Post-Undergraduate Fellowships

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Post-Undergraduate Fellowships

This session provides an overview of:

• Post-undergraduate fellowships to:
  • Pursue graduate study abroad (and a few opportunities here in the US)
  • Conduct research abroad
  • Pursue service/work opportunities in the US and abroad
  • Pursue language study abroad

• Next Steps
• Q&A
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 do 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

Some people make a distinction between scholarships (for undergraduates) and fellowships (for graduate students), but most do not.
A note about timelines

- Fellowship application deadlines are often a year (or even a little more) in advance of the funded period.
- It’s not uncommon for second-semester juniors to begin brainstorming their applications for a post-undergraduate fellowship.
- Recent alumni are eligible for many of the opportunities here. Each fellowship dictates what ‘recent’ means (it could be one year, it could be six).
- The deadlines presented here are general. Check the individual fellowship websites for exact deadlines.
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 (very flexible!), or graduate student. US citizenship required.

• Temple has been named a “Fulbright Top Producing Institution” four times. It’s more accessible than you might think! There are about 2,000 awards annually. Read about last year’s cohort.

• Check our Events page to see if there is an upcoming information session.
Fellowships for Graduate Study Abroad

- UK/Ireland Awards: Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Gates (Campus nomination deadline typically in 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 (rising) senior or recent grad (US citizenship not needed for the Gates, and some Rhodes). 3.7 minimum GPA required for Rhodes and Marshall, and expected (not required) for the Mitchell and Gates.
- Interested? Meet with Barbara Gorka in Fellowships Advising to discuss next steps.

The Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell require applicants to be nominated by their home university, so the deadline is well in advance of the national deadlines.
McCall MacBain (Campus nomination deadline: Typically mid-August)

- For a master’s or professional degree at McGill University in Canada. This is NOT for a PhD.
- Covers tuition and fees for the full normal duration of the master’s or professional program, a living stipend of $2,000 CAD per month during academic terms, and a relocation grant for moving to Montréal.
- **There are no citizenship restrictions** or GPA requirements, although you must meet the admissions criteria for your preferred graduate program(s) at McGill.
- Selection based on leadership potential, community engagement, entrepreneurial spirit, character, and academic excellence.
- This is a newish opportunity (sometimes there are fewer applicants in the early years of a fellowship)
Fellowships for Graduate Study Abroad

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master’s Scholarships (Deadlines fall between October and January)

- Interdisciplinary master’s degrees that take place in three countries (typically two in the EU and third in a “partner” country)
- Scholarships cover the cost of a student’s participation in the program, travel and a living allowance
- Many require proficiency in one or two other languages
- No restrictions on citizenship
- Strong candidates are able to articulate research experience and interests that relate to the topic/theme of the joint master’s program
- Most consortia require applications to be submitted between October and January for courses starting the following academic year. Students should contact the relevant consortium directly for information on courses, application procedures and scholarships availability. Here is their catalogue of programs.
Fellowships for Graduate Study Abroad

**DAAD Graduate Study Scholarships** (Deadline typically in early November)
- For a master’s degree at any [German university](#)
- Can apply as a US or Canadian citizen, OR, as an international citizen who attends a US or Canadian university
- Germany offers many master’s degrees taught in English. Filter your search [here](#).
- Covers a monthly stipend, health insurance and travel expenses, but not tuition. NOTE: German university tuition is ridiculously low, so this should not present a huge hurdle.
- Having a strong rationale for pursuing your degree in Germany at your proposed host university is key to presenting a competitive application

**Schwarzman Scholarship** (Deadline in September for US and Global applicants; May for those with a Chinese passport)
- A fully-funded, one-year master’s degree and leadership program at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.
- The core curriculum focuses on China's role in the global economy and global affairs. Scholars develop leadership skills in their respective fields through core and elective courses, workshops, coaching, mentorship and exposure to high-level industry experts.
- They seek candidates who demonstrate academic excellence, exceptional results in their field and outstanding leadership qualities
- No citizenship restrictions. Classes taught in English. No prior study of Chinese needed.
Fellowships for Graduate Study in the U.S.

**Knight-Hennessy** (Campus nomination deadline typically in late May, if you are seeking *optional* nomination)

- Funds a graduate degree at Stanford University in California
- Evidence of outstanding academic performance and significant leadership/service in any field.
- Apply as a (rising) senior or recent grad. US citizenship not required.
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**Fellowships for Graduate Study in the U.S.**

**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program** *(Deadlines typically in mid- to late October)*

- Funding for research-based MA/PhD in STEM field, and some social sciences
  - To be competitive, you need to intend to pursue a PhD, but you can apply while in a Temple “+1” program if you plan to continue on for your PhD
- 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.
- About 2,000 awards annually!
Fellowships for Graduate Study in the U.S.

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

- Honors the contributions of immigrants and children of immigrants to the United States. The program selects 30 New Americans—immigrants and children of immigrants—who are poised to make significant contributions to US society, culture or their academic field.
- Funds full-time graduate degrees in the United States. Each Fellow receives up to $90,000 in financial support over two years.
- Competitive applicants should be applying to top universities in their field.
- Must be an immigrant or a child of immigrants. Must be under 30 years old.
Fellowships for Graduate Study in the U.S.

**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-early November**
Fellowships for Language Study Abroad

**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)
- Boren Scholarships (for undergraduates) and Boren Fellowships (for graduate students). For the fellowship, apply for the Boren once you are in grad school, OR, as you are applying to grad school.
  - The Boren Fellowship is very similar to the Fulbright in that it allows you to design your own research project, as long as you will also be studying a critical language
- Up to $25,000 for an academic year
- US citizenship required
Fellowships for Language Study 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
Fellowships for Work Experience Abroad

**Luce Scholars** *(Deadline typically in mid-October)*

- Offers early-career leaders immersive, professional experiences in Asia
- Provides stipends, language training, and individualized professional placement in Asia for 18 Luce Scholars each year
- College seniors, graduate students, and young professionals in a variety of fields, with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, are eligible to apply
- Open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents
- Prior study of an Asian language or Asian Studies NOT required (in fact, they prefer applicants with minimal prior exposure to an Asian language or Asian Studies)
Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for Young Professionals (Deadline typically very early November)

- Funded by the German Bundestag and U.S. Department of State, CBYX provides 75 American and 75 German young professionals, between the ages of 18½–24, the opportunity to spend one year in each other’s countries, studying, interning, and living with hosts on a cultural immersion program.
- The program consists of:
  - Two months of intensive German language training
  - One semester of classes in one’s academic or career field at a university, technical or professional school
  - Three to five month internship in one’s career field
- CBYX is open to candidates in all career fields.
- Applicants should also have a strong interest in Germany and world affairs. Prior German language knowledge is not required, but is preferred.
Fellowships for Work Experience Abroad

Princeton in Africa (PiAf), Princeton in Asia (PiA), and Princeton in Latin America (PiLA) Deadlines vary from late October to early November

- 12-month positions in host-country partner organizations
- Your skills and experience must be a good fit for their partner organizations’ needs.
- The emphasis of these fellowships is cultural immersion and contributing to your community. They are looking for Fellows who are flexible, open, and resilient, and who seek a transformative experience, want to contribute to their host organization, and want to facilitate cultural exchange through relationship building.
- Applicants are typically seniors or recent alumni
- Does not cover the cost of your air transportation. Monthly stipend is modest.
Fellowships for Work Experience Abroad

Teaching English Abroad

- Austria: [US Teaching Assistantships in Austria](#)
- Chile: [English Open Doors – Chile](#) (NOTE: monthly stipend is very low)
- China: [Teach for China](#)
- France: [Teaching Assistantship Program in France](#)
- Georgia: [Teach and Learn in Georgia](#)
- Hong Kong: [Hong Kong Native-speaking English Teacher (NET) Scheme](#)
- Japan: [Japan Exchange & Teaching Program for US Citizens (JET)](#)
- Multi-country: [Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship](#)
- Multi-country: [CIEE Teach English Abroad](#) (this is not a government-supported program, but some Temple alumni have worked with them)
- South Korea: [English Program in Korea (EPIK)](#)
- Spain: [North American Language & Culture Assistants in Spain](#) (other programs that Temple alumni have participated on include Meddeas and Beda)
- Thailand: [Teach Thailand Corps (TTC)](#)
Fellowships for Work Experience in the U.S.

Social Impact Service Fellowships

- Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Fellowship (Washington, DC)
- City Hall Fellows (San Francisco)
- Coro Fellows (Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, St. Louis)
- Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program (community-based organizations across the country as well as policy-focused organizations in Washington, D.C)
- FAO Schwarz Fellowships (direct service and special projects in Boston, NYC, and Philadelphia)
- The Greenlining Institute (San Francisco)
- International Leadership Foundation Civic Fellowship for Asian American and Pacific Islander students/alumni (Washington, DC)
- New Sector Alliance Summer Fellowship
- New York City Urban Fellows Program
- PHENND Fellows (Philadelphia)
- PULSE (Pittsburgh)
- Venture for America (at start-ups in many cities across the country)

Most applicants apply either as a senior or as a very recent graduate—eligibility requirements vary. Most deadlines fall between November and February. Check individual websites!
Fellowship for Short-term Study Abroad

**Humanity in Action** *(Deadline is typically in early January)*

- Three weeks in one European host city exploring issues of democracy, pluralism, human rights, and social justice. Each program is tailored to its location.
- For the next eleven months, HIA Fellows work on their Action Project in their home country: an independent venture focused on promoting democratic values in their own communities.
- Must be a current, full-time student in an accredited college or university located in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Poland, the Netherlands, Ukraine or the United States, OR, be a recent graduate of a university in one of these countries. (Recent graduate means within two years.)
- Recent host cities include: Copenhagen, Sarajevo, Warsaw, and Berlin, as well as virtual options
Where to Explore Other Opportunities

Check out our Find a Fellowship page

Browse by categories like: Other International Opportunities, For UK Graduate Study, Social Impact Fellowships
Next Steps

• **Now:** Review the websites of the fellowships you are interested in. Ensure your eligibility.

• **Email** [Barbara.Gorka@temple.edu](mailto:Barbara.Gorka@temple.edu) and let her know which fellowships you are interested in.

• **Spring into (early) summer:** Make an appointment with Fellowships Advising to brainstorm your plans and then your essay(s).

• **(Early/mid) Summer into fall:** Draft your essay(s) and meet with Fellowships Advising again to review them together. Even if nomination is not required, DON’T GO IT ALONE!

• **(Early/mid) Summer into fall:** Request letters from recommenders. Strive to give them AT LEAST two weeks, but ideally four.
  • Advice for [asking for letters of recommendation](#)
  • Advice to [share with your letter writers](#)

• **At least two weeks before deadline:** Collect other required supplementary materials, which will vary by application.
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**