of sustainable development and recognizes that full access to and participation in a STEM curriculum is essential for the empowerment of women and girls. By accelerating gender equality in STEM, the talent and capacities of these women can be developed for the benefit of their local communities, regions and nations.

The program awards fellowships for advanced research in STEM at leading research institutes abroad. Faculty for the Future Fellows are expected to return to their home countries upon completion of their studies to contribute to the economic, social and technological advancement of their home regions by strengthening the STEM teaching and research faculties of their home institutions as well as through their leadership in science-based entrepreneurship. They are also expected to contribute to the public sector where their newly acquired technical and scientific skills can help provide evidence-based support for STEM policy making, including topics of gender representation.

This program acts as a catalyst for these women to further tap into their potential. Through heightened motivation, sharpened self-awareness and a lasting passion for science they in turn capture the imagination of other women and girls around them to regard scientific pursuits as a necessary means towards advancement and growth.

Eligibility

- are a female and are a citizen of a developing country or emerging economy where women are underrepresented in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines*. You are not eligible to apply if you hold dual citizenship of which one is citizenship of a developed country. (N.B. If you have been awarded a Faculty for the Future grant and after the award you obtain citizenship of a developed country, the grant will be discontinued as of the date of such additional citizenship);
- are preparing for a PhD degree or post-doctoral research in a STEM discipline. The Faculty for the Future program does not fund Master level studies; - are enrolled, admitted or have applied to a host university/research institute abroad (applications are no longer accepted where a candidate has not yet applied to a university). If you are applying for a sandwich course the final degree must be awarded by the Host University abroad or jointly (i.e., but not solely from the home country university);
- hold an excellent academic record;
- are committed to go back to your home country or region upon completion of your studies to contribute to its socio-economic development; - have a proven record of teaching experience in your home country and can demonstrate your commitment to going back home to: i) an academic or research position in a STEM faculty; ii) and/or to using your knowledge to become a STEM entrepreneur to help resolve regional challenges in your local community/region; iii) and/or to demonstrating leadership by contributing to the public sector using your scientific skills to help provide evidence-based support for STEM policy making, including topics of gender representation;
- can demonstrate leadership skills, active community outreach and have a track record in encouraging girls and women into STEM.

If you do not meet the above criteria, please do not apply for a grant, as your application will not be retained in the selection process. *Faculty for the Future focuses on developing and emerging countries where women are underrepresented in STEM disciplines. Qualifying a country as advanced, developing or emerging, is a complex and often controversial topic. Faculty for the Future does not draw on one single source or list but constitutes its eligible country list from a number of sources which allows incorporation of development status with regard to science, gender and education for example. The most significant sources drawn upon are the UN Human Development Index (HDI), the UN Gender Inequality Index (GII), the UNESCO institute of Statistics (UIS), Female and Education Ratio (FER) including indicators of female participation in STEM in tertiary education and the UIS STEM enrolment in Tertiary Education. The Faculty for the Future country list is reviewed every year and as levels of development fluctuate, a country may be on the list one year and not on the list the following year, and vice versa.

The application period for the 2026 Fellowships will be accepted from September 1st to November 7th, 2025. The deadline for reference letters is November 14, 2025.

SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICS (SEG) FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

SEG Foundation Scholarships encourage the study of geophysics and related geosciences. The SEG Foundation offers a range of different scholarship opportunities. Funds provided may be applied to tuition, books, and fees.

Eligibility

SEG Scholarships are based on merit. To qualify, you must be a student who:

- Is a high school senior planning to attend college next year or an undergraduate or graduate college student;
- Has above average grades;
- Is intending to pursue a college curriculum directed toward a career in applied geophysics.

Applications for the 2026-2027 academic year will open on November 1, 2025, and close on March 1, 2026.

SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (SHPE) FOUNDATION DISSERTATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

Merit-based scholarships awarded to doctoral candidates, who demonstrate both significant motivation and aptitude for a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and have completed All But Dissertation.

Eligibility

The minimum requirements for all scholarships are as follows:

- Active SHPE Member (To become an active member, please visit shpe.org and select “Join” in the top right hand corner of the webpage.)
- Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.5 (This is a cumulative GPA as listed on the transcript of your latest academic institution.)
- Plan to pursue a STEM degree
- Plan to enroll at an accredited two-year or four-year college/university for the 2026-2027 academic year in the United States*

NOTE: Some sponsored scholarships may have additional requirements or specifications; these requirements will be listed on the ScholarSHPE application page.

** Includes ALL U.S. territories*

The application period for 2025 opened on February 14, 2025, and closed on February 28, 2025.

THE NORTON LABS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Overview

Norton Labs' research on cyber safety influences future technology and impacts the consumer cybersecurity industry worldwide. Norton Labs is part of NortonLifeLock, a global leader in consumer cyber safety.

Our program aims to fund innovative research that has real-world value and aligns well with key areas within our business. Topics of interest include:

- Privacy and Identity: Applied and novel techniques for privacy and identity-protection objectives such as authentication, authorization, verifiable claims, trust, anonymity, ubiquitous and usable encryption, and privacy-preserving analytics.
- Security: Achieving security objectives in consumer-related contexts including operating systems, web, mobile devices, Internet of Things, and cloud-based services through such mechanisms as trusted hardware, secure programming languages, security by design, threat and malware characterization, and auditing and deception techniques.
- Machine Learning: Robustness, interpretability, security, privacy, and accountability of machine learning systems. This includes scalable machine learning methods for graph and time-series analyses, anomaly detection, natural language processing, and distributed model training, in support of the privacy/identity and security areas mentioned above.
- Human Factors: Applications of psychology, sociology, anthropology, behavioral economics, human-computer interaction, linguistics, and other human sciences to security and privacy. These include usable security, use of technology for social good, effective notifications for privacy, security, and identity theft, and both human-assisted AI and AI-assisted humans.

Eligibility

Criteria:

- Applying students must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program.
- Preference will be given to students who desire to work in an industrial research lab and to those working on innovative research projects in areas related to NortonLifeLock's businesses and interests.
- Recipients will also be selected based on their overall potential for research excellence and their academic progress to date as evidenced by publications. Typically, award recipients are expected to have produced multiple relevant publications at top-tier conferences.

Please note: Norton Labs may no longer be providing this fellowship opportunity. Please see website for any future updates.

WOODS HOLD OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION - GEOPHYSICAL FLUID DYNAMICS (GFD) FELLOWSHIP

Overview

Graduate students and researchers from a variety of fields who share a common interest in the nonlinear dynamics of rotating, stratified fluids share an intense ten-week research experience, and vigorous discussions of concepts that span different disciplines. Fellows pursue a research project under the supervision of the staff and present a lecture and a written report for a proceedings volume. Fellows are expected to be in residence for the full ten weeks of the program.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Fellowship, applicants must be graduate students in any field sharing a common interest in the nonlinear dynamics of rotating, stratified fluids. These fields include classical fluid dynamics, physical oceanography, meteorology, astrophysics, planetary atmospheres, geological fluid dynamics, hydromagnetics, physics and applied mathematics. Fellows will be expected to attend the full ten weeks of the Program, complete a research project pursued under the supervision of the staff, and present a lecture and a written report for a proceedings volume at the end of the program.

Applications will open in the fall of 2025 for 2026 scholarships. Please visit the website for more updates: <https://gfd.whoi.edu/gfd-fellowships/application-materials/>.