

Nationally Competitive Awards

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Check out each award's website for detailed information.

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Awards for Undergraduate Study

Award	GPA	Year to Apply	Award Length	UG Major	Funding	Field of Study/Work	Country or Place	App Deadline (subject to change)	Additional Info
Boren Scholarship - NSEP	3.0+	1st & 2nd years	summer	STEM	up to \$8k	critical need languages	not W Europe, CA, AU, NZ	early Feb, must contact USI by 12/31	no language experience necessary
Boren Scholarship - NSEP	3.0+	Any	sem or year	Any	\$10k/semester \$20k/6-12 months	critical need languages	not W Europe, CA, AU, NZ	early Feb, must contact USI by 12/31	no language experience necessary
Bridging-Japan Scholarship	3.0+	Any	semester or year	Any	\$2.5k/semester \$4k/year	Japanese lang	Japan	early Oct for spring early April for fall	no language experience necessary
Critical Languages Scholarship	3.0+	Any	summer	Any	tuition, fees, airfare, stipend	critical need languages	various, see website	end of November	some languages require prior experience, check website
DAAD Germany - Research Interns in Science & Engineering	3.0+	2nd & 3rd years	summer	most STEM	stipend	STEM (most) research abroad	Germany	mid December	work w German PhD students, study German (prior not nec)
DAAD Germany - University Summer Course Grant	3.0+	2nd year and above	summer	Any	950 Euro scholarship, travel + some	German language, area studies	Germany	beginning of December	German language skills not required, but would be helpful for everyday life
DAAD Germany - Various	3.0+	Any	1 month - 1 year	Varied	Varied	Varied, see website	Germany	Varied depending on exact scholarship	See comprehensive scholarship database on website; German language skills are not required
Freeman-ASIA	2.8+	Any; not last sem	summer, sem, year	Any	\$3k/\$5k/\$7k	study abroad	E or SE Asia	early Feb for all	need based, must have little experience in target country
Fulbright UK Summer Institutes	3.7+	1st & 2nd years	3-4 wks in summer	Any	tuition, fees, airfare, stipend	study abroad	United Kingdom	February	must have little study/travel experience outside US
Gilman International Scholarship	3.0+	Any	3 wk minimum	Any	\$100-\$5k (up to \$8k for crit need lang)	study or intern abroad	Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2	early March	applicants MUST be Pell Grant eligible
Goldwater Scholarship	3.0+	2nd & 3rd years	1 or 2 yrs	STEM	\$7.5k per year left at USI (1 or 2)	funding for USI costs, STEM major	USI (home institution)	mid Fall	must be nominated by USI, must intend research career
National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program	3.3+	Any	1 year, renewable 4 yrs	Health-related	up to \$20k/yr in educational costs	funding @USI, NIH summer research, NIH employment	USI (home institution)	mid March	exceptional financial need + biomed, behavioral, social science health-related research careers
NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates	3.5+	Any	summer	STEM	varies	STEM research, varies by site	Various REU sites in USA	end of August (except May for Antarctica)	students apply directly to REU site, check website for all details
Public Policy & International Affairs Fellowship	3	3rd year	summer institute	Any	institute tuition, up to \$1.5k stipend, \$5k min for Master's	public and/or international affairs	USA	early November	must be committed to Master's degree in one of PPIA Consortium grad schools
Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Prog	3.2+	2nd, 3rd, & 4th yrs	6 wk summer	Any	Expenses + \$3,200 stipend	poli econ, history, foreign relations	Washington, DC	early February	courses @Howard U & in DC, minorities & fin need encouraged
Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation Scholarship	3.0+	Any	1.5 - 5 years, by degree	STEM	full tuition & fees, stipend of \$25-38k, plus extras	funding for USI costs, STEM major	USI (home institution)	early December	must attend summer internships & accept post-grad employment with Department of Defense
Truman Scholarship	3.5+	*3rd year*	summer + grad fund	Any	up to \$30k, plus summer institute	public service, govt, advocacy	summer, then graduate school	early Feb, must contact USI by 12/31	must be nominated by USI, exceptional leadership/service, intend public service career
Udall Undergraduate Environmental Scholarship	3.0+	2nd & 3rd years	1 year (can renew)	Any	up to \$7k for educ expenses	environment studies	USI (home institution)	early March	must be nominated by USI, also awards for Native Amer studies

Graduating Soon? What next?

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Awards for Post-Graduate Study and Work

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Blakemore Freeman Fellowships for Advanced Asian Language	3.0+	4th year	1 year	Any	tuition, fees, stipend, travel	approved E or SE Asian language	E or SE Asia	late December	must have 3+ years study in target language, intend career involving target language
DAAD Germany Study Scholarship	3.3+	4th year	full or part Master's	Any	tuition, stipend, travel	Varied, see website	Germany	various, depending on field	may not have been living in Germany, can include pre-program language study
DAAD Germany - Various	3.0+	Any	1 month - 1 year	Varied	Varied	Varied, see website	Germany	Varied depending on exact scholarship	See comprehensive scholarship database on website; German language skills are not required
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships	3.0+	4th year	3 years	list on website	\$24k/year	specific listed fields, PhD or ScD program	USA universities	early December	intend career in teaching & research at university level, diversity one factor
Fulbright US Student Program Academic Study Grant	3.4+	4th year	1 year	Any	stipend + expenses vary by country	Any	Various	early October	academic excellence & drive, evidence of past coursework & research re: target country/field of study, see website for specific country info
Fulbright US Student Program English Teaching Assistantships	3.0+	4th year	1 year	Any	stipend varies by country	Teach English and conversation abroad	Various	early October	experience in tutoring, coaching, teaching helpful, coursework in education not required, see website for specific country info
Gates-Cambridge Scholarship	3.7+	4th year	duration of program	Any	tuition, fees, stipend, travel	Any	University of Cambridge	early October	for PhD or 1-2 year Master's, academic excellence and leadership, multi-year funding
Global Health Corps Fellowship Program	3.0+	4th year	1 year	Any (esp public health)	travel, stipend, insurance	work on issues of global health equity	Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, NE USA	January	paid position at partner organization re: global health equity, placements vary, non traditional background ok, public health background helpful
Hertz Graduate Fellowship	3.0+	4th year	up to 5 years	Any (esp phys sci)	\$32k/9-mo stipended + tuition per year	PhD program in applied/physical engineering/sciences	USA universities (see website)	mid October	field info on website, academic & technical excellence & creativity, high character, "skills available to US in times of national emergency"
Marshall Scholarship	3.7+	4th year	2 years	Any	tuition, fees, stipend, travel	Any	Any UK institution	USI deadline in September	must be nominated by USI, academic excellence, leadership & ambassadorial potential
Mitchell Scholarship	3.7+	4th year	1 year	Any	tuition, fees, stipend, travel	Any	Univ in Ireland or North Ireland	USI deadline in early September	must be nominated by USI, academic excellence, leadership, & commitment to service
National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship	3.0+	4th year	up to 3 years	STEM	full tuition, fees, stipend	PhD program in 1 of 15 STEM fields	USA universities	early December	supported fields on website
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program	3.5+	4th year	up to 3 years	STEM	tuition, fees, stipend	STEM research-based Master's/PhD	USA universities	~October, but varies by field, check website	must be research-based degree in various fields (see website), academic excellence, research exp
Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship	3.2+	4th year	2 yrs study + 5 yrs work	Any	up to \$37.5k/year for Master's + summer\$	public policy/admin, int'l affairs + others	USA universities	September	must serve 5+ years w Foreign Service after Master's, 2 summer internships (US and int'l)
Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship	3.2+	4th year	2 years + summers	Any	up to \$37.5k/year for Master's + summer\$	public policy/admin, int'l affairs + others	USA universities	September	must serve 5+ years w Foreign Service after Master's, 2 summer internships (US and int'l)
Rhodes Scholarship	3.7+	4th year	2 years minimum	Any	tuition, fees, stipend	Any	Oxford University	USI deadline in September	must be nominated by USI, academic achievement, integrity, leadership, respect for others
Truman Scholarship	3.5+	*3rd year*	summer + grad fund	Any	up to \$30k, plus summer institute	public service, govt, advocacy	graduate school	Early Feb, must contact USI by 12/31	must be nominated by USI, exceptional leadership/service, intend public service career