

Major Scholarship Deadlines: 2009-10 Academic Year

Students should speak with Dr. Laura Damuth, UNL Fellowship Advisor *well in advance* of the National Deadlines.

September

9/11 Campus deadline for the Fulbright. All application materials should be submitted to the Office of International Affairs by this date. Students should have spoken with Laura Damuth prior to the 9/11 submission. National deadline: mid-October

October

10/1 National deadline for the MARSHALL scholarship

10/5 National deadline for the RHODES scholarship

10/5 National deadline for the MITCHELL scholarship

10/15 National deadline for the GATES-CAMBRIDGE scholarship

November

Early Nov. National deadlines for the NSF Graduate Fellowship

11/10 National deadline for the CHURCHILL scholarship

Nov. 15 CAMPUS deadline for the undergraduate GOLDWATER, TRUMAN, AND UDALL scholarships

January

Early January US Department of Homeland Security scholarship
National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship

Jan. 29 National Deadline: GOLDWATER

February

2/2/10 National Deadline: TRUMAN

2/12/10 UCARE applications due for the 2010-11 AY

March

3/2/10 National Deadline: UDALL

Fulbright Fellowship

Scholarship Description:

The scholarship was established at the end of WWII in order to “increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.” Students can apply to do a project in over 140 different countries for one academic year. Each country has a different number of Fulbright grants allotted to it; check the Fulbright booklet for information on specific countries. The booklet is available May 1 from the Office of International Affairs.

Eligibility

Students must be **US citizens**. Most students who apply are college seniors, recent graduates, or are in the early stages of graduate school.

Selection Criteria

There are two kinds of US student Fulbright grants: **Full** and the **ETA** (English Teaching Assistantship). For the **Full grant**, the student must have written a project proposal that is viable/feasible for one academic year and generally have some proficiency in written/spoken language of host country. The student must also have contacted specialists in the host country and obtained a **letter of affiliation** either from an institution or individual, which supports the student coming to the country.

For the **ETA**: about 43 countries offer ETA placement. Each country is slightly different in terms of the kind of experience and career goals they expect from their applicants. Because placement is made by the country, no letter of affiliation is needed.

Campus Deadline: September 11, 2009 (deadline for submitting completed applications to the UNL Fulbright Office (International Affairs, 420 University Terrace).

National Deadline: mid October (online applications only)

Application

- Application form
- 3 references
- Personal Statement (Fulbright calls a CV)
- Project Proposal
- Transcripts
- Language form to show level of language proficiency
- Campus rating form

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Website: www.iie.org/fulbright

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

Institutionally nominated

Scholarship Description

The Goldwater scholarship, established by the U.S. Congress in 1986, supports promising undergraduates (juniors or seniors) in engineering, mathematics, or the natural sciences. Students apply for the Goldwater in either their sophomore* or junior years. The scholarship supports students' college expenses up to \$7500 per year.

*sophomores are defined as having two more years of undergraduate study after the current year.

Eligibility

Students must be: US Citizens (US nationals or resident aliens), in the upper quarter of their class, (GPA of ca. 3.95) majoring in engineering, mathematics, or the natural sciences, and planning to pursue an advanced degree with career plans focused on research. Students must have had **significant research** experience when they **apply**.

Campus Deadline November 15

UNL can nominate up to 4 candidates per year. Campus application is due November 15. Students should have made an appointment to speak with Laura Damuth about the scholarship before November 15.

Natinal Deadline Early February

Application

- Application form
- **High school transcript**
- All college transcripts
- Three letters of reference
- Four short essay questions
- Longer essay regarding your undergraduate research.
- Must have a faculty member oversee the application

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Website: www.act.org/goldwater

Jacob K. Javits Graduate Fellowship

Purpose	To assist students of superior ability as they pursue graduate study in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Honors the strong support that Senator Javits extended to education and the arts.
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	Apply to terminal degree (MFA or Ph.D.) at an accredited graduate school. Only supports MA study that represents “an integral preparatory step to a doctorate.”
<i>Number & Amount</i>	Number depends upon funding from Congress (range is from 50-70 awards). Amount is adjusted yearly. \$42,000 in 2006:(covers both tuition and living stipend.
<i>Duration</i>	Up to four years of funding possible.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	US citizens, permanent residents or citizens of one of the Freely Associated States. Students seeking a terminal degree in the arts, humanities, or social sciences.
<i>When</i>	Students generally apply as graduating seniors.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Application parts scored according to fixed point allocation. Assessed on academic record, awards and honors, letters of reference and personal statement. Portfolio is also scored for students in the creative and performing arts.
Campus Deadline	none—but please speak to Dr. Damuth about this award.
Deadline	Early October
Application	Scannable applicant information form includes space for academic honors and awards. Transcripts. GRE scores. Personal statement. Three letters of reference. Some federal forms. Supplementary portfolio for students in the arts.
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Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html

Marshall Scholarship

Institutionally nominated

Scholarship description:

The Marshall scholarship, created in honor of George Marshall who spearheaded the Marshall Plan at the end of WWII, supports American students to undertake a course of study at most schools in the United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is primarily intended for graduate degrees. The scholarship funds all expenses associated with study in the United Kingdom (including travel). Students must have a very high GPA, good reasons for study in the UK, and show excellence in leadership, citizenship, and scholarship.

Eligibility

Students must be US citizens, and have completed their baccalaureate degree. Most students who apply are serious intellectuals with a very high GPA.

Selection Criteria

Very high GPA. Good rationale for study in the UK. Goals consistent with resume and curriculum. Demonstrated potential in chosen field. Finalists interview at the British Consulate in Chicago.

Campus Deadline Mid-April of the previous academic year

National Deadline Early October (check the website for the date this year); online application only

Application– online only

- Application form
- 4 references
- Transcripts
- Study proposal
- Personal statement of 1000 words or less, statement of proposed plan of study, and some smaller essays
- **Campus nomination form.**

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National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

Purpose	To ensure the vitality of the human resource base for mathematics, science, and engineering in the United States.
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	Any accredited non-profit U.S. institution or appropriate international institution of higher education offering advanced degrees in applicable fields.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	1000 awards annually. Per annum...\$30,000 stipend and payment to cover tuition. \$1000 travel allowance also available for research.
<i>Duration</i>	Maximum of three years of funding. Usable over 5 years.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	U.S. Citizens, U.S. national, or permanent resident. Majors in natural sciences, computer science, mathematics, engineering. Students with a clinical interest are not eligible.
<i>When</i>	College senior or first year of graduate study.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Applicants judged on intellectual merit and likelihood of making a broad impact through their work. Fellows are expected to contribute significantly to research, teaching and industrial applications in science, mathematics, and engineering.
Campus Deadline	None.
Deadline	Typically in early November. Must take the GRE by later December deadline.
Application	Application form includes resume and three essays: one for proposed research, one for prior research, and personal experiences that have shaped goals. Transcripts. References (on a specific form). GRE scores. Submit online at www.fastlane.nsf.gov/jsp/homepage/grad_research_fel.jsp
Contact	Laura Damuth, 201 Seaton Hall, Ldamuth1@unl.edu/472-5024. You must also consult with faculty mentors.
Other	Many of the social sciences are also eligible fields. Students can pursue the history or philosophy of science. NSF designates about 90 awards under the Women in Engineering (WENG) and the Women in Computer and Information Science (WICS) programs.
Website:	http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201

Rhodes Scholarship

Institutionally nominated

Website for more detailed information:

www.rhodesscholar.org

Scholarship Description:

This is probably one of the most prestigious international scholarships. It was initiated in 1902 after the death of Cecil Rhodes to bring outstanding students from many countries around the world to the University of Oxford. There are 32 awards annually to students from the US; 2 students are chosen from 16 regions. The scholarship provides: full tuition, travel expenses, and a stipend for living expenses. A student may choose a second baccalaureate degree or a graduate degree. The award period is for 2 years with the possibility of a third.

Eligibility

You must be a U.S. Citizen, between the ages of 18-24 on Oct. 1 in your year of application. You must have completed a Bachelors degree before starting at Oxford. Most students apply as a college senior.

Selection Criteria

Students should be "scholar-activists," with both high academic achievement and a strong record of public service. Students should have at least a 3.8 GPA and a challenging course load. Students should have evidence of leadership, and have high aspirations.

Campus Deadline April 15, previous academic year

National Deadline Early October

Application

- Application form
- Detailed personal statement of 1000 words or less that explains your educational and career goals (including your plan at Oxford)
- Resume
- 5-8 letters of recommendation
- Transcripts
- Campus endorsement

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Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Purpose	This is the official federal memorial to President Truman. The Truman Foundation supports graduate study for students committing themselves to careers in public service.
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	\$30,000 applies to graduate or professional school. Priority given to JD degrees and graduate degrees in public administration, public policy analysis, public health, international relations, government, economics, social services delivery, education and human resource development and conservation and environmental protection.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	75-80 awards annually (ideally including one per state)
<i>Duration</i>	Two or three years (not counting final year at UNL). Duration depends upon program of study. You can defer the Truman for up to 5 years.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Seek a career in public service. Upper quarter of class.
<i>When</i>	Applicants should express an interest in the Truman by the time they are sophomores. Nominees apply nationally as juniors. Juniors are defined as students in their penultimate year of undergraduate study.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Record of public service and leadership. Government internships and activism are valued. Good fit regarding career goals. Strong academic record.
Campus Deadline	November 15 of student's junior year. UNL can nominate 4 candidates.
Deadline	Early February.
Application	Application form with short essays and a policy proposal (500 words). Transcripts. Three letters of reference with specific instructions. Campus endorsement.
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