



Career Center

OFFICE OF MERIT AWARDS

SERVICES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Our experienced advisors are eager to help you identify appropriate opportunities and compete for national merit-based scholarship and fellowship opportunities. These awards offer students and alumni the means to accomplish a variety of goals, including studying abroad, funding graduate education, and gaining research or high-level work experience.

Undergraduates should keep in mind that many scholarships are intended for use after graduation, and that eligibility may be restricted to sophomores, juniors, seniors and those with U.S. citizenship. High-performing second-year students or transfer students may be eligible to join our Early Identification Program.

ONLINE RESOURCES

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORY

Review detailed listings and pinpoint nationally competitive, merit-based scholarships that relate to your academic and professional aspirations.

OFFICE OF MERIT AWARDS WEBSITE

Find updates from our office and read about recent award recipients.

CANVAS SITES

Access advice and information about applying for specific scholarships and fellowships.
(Please email meritawards@american.edu to request access to Canvas sites)

MEET WITH AN ADVISOR

STEP 1: The first step in setting up a meeting with one of our advisors is to identify the specific award for which you are interested in applying. **Starting Your Search:** We recommend utilizing the resources above as a starting point in your search. We also encourage you to reach out to mentors and faculty/staff in your program of study to help determine a scholarship/fellowship program that best fits your goals and interests. Though OMA does not offer general advising appointments, we host a series of **drop-in hours** and **information sessions** throughout the academic year.

STEP 2: When you are ready to work with an advisor on a specific award application, please email meritawards@american.edu to schedule an appointment with one of our fellowship advisors. It is important to contact us well ahead of your application deadline, as many fellowships require at least a 3-month commitment to put together a competitive application.

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SELECT EVENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

borenawards.org

The Boren Undergraduate Scholarship supports study abroad for students pursuing the study of languages, cultures, and world regions that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East. All scholarship recipients are required to work for one year in a national security-related position with the Federal government, starting no later than 2 years after graduation.

Info Sessions

9/21/21 Boren Scholarship Information

Session 12:00-1:00pm EST

<https://iie-org.zoom.us/j/93689337681>

10/21/21 Boren Scholarship: Getting

Started 12:00-1:00pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/94279949921>

11/4/21 Workshop: Essay 1 (Framing Your National Security Argument)

12:45-2:15pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/91907520429>

11/9/21 Workshop: Essay 2 (How to Write About Your Motivations and Career Plans)

12:45-2:15pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/91907520429>

1/11/22 Boren Scholarship Roundtable

5:30-7:00pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/94279949921>

National Deadline: February 2, 2022, 5pm EST

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

clscholarship.org

The Critical Language Scholarship provides funding for beginning, intermediate, and/or advanced intensive overseas summer study of the following "critical need" languages: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu.

Info Sessions:

9/29/21 11:15am - 12:45pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/91907520429>

10/18/21 4:00-5:30pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/91907520429>

Writing Workshops:

10/26/21 12:45-2:15pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/95804330324>

11/4/21 4-5:30pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/92956989259>

National Deadline: November 16, 2021

FULBRIGHT GRANT

us.fulbrightonline.org

The Fulbright Program funds independent research, study, and English-language teaching assistantships for students and alumni in one of 140+ nations. Recipients receive a stipend, round-trip travel, and health insurance. The Office of Merit Awards works with applicants during the summer and early fall.

(*Interested applicants should begin looking into this process during the spring semester of their Junior year. October of Senior year is the earliest an undergraduate student can submit an application*)

Info. sessions for the 2023-2024 competition cycle:

3/15/22 Fulbright Kickoff

12:45-2:15pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/91907520429>

3/24/22 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grants

11:15am-12:45pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/94279949921>

3/29/22 Fulbright Research Grants

11:15am-12:45pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/91907520429>

4/7/22 Fulbright Special Topic Session

12:45-2:15pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/91907520429>

4/12/22 Fulbright Study Grants

12:45-2:15pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/91907520429>

4/19/22 Final Fulbright Session

4-5:30pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/s/91907520429>

First assignments due: June 2022

Campus deadline: Early September 2022

National deadline: Mid-October 2022

FULBRIGHT UK SUMMER INSTITUTES

fulbright.org.uk/going-to-the-uk/uk-summer-institutes

The US-UK Fulbright Commission offers special summer institutes for US citizens to go to the United Kingdom.

These summer programs provide the opportunity for undergraduates (with at least two years of undergraduate study left to complete) to go to the UK on a three to six-week academic program at a highly regarded UK university, explore the culture, heritage and history of the UK, and develop their academic ability by improving presentation, research, and communication skills.

National Deadline: Early February 2022 (TBD)

GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

gilmanscholarship.org

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship program offers grants to undergraduate students who have limited financial means to pursue academic studies or internships abroad. To be eligible, applicants must be Federal Pell Grant recipients.

Info Sessions:

9/9/21 12-1pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/93259534543>

2/2/22 3-4pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/93259534543>

Writing Workshop:

9/20/21 1-2pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/93259534543>

Drop-in Advising Sessions:

9/28/21 10am-12pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/95804330324>

10/4/21 12-2pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/95804330324>

Fall National Deadline: October 5, 2021, 11:59pm PST (for programs that start between December 1, 2021, to October 31, 2022)

Spring National Deadline: March 1, 2022, 11:59pm PST (for programs that start between May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023)

KILLAM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

fulbright.ca/programs/killam-fellowships

The Killam Fellowship Program provides an opportunity for U.S. undergraduate students to spend one semester studying in Canada.

A campus nomination is required for this award.

Info. Session

10/26/21 12:00-1:00pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/94279949921>

AU Campus Deadline: November 15, 2021 (11:59pm EST)

National Deadline: Late January 2022 (TBD)

PUBLIC POLICY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

ppiaprogram.org/ppia

The Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship Program (PPIA) is designed to prepare college juniors and rising seniors, primarily from historically unrepresented groups, for graduate studies in public and/or international affairs and for professional roles in public service. Fellows participate in a seven-week Junior Summer Institute (JSI) before their senior year, and receive funding for graduate school in public policy/ administration or international affairs. Some sites allow applications from international students.

Info Session

9/23/21 5:30-6:30pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/92956989259>

National Deadline: November 1, 2021

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION: RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES (NSF-REU)

nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu

The National Science Foundation (NSF) funds a large number of research opportunities through its Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Sites program. An REU Site consists of a group of undergraduates who work in the research programs of the host institution. Each student works on a specific research project with faculty and other researchers. Students are granted stipends and, in many cases, assistance with housing and travel. Candidates must have U.S. citizenship or permanent residency. An REU Site may be at either a US or foreign location.

Info Session

11/17/21 3:00-5:00pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/99679521061>

National Deadline: Varies by site/program - (Go to: https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp for a full list of REU sites)

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) ERNEST F. HOLLINGS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

noaa.gov/office-education/hollings-scholarship

The NOAA Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship is designed to provide undergraduate students with awards including academic assistance (up to \$9,500 per year) for two years of full-time study and a 10-week, full-time paid (\$700/week) internship at a NOAA facility during the summer. The internship provides the scholars with hands-on, practical experience in NOAA-related science, research, technology, policy, management, and education activities. Awards also include funds to attend a mandatory NOAA Scholarship Program orientation and the annual Science & Education Symposium, scientific conferences where students present their research, and a housing subsidy for the summer internship.

Info Session

11/10/21 6:00-7:00pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/99679521061>

National Deadline: TBD (likely early February 2022)

TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

truman.gov

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship is granted to US college juniors who demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to public service. Truman scholars receive financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowships with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service.

A campus nomination is required for this award.

Info Session

2/17/22 12:45-2:15pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/91907520429>

AU Campus Deadline (for nomination for the 2022-2023 competition cycle): March 21, 2022, 10am EST
National Deadline: February 2023 (for the 2022-2023 cycle)

UDALL SCHOLARSHIP

udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship

The Morris K. Udall Foundation awards scholarships to students committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native American health care. Nominated students must intend to pursue a career in tribal public policy or health care.

A campus nomination is required for this award.

Info Session

10/21/21 4:00-5:30pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/91907520429>

AU Campus Deadline: (for the 2022-2023 competition cycle): November 5, 2021 (10am EST)

National Deadline: TBD (likely early March 2022)

UK SCHOLARSHIPS (RHODES, MARSHALL, MITCHELL, AND FULBRIGHT UK)

The Office of Merit Awards works closely with a select number of students who are nominated each year by a staff and faculty committee to apply for scholarships that fund graduate study in the United Kingdom, including the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, and Fulbright UK scholarships. Recruitment for these scholarships begins in the spring, and students work on their applications throughout the summer and early fall to submit their applications in September or October, depending on the scholarship.

These awards require a campus nomination.

Info. Sessions:

2/7/22 1-2pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/93259534543>

2/9/22 11am-12pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/93259534543>

AU Campus Deadline (for 2022-2023 competition cycle): February 21, 2022 (10am EST) (National Deadlines will fall in September and October of 2022)

SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS

schwarzmanscholars.org

Anchored in an 11-month professional master's degree in Global Affairs at Beijing's prestigious Tsinghua University, the Schwarzman Scholars experience includes extensive leadership training, a network of senior mentors, practical training and internships, and travel seminars around China. The program is open to students and young professionals up to 28 years old of any citizenship who are proficient in English and have obtained an undergraduate degree. This award is unusually competitive, and candidates are generally identified through the process that we use to identify candidates for UK scholarships.

Info. Session:

2/15/22 4-5pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/93259534543>

National Deadline: September 21, 2021 for U.S. & global applicants

Applicants who hold passports from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao should apply between January 1st and May 20th, 2021. (*Permanent resident card holders: contact admissions@sc.tsinghua.edu.cn to verify your correct application portal.)

PRINCETON IN (AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA) SCHOLARSHIPS

Info Session

9/22/21 4:00-5:00pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/93259534543>

Writing Workshop

9/30/21 11am-12pm EST

<https://american.zoom.us/j/95804330324>

PRINCETON IN AFRICA (PiAf)

princetoninafrica.org

Founded in 1999, Princeton in Africa develops young leaders committed to Africa's advancement by offering yearlong fellowship opportunities with a variety of organizations that work across the African continent. Fellows have helped to improve education, healthcare, and living conditions; source fresh water; protect the environment; and rebuild following conflict and disasters. This program is open to graduating seniors and young alumni from any college or university accredited in the U.S.

National Deadline: October 27, 2021 (11:59pm EST)

PRINCETON IN ASIA (PiA)

piaweb.princeton.edu

Founded in 1898, Princeton in Asia (PiA) has been building bridges between the U.S. and Asia for over a century. The essence of PiA is to provide transformative, service-oriented experiences for bright, talented graduates and to serve the needs of Asia as determined by our host institutions and Asian partners. PiA arranges fellowships and internships with Asian host organizations that contribute to important global issues at the local level: education, public health, environmental sustainability, access to information/media, economic development and social justice. PiA sponsors over 150 fellowships and internships in 22 countries and regions.

National Deadline: November 1, 2021 (3:00pm EST)

PRINCETON IN LATIN AMERICA (PiLA)

pila-princeton.org

Princeton in Latin America (PiLA) partners with NGOs and multilateral organizations and places highly qualified recent college graduates in year-long service fellowships with nonprofit, public service, humanitarian, and government organizations in Latin American and the Caribbean. PiLA enhances the mission of its partners by building their capacity to constructively impact the communities they serve, addressing the social, economic, and political barriers to egalitarian community development.

Since 2003, PiLA has placed 360 fellows with partners in 20 countries throughout the region.

****Note: Princeton in Latin America will not be accepting applications in fall 2021.***

AIF BANYAN IMPACT FELLOWSHIP

aif.org/fellowship

The American India Foundation's (AIF's) Banyan Impact Fellowship is an interdisciplinary experiential learning program that places young professionals from India and the U.S. in service with development organizations in India. Through collaboration and capacity-building, Fellows and local communities exchange knowledge and skills to steer projects that advance social and economic development. Fellows learn about grassroots development and inclusive leadership.

National Deadline: May 31, 2021 (11:59pm EST)

FOREIGN SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

[Info. Session \(for Pickering, Rangel, and Payne Fellowships\):](#)

[2/22/22, 4:00-5:00pm EST](#)

<https://american.zoom.us/j/94279949921>

(THOMAS R.) PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP

pickeringfellowship.org

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship prepares students to enter the U.S. Department of State's Foreign Service. Fellows receive tuition, fees, and a stipend for two years of graduate study. In addition, the fellowship funds one domestic and one overseas internship with the US Department of State. Fellows enter directly into the Foreign Service upon graduation. This program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need.

National Deadline: September 22, 2021

(CHARLES B.) RANGEL GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

<https://rangelprogram.org/>

The Rangel Program is a U.S. State Department program administered by Howard University that seeks to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers as diplomats in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. The program seeks individuals interested in helping to shape a freer, more secure and prosperous world through formulating, representing, and implementing U.S. foreign policy. The Program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need.

National Deadline: September 29, 2021

(DONALD M.) PAYNE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

paynefellows.org

The USAID Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship Program seeks to attract young people who are interested in pursuing careers in the Foreign Service

of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The Payne Fellowship Program plans to award seven fellowships for a two-year master's degree and Fellows who successfully complete the Payne Program and USAID Foreign Service entry requirements will receive appointments as USAID Foreign Service Officers. This program encourages the application of members of minority groups who have historically been underrepresented in international development careers and those with financial need.

National Deadline: TBD