



# *Gateway Fellowships for First-Years, Sophomores and Juniors*

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# Gateway Fellowships

**This session provides an overview of:**

- **What this session is, and what it is not**
- **Gateway fellowships abroad**
- **Gateway fellowships in the US**
- **Gateway opportunities at Temple**
- **Next steps**
- **Future fellowships**
- **Q&A**

We'll be sharing a survey at the end of the session where you can indicate your interest in specific fellowships. Write down their names as we proceed. If you leave early, be sure to email these interests to  
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# What are fellowships?

- “Fellowship” is a broad term that covers a wide range of funded experiences. In general, they are opportunities intended to **enhance** your academic and/or your career trajectory. In most cases, they are NOT intended to pay your home-school tuition (with some exceptions), but they all offer funding. Examples:
  - 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.

# What do you mean by “Gateway Fellowships”?

- There are many experiences you can pursue as an undergraduate that will enhance your classroom education and help to prepare you for your career, like:
  - Internships
  - Research
  - Study Abroad
  - Community Service
- Many of the fellowships we’ll discuss today fund these experiences
- In this sense, these fellowships are gateways to your future. They help to prepare you for what comes next (after graduation), whether that’s graduate school, another fellowship, or your career (or all three!).

# Why so early? I'm a first-year student!

## It's all about long-term planning

- **Deadlines are often six months to a year in advance.** We are doing outreach in spring 2024 for students who will apply to fellowships in the fall 2024, for funding that will begin in summer or fall 2025!
- **Build on your experiences**
  - **Example Student 1. First year:** Begins to learn Chinese. **Sophomore year:** Applies for and wins the Critical Language Scholarship to study Mandarin in Taiwan in the summer. **Junior year:** Volunteers at the Nationalities Service Center, teaching ESL to immigrants and refugees. **Senior year:** Applies for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Taiwan
  - **Example Student 2: Sophomore year:** Applies for CST's Research Scholars Program. **Junior year:** Applies for NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates for summer research. **Senior year:** Applies for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program and graduate school
- If these students came to us as seniors, it would be too late for us to advise them on things they could have done as undergraduates

# Gateway Fellowships Abroad

What do you mean by a “campus deadline”?

- [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 (there is a service requirement)
  - Special STEM initiative for summer study
  - Up to \$25,000 for an academic year
  - Gateway to: [Critical Language Scholarship](#), [Fulbright](#), [Payne/Pickering/Rangel](#), careers in federal service
- [St. Andrew’s Society Scholarship \(campus deadline February 1\)](#)
  - \$35,000 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)
  - Gateway to: [Fulbright](#), [UK awards](#), graduate school

# Gateway Fellowships Abroad

## 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 experience abroad are preferred
- Minimum 3.7 GPA required
- Gateway to: Fulbright, UK awards

## Fulbright Canada MITACS Globalink Summer Research (Deadline: Mid-September)

- Summer research in Canada, paired with a university researcher
- Junior applicants with strong GPAs preferred
- Must be able to articulate a research interest
- Gateway to: Fulbright, McCall MacBain (for grad study in Canada), grad school, UK awards

# Gateway Fellowships Abroad

## Critical Language Scholarship (Deadline typically in November)

- Intensive fully-funded study of a critical language for 8-10 weeks abroad during the summer
- Apply as freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or current graduate student. No GPA requirement. US citizenship required.
- Languages that do not require prior study: Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesia, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu
- Languages that require one year of prior study, or the equivalent: Arabic, Korean, Russian
- Languages that require two years of prior study, or the equivalent: Chinese, Japanese





# Gateway Fellowships Abroad

**Gilman** (two deadlines per year—usually in October and March)

- Enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad
- Encourages students to study and intern in a diverse array of countries or areas and world regions
- Priority given to populations underrepresented in education abroad, including but not limited to first-generation college students, students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields, ethnic minority students, students with disabilities, students with high financial need, and veterans
- Must receive a Pell grant to be eligible
- Gateway to: Fulbright, CLS, Boren, your future career





# Gateway Fellowships in the U.S.

## 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 AND current research experience expected
- Up to \$7,500 annually
- Gateway to: [NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#), Research-based STEM graduate programs, Knight-Hennessy



Remember that when we say “sophomore” or “junior,” we’re referring to your status at the time of application, not today.



# Gateway Fellowships in the U.S.

## 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
- Gateway to: [UK awards](#) (like the Rhodes, Marshall), High-impact public service careers

## 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
- Gateway to: High-impact careers in the environment or Native American policy; [UK awards](#)



# Gateway Fellowships in the U.S.

- [Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute \(Deadline: Early November \)](#)
  - 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
  - US citizens, permanent residents and DACA recipients are eligible at all institutes. International students are eligible for CMU, Princeton, and U Washington
  - Provides an additional \$5000 *minimum* for a grad program within the PPIA consortium of 30 universities
  - Gateway to: future careers in policy, graduate programs in public policy or related fields, other post-grad fellowships like the Fulbright, Payne, Pickering, Rangel



# Gateway Fellowships in the U.S.

## National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (Deadlines vary from November to February)

- Summer research funded by NSF in labs across the US and some abroad
- Mainly STEM-focused, but also some social sciences
- Gateway to: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Fulbright, graduate school



## Leadership Alliance Summer Research—Early Identification Program (Deadline: February 1)

- Summer research opportunities with faculty mentors at top universities across the US
- NOT JUST STEM! Humanities, social and behavioral sciences, life and physical sciences
- Students from underrepresented populations who are considering pursuing a PhD are particularly encouraged to apply
- Gateway to: Fulbright, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Fulbright, graduate school



# Gateway Fellowships at Temple University

## Diamond Research Scholars (Deadline early February)

- For mentored independent research: full-time during the summer, then as an independent study in the fall
- Be part of a cohort of about 20 other Temple students from a wide range of majors. Meet monthly during the summer.
- Gateway to: Fulbright, UK awards, Knight-Hennessy, grad school

## Creative Arts, Research, and Scholarship program (CARAS. Deadline October for spring projects; March for summer and fall projects)

- For mentored independent research. You determine your schedule.
- Not part of a cohort
- Gateway to: Fulbright, UK awards, Knight-Hennessy, grad school

## Diamond Peer Teachers (Deadline for spring teaching is late September; deadline for fall teaching is March)

- Be a peer teacher (like a teaching assistant) for an intro-level course in your major or a Gen Ed course
- Juniors and seniors are eligible to apply in this cycle (so, current sophs can apply in next cycle)
- Gateway to: Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, grad school where you might be a TA, any career where you'll have to speak in public

These Temple opportunities do not restrict by citizenship

# Gateway Fellowships at Temple University

## Smith Scholars program (Deadline mid-March)

- Offers awards of \$8,000-10,000 per year to support high-achieving Temple University undergraduates (US citizens and permanent residents) from the five-county Philadelphia area and from the City of Camden, N.J.
- The goal of the Smith Scholars program is to identify and support talented Temple undergraduates who have faced financial challenges and other obstacles. (You must receive federal financial aid and have high need to be eligible.)
- The program offers one-on-one and small-group fellowship advising, application/personal statement guidance, and support to apply for other meaningful scholarship, fellowship, or research opportunities.
- Apply as a freshman or sophomore.
- Gateway to: A wide range of future fellowships, grad school, your career

# Where to Explore Other Opportunities

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)



# Which Fellowships Interest You?

Take our [Gateway Fellowships Interest Survey](#)



Or Email your interests to  
Barbara.Gorka@temple.edu

By completing the survey, we will send you occasional updates about applications, deadlines or info sessions

# Next Steps

- Take the Interest Survey or email [Barbara.Gorka@temple.edu](mailto:Barbara.Gorka@temple.edu) to let her know which scholarship(s) you are interested in.
- Review the websites of the fellowships you are interested in. Note the deadlines. Ensure your eligibility.
- Make an appointment with Fellowships Advising to discuss your options and your plan. Think about how to [gain experience](#).
  - NOTE: If you are interested in a fellowship with an early fall deadline, be sure to meet with us by July. Don't wait until September.
- Do you have people who could write letters of recommendation for you?
  - Cultivate and maintain relationships with your professors, advisors, and supervisors
  - Advice for [asking for letters of recommendation](#)
  - Advice to [share with your letter writers](#)
- Explore potential future fellowships (next slides) and start “connecting the dots”

# Future Post-Undergraduate Fellowships

## [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.
- Apply as a senior, recent grad, or graduate student. US citizenship required.
- We hold Fulbright Week every Spring to promote the next application cycle.
- Temple has been named a “Fulbright Top Producing Institution” four times in recent years. It’s more accessible than you might think! Want to learn more to plan ahead?
  - Wednesday, March 20, 4-5:00 [Register here](#)
  - Friday, March 22, 12-1:00 [Register here](#)

## UK/Ireland Awards: [Rhodes](#), [Marshall](#), [Gates](#) (Campus deadline mid- to late May)

- 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 any field.
- Apply as a senior or recent grad (US citizenship not needed for the Gates, and some Rhodes).

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# Future Post-Undergraduate Fellowships

## [Knight-Hennessy](#) (Campus deadline typically in May)

- 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.
- \$37,000 stipend plus \$16,000 tuition benefit for up to 3 years
- **Interested? Attend our GRFP info session:**
  - Thursday, March 21, 4-5:00 PM [Register here](#).

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# Future Post-Undergraduate Fellowships

## Pickering Foreign Affairs

- \$37,500 annually for a two-year master's degree in a field relevant to work in the Foreign Service. Recipients must work as a foreign service officer with the Department of State for minimum five years following graduate study.
- **Deadline: Mid-September**

## Rangel International Affairs

- \$35,000 annually toward completion of an MA related to international affairs and summer internships. Minimum five years of service as a Foreign Service Officer required upon completion of MA. (**There is also a summer option for undergraduates.**)
- **Deadline: Mid-September**

## Payne International Development

- Up to \$45,000 annually for an MA related to international development and related summer internships. Winners are required to complete minimum three years of service as a USAID Foreign Service Officer upon completion of MA.
- **Deadline: Late October**

# 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

# Questions? Follow-up?

- **General questions**
- [feladv@temple.edu](mailto:feladv@temple.edu) or [barbara.gorka@temple.edu](mailto: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](#)

