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What are National Fellowships

- Merit-based scholarships to support undergraduate or graduate study
- Funding to conduct independent research
- Support public service and professional experiences
- Funding for intensive language study and study abroad
- International or based in the US
Preparing for Fellowships

- Seek out classes that are interesting, challenging & reflect your interests
- Maintain a high GPA
- Maintain an updated resume and/or Curriculum Vitae
- Connect with faculty, staff & peers
- Experiential education
  - Study Abroad
  - Volunteer
  - Internship
  - Conduct research
- Make a plan!
Future Fellowships

- UK Graduate Study
  - Rhodes Scholarship
  - Marshall Scholarship
  - Gates-Cambridge
  - St. Andrew’s Scholarship
  - Churchill Scholarship

- Graduate Study
  - Mitchell Scholarship
  - Schwarzman Scholarship

- International Experiences
  - Fulbright
  - Watson Fellowship
  - Luce Scholarship
Goldwater Scholarship

- For sophomores or juniors pursuing careers in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering
- Successful applicants will have a GPA of 3.75 or higher
- Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents

- Candidates must be nominated by their college or university
- Covers tuition, fees, books, room and board up to $7,500 annually
- **Deadline**: late January
- **Campus deadline**: November
- [goldwater.scholarsapply.org](http://goldwater.scholarsapply.org)
Truman Scholarship

- Juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public service
- Must commit to work three of seven years in a public sector job after graduate school
- Successful applicants will have a GPA of 3.5 or higher

- Award provides financial support (up to $10,000 per year for up to three years) for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service
  - **Deadline:** early February
  - **Campus deadline:** November
  - [www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov)
Udall Scholarship

- For sophomores or juniors pursuing careers in environmental science, policy, or advocacy
- Successful applicants will have a GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Candidates must be U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents

- The Foundation awards 50 scholarships of $5,000 and 50 honorable mentions annually on the basis of merit
- Candidates must be nominated by their college or university
- **Deadline:** early March
- **Campus deadline:** November
- [https://www.udall.gov/](https://www.udall.gov/)
Boren Scholarship

- Provides undergraduates with an intensive language learning experience abroad
- Preference given for full year study
- Cannot study in Western Europe, Australia or New Zealand
- Candidates identify their own study abroad program in the country of their choice
- Must agree to work for the federal government for one year after graduating
- Must complete the NSEP study abroad before graduating
- Awards provide for round-trip transportation, language courses, tuition, books, room & board.
- **Deadline:** Early February
- **Campus deadlines:**
  - Dec. 1 – Deadline for Rough Draft
  - Jan. 15 – Deadline for Final Draft
- [www.borenawards.org/](http://www.borenawards.org/)
Critical Language Scholarship

- Fully-funded 8-10 week summer immersion programs
- Programs available in Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian (Farsi), Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu.
- Swahili is NEW for Summer 2016.
- Arabic & Persian require at least one year of study; Japanese, Chinese and Russian require two years

- No service requirement
- Open to all undergraduate majors & graduate students
- Must be a student at the time of application
- Awards provide for round-trip transportation, language courses, cultural excursions, tuition, books, room & board.

**Deadline:** Late November
**Campus deadline:** Late October
**[www.clscholarship.org/](http://www.clscholarship.org/)**
Keys to Success

- Prepare: Visit the Wesleyan Fellowships
  - http://www.wesleyan.edu/cgs/fellowship/index.html
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement Writing
- Understand the details and process of the application
- Practice - interviewing and writing
- Connect with faculty members & advisors to discuss your academic interests, goals and for insight
Keys to Success: Recommendations

How do I...

- Get to know professors, advisors, university administrators, employers and mentors; forge strong, enduring relationships
- Go to office hours
- Ask questions/express interest in what they study/teach/do
- Serve as a research or teaching assistant

Asking for a recommendation

- Who knows you personally?
- Who can speak to your academic/research/language ability?
- Give some guidance and context
- Share your resume and application
- Ask early and have an alternate
Keys to Success: Personal Statements

- Plan ahead - allocate time for review, revisions & editing
- Write, write & rewrite
- Apply for smaller grants and scholarships
- Work with a writing tutor
- Make an appointment with me
- Attend a writing workshop
  - Fellowships Workshop Series
  - Mondays in April @ 12PM | Usdan 110
Keys to Success: Next Steps

- Do your research: identify fellowships & scholarships reflecting your interests
- Get feedback: Meet with faculty, advisors and mentors for insight
- Think about: Letters of Recommendation
- Build relationships here at Wes and off campus
- Interested in language study or a Fulbright? Use your time abroad
- Focus on developing research skills
- Meet with me! Make an appointment online
Kate Smith - Center for Global Studies

Please make appointments online:
www.wesleyan.edu/cgs/fellowships

Thank you!