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Fellowships 101

Scholar Development and Fellowships Advising

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Fellowships 101

This session provides an overview of:

- **What fellowships are**
- **Why you should apply**
- **What they are looking for (general criteria)**
- **How to gain experience**
- **A few highlighted fellowships**
- **Where to explore other opportunities in more depth**
- **When and how to apply**
- **Recipient profiles**
- **Interest Survey**

What are fellowships?

- “Fellowship” is a broad term that covers a wide range of funded experiences, like:
 - Study abroad
 - Language study
 - Research
 - Post-undergraduate studies abroad and/or in the U.S.
 - Teaching English abroad
 - Public or federal service
 - Tuition expense
- Some people make a distinction between scholarships (for undergraduates) and fellowships (for graduate students), but most do not.

Why Apply for Fellowships? (Hint: It's not just about the money)



"It's given me content and ideas which I've drawn on in other applications. I learned how to briefly articulate my accomplishments, skills, and personality in a way that is approachable."



"Fellowship writing is a different type of writing that I wasn't used to before applying for the Fulbright and Marshall. More than anything, **I've learned about conciseness and precision while writing.**"



"I critically examined my passions and future plans, and repeatedly asked myself why I wanted to pursue certain paths over others. **This process helped me self-reflect and taught me more about myself and my abilities than I could have imagined.**"



"Formulating an answer to the question, "what do you want to do in the future?" or "what have you done to prepare you for your future?" forces you to really reflect and understand what has led you to this point. **Regardless of the outcome, I gained confidence in knowing that I could make a decision even if it would change in the future.**"

Why Apply for Fellowships? (Hint: It's not just about the money)

Not sure what your future path is? Applying for fellowships forces you to think about this!



Motivates you to reflect on and articulate your own academic and career path.



Encourages you to develop and maintain relationships with professors and others in your field.



Pushes you to learn more about the issues/country/field you're interested in. If you are selected for the fellowship, it's a great opportunity to enhance your skills and explore your interests to help prepare you for your future career.



Connects you with like-minded Temple students during the application process. If you are selected, then you become part of a national or international network of fellowship recipients and alumni who may open doors.



Helps you to write and speak more concisely and precisely.

What Are They Looking for?

Individual fellowships have different criteria. For some, you can't even apply unless you have a minimum 3.7 GPA. For others, your leadership and service are much more important. What follows are broad criteria:



Academic excellence: This is more than GPA. Show your intellectual curiosity.



Leadership: Initiate, implement, influence, inform. Show that you have “brought others along” with you to make a change or fill a gap. It’s not about your title—it’s about **tangible outcomes**.



Community engagement: Make a difference in your community, **on and off campus**.



Big goals: How are you going to make the world or your community a better place?



And a plan to make it happen: Connect the dots from your studies, activities, and accomplishments to your future goals.

How to Gain Experience

Click on the highlighted links, and then come back to this slide to continue!

Besides GPA, scholarships are looking for passion and dedication to a field/discipline as well as intellectual curiosity.

Take upper-level courses outside your home school:

- Study your main academic interest from a variety of perspectives, and/or...
- Show your ability to excel across disciplines

Seek opportunities to conduct research:

- [Diamond Research Scholars Program](#)
- [Creative Arts, Research, and Scholarship \(CARAS\) Program](#)
- [Leadership Alliance](#)
- [NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates \(REU\)](#)

Check out the Undergraduate Research and Teaching list on our [Find a Fellowship](#) pages.

Teach or tutor:

- [Diamond Peer Teacher Program](#)
- [Student Success Center](#) (Writing Tutors, Conversation Partners, etc.)
- [Nationalities Service Center](#)
- [Mighty Writers](#)
- [Garces Foundation \(English for Everyday Living\)](#)

Check out our [Gain Experience](#) page.

How to Gain Experience: Smith Future Scholars Program

The Smith Future Scholars program offers awards of \$8,000-10,000 per year to support high-achieving Temple University undergraduates from the five-county Philadelphia area and from the City of Camden, N.J.

The goal of the Smith Future Scholars program is to identify and support talented Temple undergraduates who have faced financial challenges and other obstacles. (You must receive federal financial aid to be eligible.)

The program offers one-on-one fellowship advising, application/personal statement guidance, and support to apply for other meaningful scholarship, fellowship, or research opportunities.

Smith Future Scholars become part of a cohort of about 20 other Temple students.

Apply as a freshman or sophomore. Deadline typically in mid-May.

Learn more on the [Smith Future Scholars page](#).

But...you also want to find the *right fit*

Most funding organizations have a stated mission or goal for the fellowship. Your candidacy is as much about your record as it is about the “fit.”
(Ask yourself how well your goals and trajectory align with the organization’s.)

For example, the Goldwater scholarship is looking for students who intend to pursue careers in STEM research. If your goal is to become a physician, you can’t pretend to want a career in research. This wouldn’t be a good fit.

Highlighted Fellowships

- On the following slides, we highlight a few of the **major national fellowships** that Temple students/alumni apply for regularly (and win!).
- **Campus deadlines:** Some fellowships list a campus deadline, which is often months in advance of the national deadline. This means that the fellowship requires ***nomination*** or ***evaluation*** from Temple to apply.
- If you see a scholarship that interests you, click on the link and then come back to explore other opportunities!

Highlighted Awards for Sophs and Juniors

Goldwater Scholarship (campus deadline November 15)

- For undergraduates pursuing a career in STEM research
- Sophomores or juniors in STEM
- Must have a 3.0 GPA, but most nominees have a 3.7 or above; past/current research experience expected
- Up to \$7,500 annually

Truman Scholarship (campus deadline November 15)

- For juniors planning a career in public service; “change agent”
- Meaningful record of public service and leadership expected
- Up to \$30,000 toward a master’s degree

Udall Scholarship (campus deadline January 20)

- For undergraduates pursuing a career related to the environment or Native American policy
- Sophomores or juniors, any discipline
- Record of service and leadership related to the environment or Native American issues
- Up to \$7,000

Highlighted Awards for Sophs and Juniors

- **Boren Awards (campus deadline January 20)**
 - For the intensive study of a critical language and culture abroad (the longer abroad, the more competitive you will be)
 - Ideal for students who intend a career in federal service, ideally national security (service requirement)
 - Special STEM initiative for summer study
 - Up to \$25,000 for an academic year
- **St. Andrew's Society Scholarship (campus deadline February 1)**
 - \$25,000 to study for an academic year at one of four Scottish universities
 - Apply as a sophomore
 - Must be in top 25% of your class (our recipients tend to have over a 3.6)

Highlighted Awards for Sophs and Juniors

- [Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute \(Deadline: Early November. In 2021: November 1\)](#)
 - Fully funded intensive 7-week summer program that focuses on policy
 - Apply as a junior; preference given to underrepresented populations and those with financial need
 - Provides an additional \$5000 *minimum* for a grad program within the PPIA consortium of 30 universities
- [Fulbright UK Summer Institute \(Deadline: Early February\)](#)
 - 3-4 week summer study at selected UK universities
 - Apply as a freshman or sophomore; students *without* prior study abroad experience are preferred
 - Minimum 3.7 GPA required

Highlighted Awards for Seniors and Recent Grads

Not a senior yet? Pay attention to these opportunities, and think about what you can do now to prepare to apply as a senior year or recent alum.

[Fulbright US Student Program](#) (Campus deadlines typically in August and September)

- A year abroad post-undergraduate to carry out independent research/creative projects, study at the graduate level, or teach English. About 2,000 fellowships granted every year!
- Apply as a senior, recent grad, or graduate student. US citizenship required.
- We hold Fulbright Week every March to promote the next application cycle.
- Temple has been named a “Fulbright Top Producing Institution” twice in the past three years. It’s more accessible than you might think!

UK/Ireland Awards: [Rhodes](#), [Marshall](#), [Mitchell](#), [Gates](#) (Campus deadline May 15)

- Funds a graduate degree at different universities in the UK/Ireland.
- Evidence of outstanding academic performance and significant leadership/service on and off campus in just about any field.
- Apply as a senior or recent grad (US citizenship not needed for the Gates, and some Rhodes).

Highlighted Awards for Seniors and Recent Grads

[Knight-Hennessy](#) (Campus deadline May 15)

- Funds a graduate degree at Stanford University in California
- Evidence of outstanding academic performance and significant leadership/service in any field.
- Apply as a senior or recent grad. US citizenship not required.

[NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) (Deadlines typically in mid- to late October)

- Funding for research-based MA/PhD in STEM field
- Apply at the point of application to grad school OR as a first- or second-year grad student. US citizenship required.
- \$44,000/year for up to 3 years

Highlighted Award for Any Level

Critical Language Scholarship (Deadline typically in November. This year: November 16, 2021)

- Intensive study of a critical language for 10 weeks abroad during the summer
- Apply as freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or current graduate student. US citizenship required.



Where to Explore Other Opportunities

There are many more fellowships than the ones we highlighted. Explore by location or category, and then return to these slides.

Check out our [Find a Fellowship](#) page

Browse by categories like: STEM, Diversity, Public/Federal Service, Teaching Abroad, etc., or by destination (Temple, US, Abroad)

When and How to Apply: Application Timelines

- **Previous academic year/semester**
 - Gain experience in the area you're looking into
 - Create a network
 - Connect with professors & potential letter writers
 - Meet with us to discuss, especially if you're interested in a fellowship that requires campus nomination
- **Two to six months before deadline**
 - Meet with us (again) to discuss your candidacy
 - Begin drafting your application material
 - Contact potential letter writers about your interest in the fellowship
 - How far in advance you start your application depends on the fellowship
- **One to two months before deadline**
 - Request letters of reference; if you already asked them, then send them helpful information (see link below)
 - Work on your drafts and seek feedback from professors and/or us
- **Two weeks before deadline**
 - Distribute a (new) draft of your application materials to your letter writers and remind them of deadline
 - Meet with us to review close to final drafts
 - Request academic transcript (if necessary)
- **Week before deadline**
 - Seek feedback on final drafts/make adjustments
- **Day before deadline**
 - Submit your complete application

Not sure how to ask for a letter of reference? Check out our [advice here](#)

When and How to Apply: Letters of Recommendation

Most competitive scholarships and fellowships require a minimum of two letters, most require three or four, and one (Rhodes), five to eight. These letters should be detailed, which means the letter writers must know you *well*.

Who you ask to write a letter depends on the fellowship. In some cases, references will be all academic/research-based (Goldwater). In others, you might need a “leadership” letter (Truman, Rhodes, Marshall), or a recommendation from someone who has seen you teach (Fulbright ETA). In no case can it be a family member, family friend, or peer.

What can you do between now and your senior year to ensure you have at least three or four strong references?

Visit office hours. Don't have a question from class? Ask your professors about their research, or about their own career trajectory. If you're interested in doing research, be sure to let them know.

International Students

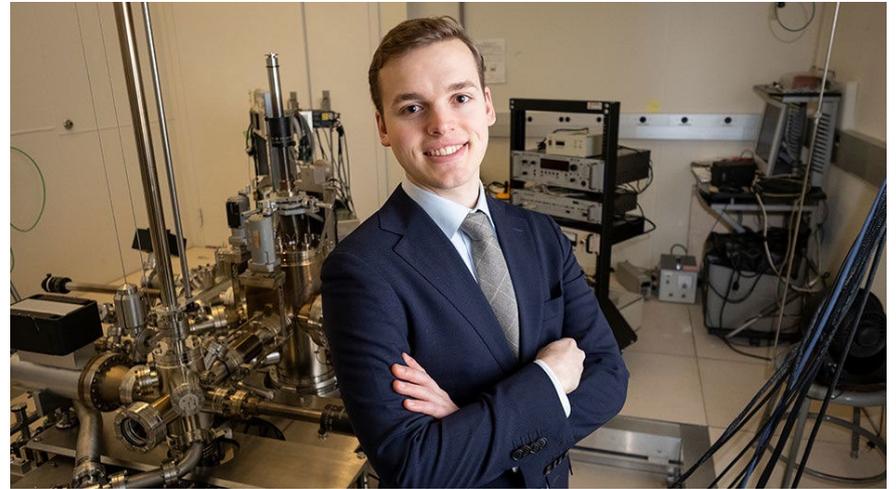
- Most federal funding (Fulbright, NSF, Boren, CLS, etc.) will require US citizenship
- Post-undergraduate opportunities that do not require US citizenship include the Gates, Schwarzman, Knight-Hennessy. The Rhodes has some awards reserved specifically for US citizens, and others for non-US citizens.
- On our [Find a Fellowship “Browse by category”](#) page, additional opportunities that do not require US citizenship have an asterisk by their name.
- Most Temple opportunities (like Diamond Research Scholars or Diamond Peer Teachers) will not require US citizenship.
- Private companies and professional associations are the most likely source of funding without citizenship restrictions
- Be sure to search using [Pivot](#)
- Check with local cultural associations
- Check with your country’s embassy
- Look at the [IEFA](#) or [Scholarships.com](#) websites

Meet a Few of our Recipients

Hazim Hardeman, Klein '17, Rhodes Scholar. [Read more.](#)



Marcus Forst, CST '19, Knight-Hennessy Scholar, Goldwater Scholar. [Read more.](#)



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Leah Deflitch, CST '21, Goldwater Scholar, Diamond Research Scholar. [Read more.](#)



Temple Reaches Top 25 Fulbright Ranking. [Read more.](#) Photo of Xavier Burke, CLA '16, on his Fulbright ETA in Brazil.



Meet a Few of our Recipients

Coral Zayas-Colón, CLA '25, PhD candidate in Spanish, Critical Language Scholarship for Portuguese. [Read more.](#)



Alexander Voisine, CLA '18, Gates Cambridge recipient, Fulbright recipient to Mexico for graduate degree at UNAM. [Read more.](#)



Interest Survey

Take the survey even if you're watching a recording or viewing the slides on your own!

Are you interested in any of the opportunities you learned about today? If so, take this [brief survey](#) that asks you to identify your specific interests. Why?

- We'll be able to follow up with you if there are fellowship-specific information sessions.
- We notify you of other helpful information, like when the application opens, or the deadline is approaching.
- The survey is not binding! If you decide not to apply, there are no repercussions.
- URL: <https://forms.office.com/r/B6BwPqmx2w>

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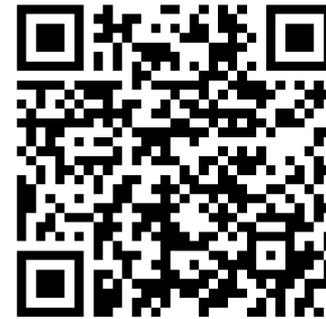
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Search for “Suitable” on the app store of your iOS or Android phone.

Download the app and log in with your Temple accessnet email and password.

Scan this QR code to earn points towards the **New Student Badge**.



Activity: **Attend an information session about undergraduate research/applying for national fellowships**

Questions? Follow-up?

- **General questions**
- feladv@temple.edu or barbara.gorka@temple.edu
- 215-204-0708
- **One-on-one Advising** (for specific scholarships and personal statement review)
 - Can be scheduled through [Handshake](#)
- [Fellowships e-newsletter](#)
- [LinkedIn Fellowships Advising Group](#)
- [Fellowships Advising on Instagram](#)