

ONSA

**[The Office of National
Scholarship Advisement]**

The University of Mississippi

AWARDS HANDBOOK

2023-2024

**National Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities
for Undergraduates and Graduates**

"After having the opportunity of studying abroad here at the university, I felt a lasting impression that led to a desire to continue broadening my cultural awareness skills and furthering my self discovery. Thanks to the assistance from the lovely people I worked with in the College of Liberal Arts and the ONSA office, I was able to make this dream become a reality through pursuing a Fulbright Award."

MANUEL CAMPBELL

FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM
ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD
SOUTH KOREA
&
BOREN SCHOLAR



WHAT DO WE DO?

The Office of National Scholarship Advisement (ONSA) supports and advises students applying for a select number of competitive national and international merit-based awards.

These awards offer life changing opportunities where academic excellence, leadership and active communal engagement are valued and nurtured. This is not just a gateway to undergraduate and graduate school funding, but an opportunity to further your mind, commit to bettering our world and actively engage in a scholarship community.

WHO WE ARE

ONSA supports the University of Mississippi's mission to engage minds, transform lives, and serve others by helping students become effective citizen-scholars. ONSA helps eligible students, including University of Mississippi undergraduates and graduate students, find and apply for national competitive scholarships and fellowships that fund research, international study, professional development, or post-baccalaureate study. We provide advice and professional guidance throughout the application process and offer information and writing workshops as well as individual advising throughout the year.

Diversity Statement: ONSA serves ALL students and alumni of the University of Mississippi, including all majors and areas of study. Many awards we promote specifically support underrepresented students in higher education. We highly encourage students of all backgrounds to explore opportunities with us!

OVERVIEW OF AWARDS

Who Can Apply?					Scholarships & Fellowships	Purpose
Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.	Grad		
X	X	X	X	X	*Boren Scholarship	Undergraduate study of underrepresented languages/cultures critical to U.S. national security.
			X	X	*Churchill Scholarship	Study physical and natural sciences, engineering, or mathematics at Cambridge's Churchill College.
	X	X	X		DAAD Rise	Summer research internships in Germany for undergraduates from North America,
			X	X	*Fulbright Fellowship	Study, research/arts project (all fields) or teaching abroad.
X	X				Fulbright UK Summer Institute	Study in the UK for the summer at a participating university program.
			X	X	*James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program	Full-time, 1-year research assistant in Washington, DC for individuals with international affairs career interests
			X	X	Gates Cambridge Scholarship	Study at Cambridge, all fields
	X	X			*Goldwater Scholarship	Students interested in STEM careers
			X	X	Knight-Hennessy Scholars	Graduate study at Stanford, any field
			X	X	*Marshall Scholarship	Study at a British university, all fields.
			X	X	*Mitchell Scholarship	Study at an Irish university, any field.
			X	X	NSF GREP	Research-based master's or doctoral degree study in STEM disciplines
			X	X	Payne Fellowship	Graduate funding for students interested in International Development and Foreign Service
			X	X	Pickering Fellowship	Graduate funding for students interested in Foreign Service
			X	X	Rangel Fellowship	Graduate funding for students interested in Foreign Service
			X	X	*Rhodes Scholarship	Study at Oxford University, any field.
			X		Schwarzman Scholars	Study Public Policy, Economics and Business, International Relations at Tsinghua University, Beijing
		X			*Truman Scholarship	Graduate study for students interested in public service careers
	X	X			*Udall Scholarships	For students interested in careers in environmental public policy or who are Native American
		X			Voyager Scholarship	Undergraduate and travel funding for rising juniors who are passionate for helping others, building community, and want to explore public service
			X	X	Yenching Academy	One-year master of Chinese studies degree at a residential college within Peking University

*denotes ONSA Institutional Endorsement required or recommended

BOREN

Open to: All students (Institutional Endorsement Recommended)

Campus Deadline: January 2024

Description: Boren Fellowships & Scholarships provide a unique funding opportunity for U.S. students to add an important international and language component to their education in world regions critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

The Boren Awards focus on countries, languages, and fields critical to U.S. national security, recognizing a broad definition that includes traditional concerns of protecting American well-being, as well as challenges of global society, such as sustainable development, environmental issues, disease, migration, and economic competitiveness. In exchange for funding, Boren Awards recipients commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.

Boren Awards recipients are selected on the basis of merit, with consideration for the following six criteria:

1. National Security
2. Federal Service
3. Academic Record and Cultural Adaptability
4. Language Study
5. Boren Awards Preferences
6. Boren Fellowships ONLY (graduate students): Proposed Research Plan

Application Procedure:

- Complete application online (general information, two essays, language assessment, transcript and letters of recommendations)
- Book an appointment with ONSA for feedback and campus evaluation (Strongly recommended)

Requirements:

- U.S. citizens at the time of the national application deadline.
- At least 18 years of age or older at the time of the national application deadline.
- Planning an overseas program in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand.
- Planning to study in a country of which they are not a citizen.
- Matriculated for the duration of their Boren Awards-funded program in an undergraduate or graduate degree program located within the United States and accredited by a body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Videos and Workshops:

[Introduction](#)

[Self-identified Language programs \(undergrad\)](#)

[Self-identified research and language study \(graduate\)](#)

[The FLI's](#)

[Crafting competitive essays](#)

[ROTC](#)

[Flagship Chinese and Arabic](#)

Website:

<https://www.borenawards.org/>

BOREN AWARDS



CHURCHILL

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates within 12 months (Institutional Endorsement Required)

Campus Deadline: October 2, 2023

Description: Funds one year of research in science, mathematics, and engineering. 16 awards are made annually. Applications for the Churchill Scholarship are reviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of at least eight former Churchill Scholars from a variety of STEM disciplines. An offer cannot be made before completion of an informal telephone interview.

Candidate Profile

Someone interested in conducting research on their own project. The Churchill offers the opportunity to ask big questions and also spend a year looking for some answers.

- *Outstanding academic achievement.* There is no minimum GPA, though most applicants have a very high average. The Committee looks at achievement in STEM courses, especially in the major, as indicated by course grades and recommendation letters.
- *Proven talent in research.* Applicants in the sciences and engineering will demonstrate extensive laboratory experience, internships, or other related work, while applicants in mathematics will show substantial independent work or other projects. The Committee looks for originality and creativity.
- *Outstanding personal qualities.* Understanding the time commitment required by research, the Churchill Foundation does not seek so-called “well-rounded” applicants; instead, it seeks applicants with what we call interesting “jagged edges.” The Committee takes into account interests and achievements outside of research, but it does not favor any particular kind of activity.

Application Procedure:

- Candidates need to select a course. Check the [Programs of Study](#) page for a list of eligible and ineligible courses. Applicants interested in the MAST in mathematics should first read the Foundation's guide, [Part III Mathematics for Churchill Scholars](#).
- A complete Churchill application (including all essays) is submitted online prior to the campus deadline. If you receive a UM institutional endorsement, you will be able to make changes to your application ahead of the final deadline.
- After the campus deadline, the campus Churchill Endorsement Committee will review all applications. Applicants may be asked to interview with the committee as part of the endorsement process. Endorsed applicants will then be notified and guided through the final steps of the application process.
- Candidates need to develop a 2-page personal statement and a 1 page proposed program of study statement
- **Fill out the online application and include**
 - o proposed program of study,
 - o personal statement,
 - o correspondence with a potential lab supervisor (if applicable).
 - o Transcripts for all colleges or universities attended, including study abroad
- **Request four academic letters of recommendation.** You should seek four people who are directly familiar with your academic or research work. They must submit their letters of recommendation through the online portal. When you request letters, they will receive an email linked to instructions and an upload portal.

- **Apply to the University of Cambridge.** The Churchill Scholarship is only tenable at Churchill College, so you must put Churchill College as your first choice on the Cambridge application. The Scholarship is only for a 1-year Master's degree, so your application must be for an MPhil or MAST. Because of Cambridge's rolling admissions, you should apply by the deadline for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, in early October, 2022.
- **Complete the application**

Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- A senior enrolled in UM or graduated within last 12 months.
- Upon taking up the Churchill Scholarship, a Churchill Scholar must hold a bachelor's degree or an equivalent, and may not have attained a doctorate.

Endorsement by Office of National Scholarships (Dr. Ibrahim)

Videos and Workshops:

[Churchill a year of independent research](#)

Website:

<https://www.churchillscholarship.org/index.html>

DAAD RISE

Open to: Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors completing a 5th year.

Deadline: November 30, 2023

Description: RISE Germany offers undergraduate students from the US the opportunity to complete an REU summer research internship at top German universities and research institutions. RISE Germany is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Candidate Profile

Someone interested in conducting research and experiencing research and culture in Germany. Students are matched with a host university or institute according to their area of interest (biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences, engineering, or a closely related field) German language is not required and the working language will be in English. Host universities, universities of applied sciences (UAS) and institutes provide housing assistance and match students with Ph.D. student mentors or researchers. DAAD provides students with a monthly stipend for three months (minimum of 10 weeks) to help cover living expenses. This includes: health-, accident and private liability insurance, a three day meeting of all RISE interns in Heidelberg at the beginning of July in Germany, limited travel within Germany, assistance with international travel costs, and for those who plan to attend an accompanying language course in Germany, DAAD will cover 70 % of course-fees (max. 500 Euros).

Application Procedure:

- The application is submitted completely online through the RISE database.
- Register and login to access the internship database. Complete the online application form and upload all necessary documents. Please check the list of application documents you must submit at the [Application portal](#).
- The internship database is open between **October 15 to November 30**.

Requirements:

- Currently enrolled at UM, as an undergraduate student in the field of biology, chemistry, computer science, physics, earth sciences or engineering (or a closely related field)
- be an undergraduate who will have completed at least 2 years of a degree program by the time of the internship placement
- prove that you will maintain undergraduate status after the internship has taken place

Website:

<https://www.daad.de/rise/en/>

CONGRATULATIONS!

Stephanie Handford



**2022
DAAD RISE
RECIPIENT**

MAJOR: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MINOR: ART

RESEARCH PLACEMENT: "MACHINE LEARNING METHODS
FOR DATA DRIVEN MATERIAL MODELING OF CARBON
FIBER COMPOSITES"

AT DRESDEN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN GERMANY

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FULBRIGHT **ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANT**

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates (Institutional Endorsement Recommended)

Campus Deadline: August 13, 2023

Description: The Fulbright U.S. student program provides an unparalleled opportunity to teach, study and conduct research in over 130 countries worldwide.

As envisioned by Senator Fulbright, the program is designed to:

- promote mutual understanding through a commitment to the free flow of ideas and people across national boundaries.
- expand, through this understanding, the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception.
- create true and lasting world peace through cooperation in constructive activities among people of different nations.

English Teaching Assistantships (ETAs):

- Recipients assist in the teaching of English and a complementary project.

Application Procedure:

- Candidates need to develop a statement of grant purpose and personal statement
- Study/Research candidates must secure an in-country affiliation.
- Grants will fund project and living expenses for an 8-12 month period.
- Students apply to a specific country for a specific proposal. You may only apply to one country only.

Requirements:

Applicants must be a US Citizen. Language proficiency varies by country. Not all countries require language knowledge; 3.0 GPA

Endorsement by Office of National Scholarships (Dr. Ibrahim)

Website: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

Videos and Workshops:

[What is Fulbright?](#)

[Introduction to English Teaching Assistant](#)

[ETA Tutorial](#)

[ETA Polishing your application](#)

Website:

<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

FULBRIGHT RESEARCH/STUDY/ARTS

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates (Institutional Endorsement Recommended)

Campus Deadline: August 13, 2023

Description: The Fulbright U.S. student program provides an unparalleled opportunity to teach, study and conduct research in over 130 countries worldwide.

As envisioned by Senator Fulbright, the program is designed to:

- promote mutual understanding through a commitment to the free flow of ideas and people across national boundaries.
- expand, through this understanding, the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception.
- create true and lasting world peace through cooperation in constructive activities among people of different nations.

Study/Research Grants:

Students may:

- 1) conduct research in an academic or institutional setting
- 2) pursue study with a complementary project.

Recipients will need a host country affiliation with the institution or organization.

Application Procedure:

- Candidates need to develop a statement of grant purpose and personal statement
- Study/Research candidates must secure an in-country affiliation.
- Grants will fund project and living expenses for an 8-12 month period.
- Students apply to a specific country for a specific proposal. You may only apply to one country only.

Requirements:

- Must be a US Citizen.
- Language proficiency varies by country, not all countries require language knowledge
- 3.0 GPA

Endorsement by Office of National Scholarships (Dr. Ibrahim)

Videos and Workshops:

[What is Fulbright?](#)

[Fulbright US Student Program Overview](#)

[Getting started- Selecting an Award](#)

[Study/Research: Polishing your Application](#)

Website:

<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>



MANUEL CAMPBELL
ETA - SOUTH KOREA



EDITH MARIE GREEN
ETA - GERMANY



MIKAYLA JORDAN
ETA - GERMANY



ALYSSA LANGLOIS
ETA - SWITZERLAND



FULBRIGHT AWARDS



RABRIA MOORE
ETA - ZAMBIA



SYDNEY RESTER
ETA - GERMANY



EMILY WANG
STUDY - NETHERLANDS



SAVANNAH WHITEMORE
RESEARCH - GERMANY

Fulbright-UK Summer Institutes

Open to: Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors who will complete a fifth year

Deadline: Early February 2024

Description: There are several UK Summer Institutes available every year. Each Institute is hosted by a different university, and each focuses on a specific historical or cultural context, or a subject or topic. You do not need to be familiar with these to apply and are encouraged to explore your interests.

Depending on the Institute, students will have the opportunity to:

- Study alongside leading academics and professionals
- Develop knowledge in specific fields
- Experience cultural and social events
- Visit UK cultural sites and areas of scenic beauty
- Receive credit to transfer to their home institution
- Meet people from different backgrounds and cultures
- Become an ambassador for studying in the UK, for the Fulbright Commission and their host institution(s)

The Institute costs covered by the Fulbright Commission and its partner institutions include:

- Return US-UK airfare
- Tuition and fees at the host institution
- Accommodation
- In some cases, a small daily allowance for meals

Application Procedure:

The best applications are from well-rounded students who can demonstrate:

- Strong academic ability
- Ambassadorial skills
- Intercultural sensitivity
- Genuine desire to learn more about the UK and to share aspects of American culture
- Extracurricular activities
- Community involvement
- Leadership potential
- Plans to further the Fulbright mission and give back to the US upon returning

Applications are currently closed and will open in late November. When applications open, applicants should follow the steps outlined below.

1. Read the [FAQs](#) and [terms and conditions](#)
2. Read the [Privacy Policy](#) for applicants
3. Apply online and upload a transcript to the application form as a PDF (official transcripts are preferred)

4. Select two (2) references and enter their email addresses into the application. They should receive a notification message that will lead them to their own online portal to submit a reference letter.
5. The application form must be completed, with transcript attached, and submitted before the deadline. Your references should also submit your letters before the deadline or your application will be incomplete. An application will not be considered completed if any of these items are missing or submitted late.
6. Finalists will be invited to interview in April. Summer Institute interviews are by video conference call and can only be rescheduled under extreme circumstances.

Requirements:

- Be a US citizen and possess a US passport
- Have had no or very little study/travel experience outside of North America
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.7
- Be at least 18 years old by the start of the program
- Be able to participate in the program in its entirety
- Have at least two years of undergraduate study remaining after the Institute finishes

Website:

<http://www.fulbright.org.uk/going-to-the-uk/uk-summer-institutes>



JAMES C. GAITHER

JUNIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates within the last year (Institutional Endorsement Required)

Campus Deadline: November 27, 2023

Description: Each year, through the James C. Gaither Junior Fellows program, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace offers approximately 12 one-year fellowships. They are selected from a pool of nominees nominated by several hundred participating universities and colleges. James C. Gaither Junior Fellows work as research assistants to Carnegie's senior scholars. Positions are paid, full-time positions for one year. The current salary is \$1,750.00 per semi-monthly pay period (\$42,000 per year). A full benefits package is also provided.

Application Procedure: The program generally sends information to the Office of National Scholarship Advisement by the first week of October each year. Information is updated annually and essay topics change from year to year. Interviews to take place February/March

Requirements:

- All applicants must be eligible to work in the United States for a full twelve months (approximately August 1 through July 31 following graduation).
- Students on F-1 visas who are eligible to work in the United States for the full year may apply for the program.

Endorsement by Office of National Scholarships (Dr. Ibrahim)

Website:

<https://carnegieendowment.org/about/jr-fellows>

GATES CAMBRIDGE

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates

Deadline: October 2023

Description: Each year Gates-Cambridge offers c.80 full-cost scholarships to outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge. Approximately two-thirds of these awards will be offered to PhD students, with approximately 25 awards available in the US round and 55 available in the International round. The Gates Cambridge mission is to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others. It aims to achieve this mission by selecting outstanding scholars, providing them with financial and non-financial support at one of the world's leading universities and facilitating community building at and beyond Cambridge.

The selection criteria are:

- outstanding intellectual ability
- reasons for choice of course
- a commitment to improving the lives of others
- leadership potential

A Gates Cambridge Scholarship covers the full cost of studying at Cambridge. It also provides additional, discretionary funding.

Application Procedure:

- Applicants submit their application for admission and funding (Gates Cambridge and other funding) via the University of Cambridge's Graduate Application Portal.
- To be considered for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship you must complete the section to apply for admission to a course and a College place and the Gates Cambridge part of the funding section. Gates Cambridge has access to the full application for admission and funding when reviewing applications.

Requirements:

- A citizen of any country outside the UK.
- Applying to pursue a full-time residential PhD; MSc/MLitt or one year postgraduate (some [exceptions](#)) course at the University of Cambridge.

Videos and Workshops:

[The Gates Cambridge Scholarship](#)

[The Postgraduate Application Process](#)

Website:

<https://www.gatescambridge.org/>

GOLDWATER

Open to: Sophomores and Juniors (Institutional Endorsement Required)

Campus Deadline: November 17, 2023

Description: The Goldwater Scholarship Program, seeks to identify and support college sophomores and juniors who show exceptional promise in STEM fields. Each Goldwater Scholar annually receives an amount equal to the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, books, and room and board minus the amount of support provided for by other sources, up to a maximum of \$7,500. Scholars who receive the award as sophomores can expect to receive support for a maximum of two years (4 semesters) or until graduation, if sooner. Scholars who receive the award as juniors can expect to receive support for a maximum of one year (2 semesters) or until graduation, if sooner.

The characteristics the Foundation seeks in a Goldwater Scholar include:

- strong commitment to a research career in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering,
- effective display of intellectual intensity in the sciences, mathematics and engineering, and
- potential for a significant future contribution to research in their chosen field.

Application Procedure:

- A complete online application (including short essay responses and research essay, and transcripts); are required by the campus deadline.
- An internal Goldwater panel will assess applications and provide feedback.
- ONSA will institutionally endorse four applicants and 1 transfer student.
- Three letters of recommendation are required.

Requirements:

- A full-time matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at UM during the 2021-2022 academic year
- Intend to pursue a research career in a natural science, mathematics or engineering
- Have a GPA of at least a 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Must be a U.S. citizen

Videos and Workshops:

[Goldwater Scholar NSF-GRFP Webinar](#)

Website:

<https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/>

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP



CHRISTIAN BOUDREAUX



NOAH GARRETT



ALYSSA STONER

KNIGHT-HENNESSY

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates

Deadline: October 2023

Description: The mission of the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program is to attract the most promising future leaders from all disciplines and geographies. As a scholar, you will broaden your knowledge, develop skills, and strengthen your character; this will prepare you to effect positive change.

There are three criteria:

1. **Independence of Thought:** Exhibits first-step mental sharpness; Seeks out knowledge and new experiences; Full of original ideas; Makes sense of ambiguity; Can hold a contrarian or dissenting point of view
2. **Purposeful Leadership:** Ambitious, in the best sense; Driven to improve self; Able to bring others along; Self-aware; Persistent and resilient
3. **Civic Mindset:** Personally, humble and kind; Supportive and accountable; Embraces difference; Concerned for and helpful to others

Application Procedure: Applicants must submit two applications:

- Knight-Hennessy Scholars online application
- [Stanford graduate program](#) application (Deadline will vary by program.)

You can only be selected as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar if a graduate program admits you to Stanford. The graduate program, however, may admit you to Stanford even if you are not selected as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar.

Requirements:

- A citizen of any country.
- Received your undergraduate degree in or after 2015.
- You are eligible to apply to the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program if you are applying to enroll in a full-time graduate program(s) at Stanford or if you plan on pursuing a joint- and dual-graduate degree options.

Videos and Workshops:

[What is the Knight Hennessy program?](#)

[Why apply to Knight Hennessy Scholars?](#)

[Application tips from Scholars](#)

Website:

<https://knight-hennessy.stanford.edu/>

MARSHALL

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates (Institutional Endorsement Required)

Campus Deadline: June 1, 2023

Description: Funds two years of graduate study leading to a degree in any field at a U.K. institution. Award covers university fees, tuition, books, a thesis grant, research and daily travel, plus fares to and from the U.S.

Candidate Profile

As future leaders, with a lasting understanding of British society, Marshall Scholars will strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions. Marshall Scholars are talented, independent and wide-ranging in their interests, and their time as Scholars will enhance their intellectual and personal growth. Marshall Scholars are expected to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, the humanities and social sciences, and the creative arts, at Britain's centers of academic excellence.

The specific selection criteria are:

1. Academic merit: The quality of the applicant's proposed program of study, their knowledge of their proposed courses and supervisors, evidence of academic excellence and background relevant to their planned field of study, and the quality and breadth of their recommendations
2. Leadership potential: Ability to deliver results, strength of purpose (as evidenced in commitment to extracurricular involvements), creativity and innovation in the applicant's approach to solving problems, and self-awareness in their desire to contribute to society and their impact so far
3. Ambassadorial potential: Knowledge of US/UK relations, evidence of transferable extracurricular activities, interpersonal skills and ability to engage with others, self-confidence, and ability to seize opportunities

In sum, applicants should have a clear idea of what they want to study, how their goals build on their past accomplishments in and out of the classroom, and how they expect to make a major contribution or help to advance their field.

Application Procedure:

- A complete Marshall Scholarship application (including all essays) submitted online. If you receive the UM endorsement, you will be able to make changes to your application ahead of the final deadline.
- Transcripts for all colleges or universities attended, including study abroad
- Three recommendation letters specifically tailored for the Marshall Scholarship. Letters should be written to the "Marshall Scholarship Selection Committee" and are limited to 1,000 words. Recommenders should email their letters to ONSA

After the campus deadline, the campus Marshall Endorsement Committee will review all applications. Applicants may be asked to interview with the committee as part of the endorsement process. Endorsed applicants will then be notified and guided through the final steps of the application process.

Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen.

- Seniors, graduate or professional students, and recent alumni are eligible to apply within two years of earning their undergraduate degree.
- A minimum 3.7 GPA is required.

Endorsement by Office of National Scholarships (Dr. Ibrahim)

Videos and Workshops:

UK Virtual Study:

[University of Exeter](#)

[University of Birmingham](#)

[University of Southampton](#)

[University College London](#)

[University of Warwick](#)

[University of Manchester](#)

[University of Bristol](#)

[University of East Anglia](#)

[University of Nottingham](#)

[Imperial College London](#)

[University of Kent](#)

[Durham University](#)

Website:

<http://www.marshallscholarship.org>

MITCHELL

Open to: Rising seniors (Institutional Endorsement Required) or graduate students

Campus Deadline: June 1, 2023

Description: Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars between the ages of 18 and 30 are chosen annually for one academic year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Named in honor of the former U.S. Senator's pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, the Mitchell Scholarship is designed to introduce and connect future American leaders to the island of Ireland, while recognizing and fostering academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to public service. The Mitchell Scholarship Program provides tuition, accommodation, and a stipend for living expenses and travel.

The specific selection criteria are:

1. Scholarship
2. Leadership
3. A sustained commitment to community and public service

Application Procedure:

- Candidates need to develop a statement of grant purpose and personal statement
- A complete Mitchell application (including all essays a passport style photograph and scan of your signature) submitted online.
- Transcripts for all colleges or universities attended, including study abroad
- Four recommendation letters specifically tailored for the Mitchell Scholarship plus institutional endorsement.
- You will receive an email from the Irish company *Sonru* about the required video interview less than 12 hours after the application deadline. The video portion of the application must be complete and submitted by 5:00 pm Eastern Time on Monday, September 27, 2021.

Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- 18 years or older but not yet 30 on the date the application is due.
- A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholar. Degrees from international accredited universities are acceptable, if all other conditions are met.

Endorsement by Office of National Scholarships (Dr. Ibrahim)

Videos and Workshops:

[Who do we seek as Mitchell Scholars?](#)

[Q&A with US-Ireland Alliance President Trina Vargo](#)

[Mitchell Scholars](#)

Website:

<https://www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchellscholarship>

NSF GRFP

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates

Deadline: October 2023

Description: The NSF GRFP recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported STEM disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited US institutions. The five-year fellowship includes three years of financial support including an annual stipend of \$34,000 and a cost of education allowance of \$12,000 to the institution.

All NSF proposals are evaluated through use of the two National Science Board approved merit review criteria.

- **Intellectual Merit:** The Intellectual Merit criterion encompasses the potential to advance knowledge; and
- **Broader Impacts:** The Broader Impacts criterion encompasses the potential to benefit society and contribute to the achievement of specific, desired societal outcomes.

Applicants should address:

1. What is the potential for the proposed activity to:
 - a. Advance knowledge and understanding within its own field or across different fields (Intellectual Merit); and
 - b. Benefit society or advance desired societal outcomes (Broader Impacts)?
2. To what extent do the proposed activities suggest and explore creative, original, or potentially transformative concepts?
3. Is the plan for carrying out the proposed activities well-reasoned, well-organized, and based on a sound rationale? Does the plan incorporate a mechanism to assess success?
4. How well qualified is the individual, team, or organization to conduct the proposed activities?
5. Are there adequate resources available to the PI (either at the home organization or through collaborations) to carry out the proposed activities?

Application Procedure:

- Applicants must submit the following information through the GRFP portal.
- Material required: Personal Information; Education, Work and Other Experience; Electronic Transcripts; Proposed Field(s) of Study; Proposed Graduate Study and Graduate School Information; the names and email addresses of at least three reference letter writers; Personal, Relevant Background and Future Goals Statement; and Graduate Research Plan Statement.

Requirements:

- Be a US citizen, US national, or permanent resident
- Intend to pursue a research-based Master's or Ph.D. program in a GRFP-supported field
- be enrolled in an eligible program at an accredited United States graduate institution, with a US campus, by fall following selection
- Be at an early stage in your graduate career

- Completed no more than one academic year of full-time graduate study (or the equivalent)
- Graduate students are limited to only one application to the GRFP, submitted either in the first year or in the second year of graduate school

Videos and Workshops:

[GRFP 2021 Application Tutorial](#)

[Goldwater Scholar NSF-GRFP Webinar](#)

Website:

<https://www.nsfgrfp.org/>



**NATIONAL
SCIENCE
FOUNDATION
GRADUATE
RESEARCH
PROGRAM
(NSF GRFP)**

PAYNE FELLOWSHIP

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates

Deadline: October 2023

Description: The USAID Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship Program seeks to attract individuals who are interested in pursuing careers in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The Payne Fellowship, provides up to \$96,000 in benefits over two years for graduate school, internships, and professional development activities, is a unique pathway to the USAID Foreign Service.

Application Procedure:

- A completed online application (including background information, personal statement, a statement of financial need);
- Two letters of recommendation (one from faculty one from a community.
- Official Transcripts from all colleges and universities the applicant has attended for credit.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Applicants must be seeking admission to enter graduate school in the fall of 2022 for a two-year program at a U.S. university. They can be in the senior year of their undergraduate studies, graduating by June 2022, or they can be college graduates.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.

Videos and Workshops:

[Why did I apply for the Payne Fellowship?](#)

[Advice to applicants](#)

Website:

<https://www.paynefellows.org/>

PICKERING

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates

Deadline: September 21, 2023

Description: The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program provides graduate fellowships to qualified college seniors and college graduates committed to joining the Foreign Service.

The fellowship helps finance two-year graduate programs, provides two summer internships, offers mentoring from a Foreign Service Officer, and provides other professional development activities. It welcomes the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the State Department, women, and those with financial need.

The Pickering Program awards 45 fellowships of up to \$42,000 annually for a two-year period for tuition, room, board, books, and mandatory fees for completion of two-year master's degrees. This includes up to \$24,000 per year for tuition and mandatory fees and an academic year stipend of \$18,000.

Upon successful completion of a two-year master's degree program and fulfillment of fellowship and Foreign Service entry requirements, fellows have the opportunity to work as Foreign Service Officers with the U.S. Department of State, in accordance with applicable law and State Department policy, serving in Washington, DC or at a U.S. embassy, consulate, or diplomatic mission around the globe. Fellows also agree to a minimum five-year service commitment in the Department of State's Foreign Service. The five-year service commitment begins upon entry into the Foreign Service.

Application Procedure:

- Completed online application (including **personal background information, personal statement**, a short essay, transcripts and a statement of financial need).
- **Two letters of recommendation and proof of citizenship needed.**

Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Seek admission to a two-year, full-time, on-campus, master's degree program at a U.S.-based graduate institution to begin in the fall of 2022 in an academic field relevant to the work of the Foreign Service (public policy, international affairs, public administration, business, economics, political science, sociology, or foreign languages).
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Videos and Workshops:

[A Brief Overview of the 2021 Pickering Graduate Program](#)

Website:

<https://pickeringfellowship.org/>

RANGEL

Open to: Rising seniors

Deadline: September 28, 2023

Description: The Rangel Program is a U.S. State Department program seeks to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers as diplomats in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. The Rangel awards 45 fellowships of up to \$42,000 annually for a two-year period for tuition, room, board, books, and mandatory fees for completion of two-year master's degrees. This includes up to \$24,000 per year for tuition and mandatory fees and an academic year stipend of \$18,000.

Upon successful completion of a two-year master's degree program and fulfillment of fellowship and Foreign Service entry requirements, fellows have the opportunity to work as Foreign Service Officers with the U.S. Department of State, in accordance with applicable law and State Department policy, serving in Washington, DC or at a U.S. embassy, consulate, or diplomatic mission around the globe. Fellows also agree to a minimum five-year service commitment in the Department of State's Foreign Service. The five-year service commitment begins upon entry into the Foreign Service.

The program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need. It also values

- Individuals with a commitment to public service
- Individuals from diverse areas within the United States
- Individuals interested in management, economics, and consular affairs
- Individuals who have demonstrated resourcefulness and resilience
- Individuals interested in foreign languages and cultures
- Individuals with strong leadership skills
- First generation college students

Application Procedure:

- Completed online application (including **personal background information, personal statement**, a short essay, transcripts and a statement of financial need).
- **Two letters of recommendation and proof of citizenship needed.**

Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Seek admission to a two-year, full-time, on-campus, master's degree program at a U.S.-based graduate institution to begin in the fall of 2022 in an academic field relevant to the work of the Foreign Service (public policy, international affairs, public administration, business, economics, political science, sociology, or foreign languages).
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Videos and Workshops:

[A Conversation with Pickering and Rangel Fellows](#)

Website:

<https://rangelprogram.org/graduate-fellowship-program/>

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The University of Mississippi



LAUREN NEWMAN RANGEL FELLOW 2022

Lauren Newman is a St. Martin, MS native who graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2020 with majors in International Studies and Arabic. She studied abroad in Jordan and spent a year in Morocco as a Boren Scholar. Lauren co-founded Mississippi Votes and has also interned with the Carter Center's Democracy Program. She speaks Moroccan Darija Arabic, Levantine Arabic, and Modern Standard Arabic. Lauren plans to obtain a Masters of Science in Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

RHODES

Open to: Rising seniors and graduates (Institutional Endorsement Required)

Campus Deadline: August 13, 2023

Description: The Rhodes Scholarships, established in 1902, were designed to bring outstanding students from across the world to study at Oxford University in the interests of promoting international understanding and public service. Rhodes Scholars are young leaders of outstanding intellect and character who are motivated to engage with global challenges, committed to the service of others, and show promise to be value-driven leaders for the world's future. Rhodes provides full funding for two or three years, depending on degree program.

There are four criteria to assess Rhodes Scholars:

1. literary and scholastic attainments;
2. energy to use one's talents to the full;
3. truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship;
4. moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

Application Procedure:

- Each country has different applications procedures- see below
- For US applicants:
- Full application (including Passport/Birth certificate, official transcript, full CV, passport photos, a personal statement)
- At least 6 letters of recommendation letters plus institutional endorsement

Requirements:

- For US citizens: Applicants must not have reached 24th birthday.
- A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university before beginning study as a Rhodes Scholar.
- GPA of 3.7 or higher.
- See individual country eligibility requirements [here](#)

Endorsement by Office of National Scholarships (Dr. Ibrahim)

Videos and Workshops:

[Rhodes Admissions Playlist](#)

[Eligibility](#)

[Choice of course at Oxford](#)

[Personal Statement](#)

[Reference Letters](#)

Website:

<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/the-rhodes-scholarship/>

SCHWARZMAN

Open to: Rising seniors

Deadline: September 19, 2023

Description: Schwarzman Scholars is a fully-funded, one-year master's degree and leadership program at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. At the heart of the program are world-renowned advisers, a rigorous and innovative study of global affairs, and hands-on exploration of Chinese culture and commerce.

Scholars receive full tuition and fee coverage in addition to accommodation, in-country study tour, flights to and from Beijing, books and supplies, health insurance and a stipend for personal expenses.

Schwarzman Scholars embrace the opportunity to understand other cultures, perspectives and positions. Candidates must exhibit excellence in the following areas:

- Leadership Abilities
- Exemplary Character & Integrity
- Academic Aptitude & Intellectual Ability
- Empathy & Intercultural Competency
- Open Mindedness
- Entrepreneurial Spirit

Application Procedure:

- Completed online application (including **personal background information, a leadership essay and statement of purpose**).
- **Three letters of recommendation and proof of citizenship needed.**

Requirements:

- Must be 18-25 possessing and degree by August of the year of application.

Videos and Workshops:

[Admissions webinar](#)

[Future leaders and understanding China](#)

[Schwarzman spotlight videos](#) (from applications, meet the graduates to discussions with alumni)

Website:

<https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/>

TRUMAN

Open to: Juniors (Institutional Endorsement Required)

Campus Deadline: November 17, 2023

Description: The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, awards merit-based scholarships to college students planning careers in public service. Truman Scholars receive up to \$30,000 for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

The mission of the Truman Scholarship Foundation is to find and recognize college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in public service and to provide them with financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference. The Foundation seeks future "change agents" who aspire to leadership positions in federal, state, or local governments or in the not-for-profit and education sectors where they can influence public policies and change public programs. Primary criteria for selecting Truman Scholars include:

- extensive records of public and community service
- outstanding leadership potential and communication skills
- commitment to careers in government or elsewhere in the public sector

All Truman Scholars must work in public service for three of the seven years following completion of a Foundation-funded graduate degree program.

Application Procedure:

- A complete online application (including all essay responses, policy proposal, and transcripts); are required by the campus deadline.
- An internal Truman panel will assess applications and provide feedback.
- UM will institutionally endorse four applicants and 1 transfer student.
- Three letters of recommendation are required.

Requirements:

Each nominee for the Truman Scholarship must be:

- A full-time junior-level student at UM.
- Nominated by ONSA
- Academically in the upper quarter of their class
- A United States citizen or a United States national. Resident aliens (green card holders) are not eligible.

Videos and Workshops:

[Truman scholar profiles](#)

Website:

<https://www.truman.gov/>

"I'm so honored and still in a little shock to be a Truman Scholar. I'm so thankful for ONSA, the Honors College, and really all of my friends, professors, and advisors at Ole Miss who have supported me and challenged me. I'm also thankful for my family and friends back in Alabama for their support, and I'm so proud to be representing both the Gulf Coast and the state of Alabama."

MADELEINE DOTSON

TRUMAN SCHOLAR



UDALL

Open to: Sophomores and Juniors (Institutional Endorsement Required)

Deadline: March 2024

Description: The Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation awards scholarships to sophomore and junior level college students committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native American health care.

Scholarships are offered in three categories:

- **Environment:** for students with a demonstrated commitment to environment-related careers, including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, economics, and other related fields.
- **Tribal Public Policy:** for Native American and Alaska Native students with demonstrated commitment to tribal public policy careers.
- **Native Health Care:** for Native American and Alaska Native students with demonstrated commitment to Native Health Care careers.

The Udall Scholarship provides

- Access to the Udall [Alumni Network](#): an association of change-makers, working in Indian country and environmental fields, sharing innovative ideas, professional advice, and job and internship opportunities.
- Five days in Tucson, Arizona, at [Scholar Orientation](#): extending your professional network, meeting other scholars and alumni, and learning new skills.
- Up to \$7,000 for eligible academic expenses.

Application Procedure:

- A complete online application (including all essay responses, and transcripts) are required by the campus deadline.
- An internal Udall panel will assess applications and provide feedback.
- UM will institutionally endorse four applicants and 1 transfer student.
- Three letters of recommendation are required.

Requirements:

To be eligible for a Udall Scholarship, a student must:

- Be committed to a career related to the environment, or committed to a career in tribal public policy, or Native American health care (depending on the application category).
- Be a sophomore or junior student, enrolled full-time during the current academic year
- Have a college grade-point average of at least a "B" or the equivalent.
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. permanent resident

Videos and Workshops:

[Udall internship and scholarship 2021](#)

[Udall Scholarship Application- three week countdown](#)

[Udall Scholarship Application- two week countdown](#)

[Udall Scholarship Application – one week countdown](#)

[Udall final push](#)

Website:

<https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/AboutScholarship.aspx>

VOYAGER SCHOLARSHIP

Open to: Rising Juniors

Deadline: June 2024

Description: An increasingly globalized world needs young leaders who can bridge divides and help solve our biggest challenges together.

The Voyager Scholarship was created by the Obamas and Brian Chesky, Airbnb CEO, to help shape such leaders. Even though they come from different backgrounds, both the President and Brian believe that exposure to new places and experiences generates understanding, empathy, and cooperation which equips the next generation to create meaningful change.

This scholarship gives college students financial aid to alleviate the burden of college debt, meaningful travel experiences to expand their horizons, and a network of mentors and leaders to support them.

Application Procedure:

- Full online application that includes short and medium essay responses and a two-minute YouTube video answering a prompt question
- Provide an unofficial or official transcript

Requirements:

- Plan to enroll full-time in their junior year of study at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States in Fall 2022. Eligible students are:
- Finishing sophomore year in Spring 2022
- Or transferring from a two-year to a four-year college for their 2022-2023 junior academic year
- Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent
- Have demonstrated a commitment to public service
- Plan to pursue a career in public service upon graduation
- Be a United States (US) citizen, US permanent resident (holder of a Permanent Resident Card), or an individual granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA)

Website:

<https://www.obama.org/voyager-scholarship/>

YENCHING

Open to: Rising seniors

Deadline: May 2024

Description: The Yenching Academy of Peking University aims to build bridges between China and the rest of the world through an interdisciplinary master's program in China Studies. The Yenching Academy provides full fellowships to its scholars, and offers them a wide array of interdisciplinary courses on China within broadly defined fields of the humanities and social sciences. Working closely with their academic mentors, Yenching Scholars create their own study paths by choosing courses from six research areas. They participate in a variety of extracurricular activities and field studies, organized by the Yenching Academy, and designed by scholars themselves. Studying at the Academy is an exceptional opportunity to take part in intercultural exchanges and interdisciplinary learning, developing both personally and professionally.

Application Procedure:

- Full online application (Personal statement; Statement of Research Interest; Curriculum Vita; Official transcript(s); Diploma(s) or Certificate(s) of Enrollment)
- Two academic letters of recommendation

Requirements:

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in any field or currently enrolled in a degree program awarded no later than August 31, 2022;
- An outstanding academic record;
- Strong interest in interdisciplinary study of China;
- A record of extracurricular achievement, community engagement, social responsibility, and leadership potential;
- English proficiency.

Videos and Workshops:

[Yenching Academy Virtual Information Sessions: Politics and International Studies:](#)

[Yenching Academy Virtual Information Sessions: Law and Society:](#)

[Yenching Academy Virtual Information Sessions: Economics and management](#)

[Yenching Academy Virtual Information Sessions: Literature, culture, history and religion](#)

Website:

<https://yenchingacademy.pku.edu.cn/index.htm>



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INTERNSHIPS & SUMMER INSTITUTES

American Economic Association Summer Program

The [American Economic Association Summer Program](#) increases the participation and advancement of women and underrepresented minorities in economics. The fellowship allows the fellow to spend a summer in residence at a sponsoring research institution. Apply as a Junior.

DAAD Rise Germany

[DAAD RISE \(Research Internships in Science and Engineering\) Germany](#) offers summer research internships in Germany for undergraduates from North America, Great Britain, and Ireland. During internships, students are matched with doctoral student mentors with whom they work closely. Interns receive a monthly stipend to cover everyday costs while host universities and institutes provide housing assistance. About 300 scholarships are offered each year. The German language is not required as the working language will be English.

The objective of the grant is to promote student exchange to Germany in the fields of natural science, engineering, and life sciences, and to motivate undergraduate students to learn more about Germany's research landscape and study opportunities.

Fulbright UK Summer Institutes

U.S. Citizens can go to the UK for the summer through the [US-UK Fulbright Commission Summer Institutes](#). Programs provide 3-4 weeks of academic and cultural engagement. Applicants must be over age 18 and have at least 2 years of undergraduate study remaining.

Morris K. Udall Internship

The Udall Foundation established the [Native American Congressional Internship Program](#) to give Native American students an opportunity to learn about the federal government from the inside. Each year, twelve candidates are selected for a ten-week, intensive internship in Washington, D.C. Interns work full time in congressional offices or federal agencies, fulfilling a variety of tasks ranging from general support work to special research and writing projects. Application deadline Late January - Early February.

Public Policy & International Affairs Junior Summer Institute

The [PPIA Junior Summer Institute](#) is an intensive seven-week summer program that focuses on preparing students for graduate programs in public and international affairs and careers as policy professionals, public administrators, and other leadership roles in public service. Apply as a Junior.



Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program

[The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program](#) is a six-week summer program designed to provide undergraduate students with a deeper appreciation of current issues and trends in international affairs, a greater understanding of career opportunities in international affairs, and the enhanced knowledge and skills to pursue such careers.

This program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need. Students live at Howard University, attend classes, and participate in a variety of programs with foreign affairs professionals at Howard and at diverse locations around Washington, DC.

The Program covers the costs for tuition, travel, housing, and two meals per day. It also provides a stipend of \$3,200. Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students, with at least sophomore status on the date of the application deadline.

UNESCO Internships

The [UNESCO Internship Program](#) offers practical work in one of UNESCO's priority areas. Placements aim to help understand the Organization's mandate, programs, and main thrusts. It also enhances academic knowledge with work assignments relevant to future career goals.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

[Mississippi Teacher Corps](#)

The Mississippi Teacher Corps (MTC) is a University of Mississippi graduate teacher preparation program with a mission to: recruit, train, and support empathetic participants to become committed, talented, and passionate educators who have a desire to partner with and serve communities as teachers in critical-needs public schools. MTC provides training, support, certification, and a full scholarship for a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from the University of Mississippi. During the school year, participants receive full pay and benefits from their school district and attend graduate classes at the University of Mississippi. Each year, MTC accepts between 25-35 candidates. Due to the size of the program, MTC can offer individualized support. All participants move as a cohort through each stage of the training and coursework.

[Presidential Fellows Program: Center for the Study of the Presidency](#)

The PMF Program is a flagship leadership development program at the entry level for advanced degree candidates. The Program attracts and selects the best candidates possible, developing a cadre of potential government leaders. It provides some sustenance during the first years of employment and encourages development of leadership capabilities. The PMF Program inculcates a lasting bond as well as a spirit of public service, ultimately encouraging and leading to a career in the government.

In addition to salary and benefits, your two-year appointment will provide a fast-paced opportunity to gain experience working in a Federal agency.

[The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship](#)

The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship, established in 1987, is a highly-competitive national fellowship program that provides recent college and graduate school alumni with the opportunity to gain a Washington perspective on key issues of peace and security. Twice yearly, the fellowship's Board of Directors selects a group of outstanding individuals to spend six to nine months in Washington. Supported by a salary, the fellows serve as full-time junior staff members at the participating organization of their choice.

[White House Fellows Program](#)

White House Fellows gain first-hand experience in the process of governing the Nation and a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of society. White House Fellowships offer exceptional emerging leaders first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal government. Selected individuals typically spend a year working as a full-time, paid Fellow to senior White House Staff, Cabinet Secretaries, and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with leaders from the private and public sectors, and trips to study U.S. policy in action both domestically and internationally. Fellowships are awarded on a strictly non-partisan basis.

NEXT STEPS

The key to a strong application is.... START EARLY!

- STEP 1:** Look through the handbook and identify potential awards.
- Each award in the handbook includes eligibility, a description, application procedures, and links to videos/webinars.
 - Some awards identify “institutional endorsement required” or “institutional endorsement recommended”. In order to be endorsed by ONSA and the university of Mississippi you must have a complete application by the [campus deadline](#).
- STEP 2:** Complete the [Fellowship Interest Form](#) (required)
- STEP 3:** Make an [appointment with a Fellowship Advisor](#) (strongly recommended)
- STEP 4:** If you apply for a national fellowship, you will need to complete the [Nomination Permission Form and Waiver](#) (required)

OTHER RESOURCES:

ONSA newsletter

[ONSA website](#)

Instagram: #ONSA_University_of_Mississippi

Twitter: UM_ONSA

Facebook: @ONSAatUM

LinkedIn: The Office of National Scholarship Advisement