Office of Distinguished Scholarships' Featured Scholarships

Marshall Scholarship — Postgraduate Study in the United Kingdom

Each year, the British government funds up to 40 American students who are invited to study at the graduate level in any British university. The Marshall Scholarship is open to all fields of study, and was designed to help perpetuate the strong ties between the United States and the United Kingdom. The Scholarship covers one or two years of study and related expenses (tuition, plane fare, living allowance, books and travel grants associated with study).

Eligibility: Postgraduate study (apply your senior year or the year after graduation)
Duration: Two years (a few extensions for a third year allow for PhD study)
More Information: Marshall Scholarship Website
Citizenship Criteria: U.S. Citizen
Minimum GPA: 3.7
Deadline: Typically early October

Goldwater Scholarship — Undergraduate Research

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program is designed as a source of funding for juniors and seniors majoring in the natural sciences, engineering, and mathematics, and who are intending to make a career in these fields. The purpose of the Goldwater Foundation is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in these fields. Each year, the Foundation awards up to 300 scholarships, and each scholarship covers eligible expenses for undergraduate tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of $7,500 annually. Students may apply twice.

Eligibility: Undergraduate Study (apply your sophomore or junior year)
Duration: One or two years
More Information: Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Scholarship Foundation
Citizenship Criteria: U.S. Citizen or permanent resident, or a U.S. national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Deadline: Typically January

Truman Scholarships — Individual Leadership

The Truman Scholarship provides graduate study funding to 60 to 65 juniors intending to pursue graduate degrees in public service fields. The scholarship targets future “change agents” that will work to improve the ways that government agencies, nonprofit organizations, or educational institutions serve the public. Successful applicants must be willing to work in public service for three of the first seven
years after completion of a Truman Foundation-funded graduate degree. Students must have a strong record of leadership and public service and must have extensive participation in two or more of the following sets of activities: Student government or campus-based extracurricular activities; community-service not organized by the university or a student organization; government internships, commissions or boards, advocacy, or interest groups or military/ROTC; or partisan political activities and campaigns.

Eligibility: Graduate Study (apply your junior year)
Duration: One or two years
More Information: Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation
Citizenship Criteria: U.S. Citizen or a U.S. national from a Pacific Island
Minimum GPA: Top quarter of graduating class
Deadline: Typically early February

Rhodes Scholarships — Postgraduate Study at Oxford University

The Rhodes Scholarship is awarded to 32 American students for graduate study at Oxford University. There is no specific field or discipline requirement. The Rhodes are looking for students who combine intellectual distinction, with a series of personal qualification, involving energy, trustworthiness, and leadership potential. Students typically apply for this scholarship in the early Autumn of their senior year. United States Rhodes Scholarships are limited to American citizens, but Rhodes are offered in twenty other jurisdictions, outside of the United States, including Canada.

Eligibility: Graduate Study (apply your senior year)
Duration: One or two years
More Information: The American Rhodes Scholarship
Citizenship Criteria: U.S. Citizen
Deadline: Typically early October

Fulbright Scholarships — International Education

The United States Fulbright Program is designed to offer financial support for students who seek to enter fields of study abroad, with a goal of promoting mutual cultural understandings. This is an excellent opportunity for students with an interest in a foreign nation, culture or language to achieve financial support. Students may apply for a research grant, an English Teaching Assistantship, or may apply for a grant to offset the cost of matriculating at a foreign university. Students usually apply for a Fulbright in the early autumn of their senior year, or as a graduate student. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Eligibility: Graduate Study (apply your senior year or as a graduate student)
Duration: One year
More Information: Fulbright Program
Citizenship Criteria: U.S. Citizen
Deadline: Typically early October

The Archer Center Internships — Washington D.C.
Semester

The Bill Archer Fellowship was established by The University of Texas System in conjunction with Former U.S. Representative Bill Archer as a way to bring highly motivated and accomplished students to Washington, D.C. to participate in varied internships and take part in classes focusing on policy, economics, and persuasion. Our students work with places such as the United Nations Information Centre, the U.S. Department of State, many offices within the White House and on the Hill, with federal agencies, and with non-profit organizations. Our selection process is rigorous, and we are afforded the opportunity to bring only the best representatives from throughout Texas.

Eligibility: Junior or Senior
Duration: One semester
More Information: The Archer Center
Citizenship Criteria: None
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Deadline: Typically mid February

Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes — Language Study Abroad

Sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, the Critical Language Scholarships Program was launched in 2006. The program includes training in the following Critical Languages: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish and Urdu. This is a great opportunity to spend a summer immersing yourself in a foreign language and culture.

Eligibility: Must complete one year of course-work before program start date
Duration: One summer
More Information: CLS Program
Citizenship Criteria: U.S. Citizens
Deadline: Typically November

Mitchell Scholarship — Postgraduate Study in Ireland

The Mitchell Scholars Program is designed to introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland, while recognizing and fostering intellectual achievement, leadership, and a commitment to community and public service. Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars between the ages of 18 and 30 are chosen annually for one year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Applicants are judged on three criteria: scholarship, leadership, and a sustained commitment to community and public service. The Mitchell Scholars Program provides tuition, accommodations, a living expenses stipend, and an international travel stipend. Deadline typically in early October.
Eligibility: Postgraduate study (apply your senior year)
Duration: One year
More Information: Mitchell Scholars Program
Citizenship Criteria: U.S. Citizen
Deadline: Typically early October

Other Important Scholarships

- Gates Cambridge Scholarships
- Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowships
- James Madison Fellowships
- Morris Udall Undergraduate Scholarships
- Rotary Grants
- Soros Fellowships for New Americans
- NSEP Boren Scholarships