

# NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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# WHAT ARE THESE AWARDS?

- National or international competition
- Extremely prestigious
- Highly competitive
- The \$\$ is not the major benefit
- Lifetime recognition & connections
- Offer incredible experiences

# COMMON AWARD CHARACTERISTICS

- Concerned about professional goals
- Want to see consistency; activities connected to your career goals/interests?
- Want to know – Why them? Why you? Why now?
- Expectation for academic excellence
- Not a reward for past good work
- Promise of continued excellence
- How have you made a difference?
- What have you accomplished that others have been unable to do?

# OVERVIEW AND GENERAL BENEFITS

## National Awards may support...

- Undergraduate and Graduate study
- Teaching
- Research
- Service
- International affairs
- Languages
- Internships

## National Awards may offer...

- Financial support
- Access to highly prestigious institutions
- Potential for international experiences
- Lifetime recognition
- Network with future leaders

# CONDUCTING YOUR SEARCH

## *What to consider:*

- Carefully review the organization's mission, does it match your goals?
- Review profiles of recent scholarship recipients; how do you compare?
- Do you meet all of the basic criteria?
- Can you make a compelling case for yourself?

## *Where to look:*

- [Stonehill website](#)
- [Univ. of Chicago \(FROGS\)](#)

# BEFORE YOU DECIDE!

- Odds of success are low
- Serious time commitment
- Intense writing and revising

## However... no risk, no reward!

- Through this process, you will learn to formulate and articulate your personal vision.
- This skill will help you in all future endeavors including graduate school and job applications.

# UNDERGRAD AWARDS: SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

- **Elie Wiesel Foundation Prize in Ethics Contest (J,S)**
  - Cash prizes
  - Write thought-provoking personal essay about a moral dilemma
- **Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Program (J,S)**
  - 6-week summer program at Howard University in Washington, D.C.
  - Classes and programs with foreign affairs professionals
  - Diversity applicants
- **Harry S. Truman Scholarship (J)**
  - \$30k toward graduate education
  - Demonstrated leadership potential and commitment to public service

# UNDERGRAD AWARDS: STEM

- **Amgen Scholars Program (J)**
  - Summer research
  - University science research projects
- **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship (J)**
  - \$7,500/year 2-year scholarship
  - Career in research
- **Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship (J,S)**
  - 10-week summer program
  - Research in Dept. of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy
- **Udall Scholarship (J)**
  - \$5,000 scholarship
  - Pursuing study of environmental issues and policy





# UNDERGRAD AWARDS: INTERNATIONAL

- **Gilman and Boren: intern/study abroad (J)**
  - Non-traditional intern and study destinations
  - Gilman: Pell Grant Recipient
  - Boren: Pursuing career in Federal Government/national security
- **Critical Language Scholarship: 7-10 week summer study abroad (J,S)**
  - Development of a critical language, e.g. Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Russian, Turkish
- **DAAD: study/intern/research in Germany (J,S)**
- **Humanity in Action Fellowship: 5-week summer program (J,S)**
  - Centered on human rights-centered conflicts in Europe
  - Programs in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris, and Warsaw

# POST GRADUATE: INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS

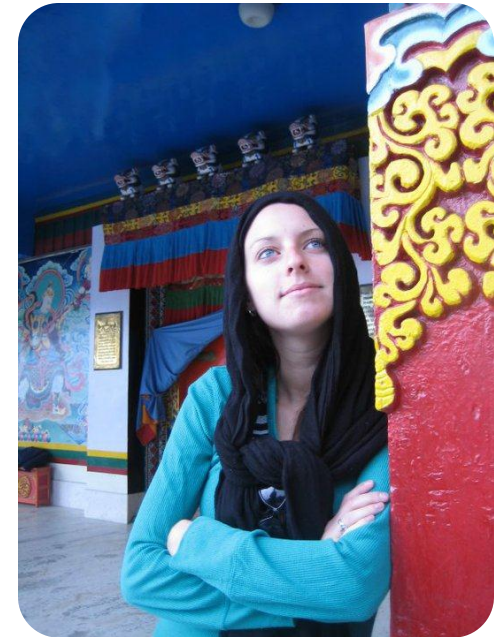
- **Davies-Jackson**
  - First in family to graduate from college; St. John's College, Univ. of Cambridge
- **Fulbright Full Grant** - Study in UK
- **Marshall** - Study in UK
- **Mitchell** - Study in Ireland
- **Gates Cambridge** - University of Cambridge
- **Rhodes** - Oxford
- **Schwarzman Scholars** - Tsinghua University in Beijing, China
- **St. Andrew's Scholarship** - Scottish descent; St. Andrew's University, Scotland



# POST GRAD AWARDS: INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

- **Critical Language Scholarship**
- **Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship**
- **Fulbright Full Grant: Project**
- **Global Health Corps**
  - 1-year paid; focus on global health equity
- **Humanity in Action Fellowship**

*Post graduate service programs*



# POST GRADUATE AWARDS: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/D.C.

- **Carnegie Junior Fellowship**
  - Paid, full-time, 1-year position in D.C.
  - Strong research and writing skills
- **Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship**
  - 6-9 months paid internship in D.C.
  - Non-profit public interest organizations
- **Rangel/Payne/Pickering Int'l Affairs Fellowships**
  - Summer internships in D.C.
  - Interest in career in Foreign Service
  - Tuition for 2-year Master's program
  - Foreign service employment opportunities



# POST GRADUATE AWARDS: STEM

- **Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship**
  - Pursuing Ph.D. in applied physical, biological, engineering sciences
  - Funds cost of education - new technologies and discoveries
- **Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship**
  - 10 week summer program
  - Dept. of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy
- **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship**
  - Pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees
  - Funds cost of education and stipend

# POST GRADUATE AWARDS: GRADUATE SCHOOL

- **James Madison Fellowship**
  - Interest in teaching American Constitution at secondary level
  - Graduate fellowship to study Constitution
- **Soros Fellowship for New Americans**
  - New Americans: (permanent residents or naturalized citizens if born abroad; otherwise children of naturalized citizen parents)
  - Funds Master's degree, up to \$90,000

# BASIC CRITERIA AND BASIS FOR EVALUATION

- ✓ Academic Record
- ✓ Activities
- ✓ Personal Statement
- ✓ Essay(s)
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Transcript

# ACTIVITIES: RESUME/CV



- Work experience
- Academic experience (e.g. research, teaching)
- Community and public service
- Leadership roles
- Awards/honors/recognitions



# PERSONAL STATEMENT AND ESSAYS

- Opportunity to stand out
- Keep the audience in mind
- Give yourself plenty of time
- Organize your thoughts
- Answer the question that is asked
- Convey your goals *and* personality!
- Create a strong opening and closing
- Write to inform not to impress
- We will provide critique



# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Whom to ask? Credible and Relevant!
  - Would the audience respect this person?
  - Is this person's area of expertise relevant?
  - Has this person had relevant interactions?
- Best Practices
  - Approach well in advance (4 weeks minimum)
  - Allow them to say 'no'
  - Explain why you've asked
  - Provide
    - Information on award
    - Detailed instructions on submission
    - Resume/CV; drafts of statements or description of motivation
  - Have letters submitted to Dean Almeida for review
  - Say 'thank you'!!



# TRANSCRIPTS

- Transcripts must be requested in writing from the Registrar's Office
- Link on Registrar's website to [request form](#)
- There is no charge
- This request can take time, so make sure you request this well in advance of the deadline.

# VALUE OF THE PROCESS

- Stronger sense of who you are
- Clearer sense of your long-term goals and plans
- Strengthens written and oral communication skills
- Personal growth is important to your future success, regardless of the path you choose



# OUR ROLE

- Publicize scholarship/fellowship opportunities
- Identify potential applicants
- Provide guidance in preparing written application
- Provide guidance to referees
- Provide instruction in interview strategy
- Organize campus selection committees
- Coordinate campus nomination processes

# YOUR ROLE

- Read our emails
- Meet with us
- Research the programs and criteria thoroughly
- Comply with the established deadlines
- Be open to feedback
- Work with a faculty member
- Have your resume reviewed in Career Services
- Follow our advice!

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