GS Fellowships / Resources

Sample Fellowships

The Clarendon Scholarship (Oxford) and the Gates Cambridge Scholarship (Cambridge) will fund your study for any degree in any field offered, from astrophysics to business administration to studio art. Depending on the length of the degree program, your award can last for one, two, or three years.*

The Marshall Scholarship will pay for graduate study in Britain in any field for a one- or two-year degree program (renewable for a third year).

The Rhodes Scholarship funds two years of study at Oxford in any field. American citizens and permanent residents can apply for an American Rhodes, but there are parallel Rhodes competitions for residents of Canada, Australia, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Kenya, and seven other countries. In the U.S., you must be no older than 24 when you apply; other jurisdictions have different age limits.*

The Mitchell Scholarship will pay for graduate study in Ireland in any one-year degree program.

The Knight-Hennessy Fellowship is seeking 100 top-performing and idealistic students from around the world to embark upon graduate study in any field (including law, business, medicine, and the arts) at Stanford. Scholars must be dedicated to finding “scalable” solutions to the major problems facing humanity today, be they in the domains of public health, environmental degradation, social inequality, or political conflict. The fellowship program offers full tuition, a residential haven, leadership skill-building, and a staunchly interdisciplinary outlook.*

The Schwarzman Scholars invites 200 college graduates each year to Tsinghua University in Beijing, where they will live in a new residential college and pursue an M.A. in public policy, economics, or international affairs. There will be much emphasis on leading: seminars, mentors, and internships will teach how to anticipate trends and transform organizations.* (S)

The Truman Fellowship contributes $30,000 towards your master's, doctoral, or professional degree in law, public administration, international affairs, or other public-spirited field. You need to prove that you have the makings of a leader in government, education, or the non-profit sector. (J)

The Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship will pay you a generous tuition grant and stipend to foster your mastery of a language not commonly studied (which shuts the door on Spanish, French, and German, but admits a whole range of tongues such as Arabic to Armenian to Zulu). You must be prepared to study the language of your choice on an intermediate or advanced level. Summer and academic year programs are available; the latter requires you to combine language training with international or area studies.* (Soph, J, S)

The Critical Languages Scholarships (CLS) will pay all your expenses, including airfare, if you can commit yourself to a summer's worth of intensive language study overseas. More than a dozen critical languages are on offer, including Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Arabic, Persian, Korean, and Turkish. (F, Soph, J, S)

The Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants of up to $5,000 to students of limited means to study abroad. The grant will be supplemented if you study a “Critical Need Language” such as Arabic, Chinese, Russian, or Swahili during your adventure.* (F, Soph, J, NGS)
The Fulbright UK Summer Institutes offer all-expense-paid summer courses for American undergraduates who have completed their freshman and sophomore years. Drawing upon the specific resources of the participating universities in England, Scotland, and Wales, the institutes cover such wide-ranging themes as “The Northern Borders of the Empire,” “Shakespeare in Performance,” and “The British City, Past and Present.” (F, Soph)

The Kathryn Davis Fellowship will pay all tuition and living expenses as you study Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Portuguese, or Russian in the Summer Language Schools at Middlebury College.* (F, Soph, J, S)

The Women’s Forum Scholarship Fund aims to make a significant contribution towards the educational expenses of five or more New York-based female undergraduates over 35.* (F, Soph, J, NGS)

The Humanity in Action fellowship offers you a five-week intensive summer seminar in human rights in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris, or Warsaw.* (F, Soph, J, S)

The Roger Pilon Fellowship of the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University will award $10,000 to each of two full-time GS students who have a career interest in political philosophy, law, history, or economics and who plan to advocate for the advantages of political freedom. Apply in the fall for current academic year. (F, Soph, J, S)

The Presidential Global Fellowship aims to identify and train an elite vanguard of Columbia undergraduates who embrace the challenge approaching their college education from a global perspective. Fellows, selected as freshmen, receive multiple benefits: the chance to study abroad, all expenses paid, at a Columbia-sponsored site in the summer before sophomore year; personal advising leading to an individualized global education plan; group sessions to explore international career and fellowship opportunities; and alumni mentoring.* (F)

The Beesen Global Research Fellowships encourage Columbia undergraduates to spend their summers in Paris, pursuing research or study projects of their own devising and perfecting their knowledge of French. The fellowships fund travel, housing, and other costs associated with a summer in the City of Lights. To apply, you must secure the support and supervision of a Columbia faculty mentor.* (F, Soph, J, S)

The Undergraduate Global Policy Fellowship, sponsored by Columbia’s Global Policy Initiative, supports juniors as they do a summer’s worth of domestic or international research in preparation for writing a globally-oriented senior theses. What makes for a globally oriented thesis? It deals with an issue having demonstrably cross-border implications and promises to culminate in a series of pragmatic policy proposals.* (J)

* = open to non-citizens or permanent residents NGS = non-graduating senior

Web Resources

Thematic directory of fellowships tenable during college: https://gs.columbia.edu/tenable-during-college
Thematic directory of fellowships tenable after college: https://gs.columbia.edu/tenable-after-college
Detailed guide to applying to fellowships: https://gs.columbia.edu/detailed-guide-applying
The Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships Directory: http://ogp.columbia.edu/urf

Appointments

Please use the GS Fellowships web-page (https://gs.columbia.edu/fellowships) to schedule your appointment. You’ll find the appropriate link at the bottom right corner of the page.