

# Competitive Awards to Support International Opportunities Seniors, Alumni & Grad Students



Scholarship  
Achievement  
Opportunity

## *What can the Frederik Meijer Office of Fellowships do for you?*

We support students in achieving the extraordinary, seeking competitive awards to support international experiences, including study abroad, language learning, teaching, research, internships and service opportunities abroad.

### **Fun Facts:**

- GVSU has been a top producer nationally of Boren, Fulbright and Gilman Scholars
- GVSU students and alumni have received Boren, Bosch, Churchill, Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, Critical Language Scholarship, Cultural Vistas, DAAD, Fulbright, Gilman, Freeman-Asia, Pickering, Rotary Fellowships and more. See Success Stories at [www.gvsu.edu/fellowships](http://www.gvsu.edu/fellowships).

## **Getting Started:**

### **Open Advising Walk-in Hours in Padnos International Center (PIC)**

#### **Wednesdays 5 – 7 pm**

*Fall & Winter Semesters/  
when classes are in session  
Lake Ontario Hall 130*

Visit our website at [www.gvsu.edu/fellowships](http://www.gvsu.edu/fellowships) to schedule 1:1 appointments via Appointment Manager.

If none of the times listed work with your schedule, please email us at: [fellowships@gvsu.edu](mailto:fellowships@gvsu.edu)

***Appointments available in-person in Allendale and Grand Rapids, by phone and virtually.***

### ➤ **Explore Awards**

- Visit our website at [www.gvsu.edu/fellowships](http://www.gvsu.edu/fellowships) to browse awards
- Find links to campus/community scholarships on PIC's Paying for Study Abroad page: [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad)
- Download an Excel list of competitive awards from: <http://bit.ly/1LhTL3d>
- Visit [www.studyabroadfunding.org](http://www.studyabroadfunding.org), [www.profollow.com](http://www.profollow.com), [www.myscholly.com](http://www.myscholly.com) & <https://www.iefao.org/>
- External databases of international awards: <http://bit.ly/2xYPfor> (language critical language), for study abroad: <http://bit.ly/2ytyZ1N>
- Perform a Google Search to locate award opportunities
- Contact your study abroad provider about program-specific grants or awards

### ➤ **Pay Attention to deadlines, including campus (internal) deadlines**

Most competitive awards have campus deadlines *before* the national deadline. This is to ensure that your application meets all requirements of the funding agency and to assist you in submitting the strongest possible proposal, personal statement, letters of recommendation and supporting materials possible.

# **Quick Guide: Scholarship & Fellowship Award Opportunities for Study Abroad\***

*Please visit each award website for complete award description, deadlines, eligibility requirements, & application instructions.*

**\*Note:** This is a sample of the nationally competitive award opportunities available for students for study abroad and is not exhaustive.

## **Alexander von Humboldt/German Chancellor Fellowship**

Supports applicants from the US, Russian Federation and PRC who hold a bachelor's in addition to possessing work experience and demonstrate outstanding leadership potential to complete self-designed research within a German host institution.

*Deadlines in March and September*

## **Alfa Fellowship Program**

High-level, 11-month professional development program placing accomplished young Americans, Britons, and Germans in Russian work assignments at leading organizations in the fields of business, economics, journalism, law, and public policy.

*Deadline in December*

## **American Australian Association Fellowship**

The American Australian Association supports full-time study or research, including full graduate degree completion in STEM fields.

*Deadline in October*

## **Acumen Fund Regional Fellowship Programs**

Acumen supports fellowship programs for emerging leaders from different regions, sectors, and socio-economic backgrounds in business, public sector and NGO placements. Eligible regions include: East Africa, West Africa, India, Pakistan and Latin America

*Deadline in Summer*

## **Ambassador Summer Scholarship Program**

The Taiwan-United States Sister Relations Alliance (TUSA) Summer Scholarship Program seeks to create closer friendships and understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan. This program supports undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in studying Mandarin (Chinese) language and learning about Taiwanese culture.

*Deadline in February*

## **American-Scandinavian Foundation Awards for Americans**

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) offers fellowships (up to \$23,000) and grants (up to \$5,000) to individuals to pursue research or study in one or more Scandinavian country (Denmark, Sweden, Norway) for up to one year.

*Deadlines vary*

## **Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program**

Funds graduate study for students from underrepresented groups who demonstrate financial need and interest in pursuing careers in the Foreign Service. Fellows pursue graduate or professional degrees in international affairs, public administration, policy, business, foreign language, economics or political science. Requires minimum three-year commitment to Foreign Service.

*Deadline in September*

## **Clinton India Fellowship**

The William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India is an immersive, 10-month service program matching young professionals with development organizations. Fellows work on scalable and sustainable development projects in the fields of education, livelihoods, technology and innovation, and public health. Fellows serve from September to July with development organizations across India. US and Indian nationals and US Permanent Residents are eligible and must possess a bachelor's degree prior to fellowship start date.

*Deadline in January*

## **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange**

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) is funded by the German Bundestag and U.S. Department of State, supporting 75 American and 75 Germans ages 18-24, to spend a year studying, interning, and living with hosts on a cultural immersion program.

*Deadline in December*

## **Congressional Black Caucus Fellowship Program**

The CBCF administers a rigorous 20-month fellowship program, placing participants in CBC congressional offices and on congressional committees, in addition to offering leadership development, community service and policy experience.

*Deadline in April*

## **Congressional Black Caucus Internship Program**

CBCF offers three internship programs: the Congressional Internship Program, the Emerging Leaders Internship Program, and the Communications Internship Program. Awards include stipend, housing and are eligible to receive academic credit at the intern's college or university.

*Deadline April-July for Fall placements*

## **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Awards**

Provides scholarships, internships and other support for Hispanic students for undergraduate or graduate students in any area of study. Open to DACA and permanent residents.

*Deadline usually in April*

## **Critical Language Scholarship**

Critical Language Scholarships (CLS) provide group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences for seven to ten weeks. Funds beginning-advanced: Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu. Arabic, Persian, Chinese, Japanese and Russian require prior study.

*Deadline in November*

### **DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)**

DAAD offers a wide range of highly selective awards, including long-term and short-term scholarships, grants, and fellowships including residence in Germany.

#### **DAAD German Studies Research Grant (short-term)**

This specialized program offers German Studies Research Grants to highly-qualified undergraduate and graduate students nominated by their department/program chairs. Supports 1-2 months of study in Germany.

Designed to encourage research and promote the study of cultural, political, historical, economic and social aspects of modern and contemporary German affairs from inter- and multidisciplinary perspectives. Open to candidates in any field, regardless of citizenship or country of origin.

Advanced German required.

*Fall Deadline 1 May*

*Spring deadline 1 November*

#### **DAAD Graduate Study Scholarship**

Highly qualified seniors or graduates in all disciplines—regardless of citizenship or country of origin—are eligible to apply for a DAAD Study Scholarship to support a full Master's degree or post-graduate study at a German university. Requires German commensurate to proposed study/ graduate program requirements.

*November Deadline*

#### **DAAD Research Grant (long-term)**

Support 7-10 months of research or study. Awarded to highly qualified who hold a Master's degree—and in exceptional cases, a BA/BS/BFA. Open to candidates in any field, regardless of citizenship or country of origin. Requires German commensurate to carry out proposed research.

*November Deadline*

#### **DAAD Research Internships in Science & Engineering (RISE Professional)**

RISE Professional offers 3-month research internships to RISE undergraduate alumni and Master's and Ph.D. students from USA, Canada, Great Britain or Ireland at German companies and non-university research institutions with strong relations to industry. Eligible fields include biology, chemistry, computer science, physics, earth science and engineering. Placements are available in summer and fall.

German proficiency varies by internship placement.

*Deadline 31 January*

#### **DAAD Graduate Grant for Doctoral Studies**

Multi-year awards, open to highly qualified candidates who possess a Master's degree, Diploma, or in exceptional cases, BA/BS. Supports doctoral degree-seeking studies at a German state-recognized institution of higher education or research institute in a structured doctoral study program. Requires German commensurate to carry out proposed study.

*November Deadline*

### **DAAD Intensive Language Course Grant**

This scholarship program supports students in improving their knowledge of the German language and culture. Must possess sophomore standing. Requires three semesters of German or equivalent.

*Deadline in December*

#### **DAAD Short-Term Research Grant**

Awarded for 1-6 months to highly qualified candidates who possess a Master's degree, Diploma, or in exceptional cases, BA/BS. Open to candidates in any field, regardless of citizenship or country of origin. Requires German commensurate to carry out proposed study.

*Deadline in November*

#### **DAAD University Summer Course Grant**

This program provides scholarships to attend a broad range of three- to four-week summer courses at German universities which focus mainly on language, literature, cultural, political and economic aspects of modern and contemporary Germany. Extensive extracurricular programs complement and reinforce the core material. Requires intermediate German.

*Deadline in December*

#### **Davis Fellows for Peace**

The Davis Fellows for Peace support language study to "bring about a mindset of preparing for peace instead of preparing for war." 100 fellowships are awarded annually to students with demonstrated interest in: international, global, or area studies; international politics & economics; peace & security studies and/or conflict resolution. They support summer-long study at any of Middlebury's 11 Language Schools.

*Deadline 15 December for the following summer*

#### **Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship**

Supports students interested in pursuing careers in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Fellowship provides up to \$90,000 in benefits over two years.

*Deadline in January*

#### **Emerson National Hunger Fellows**

Emerson National Hunger Fellows complete a social justice program that trains, inspires, and sustains leaders. Fellows gain field experience fighting hunger and poverty through placements in community based organizations across the country, and policy experience through site placements. The program bridges community-based efforts, national public policy and leadership development in the movement to end hunger and poverty.

*Campus deadline in December*

#### **Émigré Memorial German Internship Program (EMGIP) Landtag**

The Émigré Memorial German Internship Program—German State Parliaments (EMGIP) provides paid internships with German state parliaments (Landtag) for US and Canadian citizens. Requires advanced German. Preference for students interested in policy, the environment, education or healthcare.

Requires German proficiency.

*Summer deadline December*

*Fall Deadline March    Spring Deadline October*

### **Émigré Memorial German Internship (EMGIP) Bundestag**

This EMGIP program funds two-month internship opportunities for U.S. and Canadian students in the German parliament, the Bundestag. Interns will be placed within the Verwaltung, studying legislative and administrative procedures.

Requires German proficiency.

*Deadline September*

### **Fulbright English Language Fellows Program**

Through the English Language Fellow (EL Fellow) Program, highly qualified U.S. educators in the field of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) or Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) participate in 10-month-long fellowships at academic institutions throughout the world.

The EL Fellow Program fosters mutual understanding, promotes English language learning and enhances English teaching capacity abroad. Through projects sponsored by U.S. embassies, EL Fellows share their professional expertise, hone their skills, gain international experience and learn about other cultures. EL Fellows model and demonstrate up-to-date TEFL classroom practices that help foster thoughtful and responsible behavior in students and teachers of English.

To date, more than 1,000 EL Fellows have conducted projects in more than 80 countries. Examples of past EL Fellow projects include: Classroom Teaching, Teacher Training, In-Service and Pre-Service Training, Curriculum Development, Workshop and Seminar Design, Program Evaluation, Needs Assessment, Testing, and English for Specific Purposes (ESP).

*Deadline in October*

### **Fulbright US Student Scholarship Program**

This flagship international educational exchange awards 10,000 grants annually to support study, research, English teaching assistantships and fine arts residences in over 155 countries. Applicants must possess a BA/BS or equivalent at the start of their fellowship and cannot yet hold a doctoral degree. Any language proficiency requirements are outlined in host country guidelines. Minimum GPA 3.0, for some programs average is much higher.

***Campus deadline for all Fulbright Awards in September***

### **Fulbright-Clinton Fellowship**

Places students and recent graduates in foreign government positions to build mutual understanding while gaining hands-on, public sector experience in: the African Union, Bangladesh, Burma (Myanmar), Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Malawi, Nepal, Peru, Samoa and Timor-Leste.

### **Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships (ETAs)**

The ETA program is the largest US international exchange program with placements in over 70 countries. Required language skills and other qualifications vary by country.

### **Fulbright IIE US Student Program (Research)**

This Fulbright program funds students conducting research and/or study in over 110 countries. Applicants must hold a BA/BS or equivalent at the start of the grant and require the

level of host-country language proficiency outlined in country-specific guidelines.

### **Fulbright IIE US Student Program (Study)**

Support graduate studies (MA/MS/MPA/MBA/MFA) including: Public Policy in Australia, Irish Studies and Creative Writing in Ireland, MPA and Gastronomic Studies in Italy, Korean Studies in South Korea and many partnership awards in the United Kingdom.

Open field study options are also available in Finland, Iceland, Mexico, the Netherlands. Applicants must possess sufficient proficiency in host country language(s) to gain admission to degree program.

### **Fulbright Business Grants**

Support one two-year master's student in business or technology at Lappeenranta University of Technology in Finland; a one-year International MBA student and one Master's in International Management in Spain.

### **Fulbright Binational Internships**

Mexico funds 13 binational internships to enhance knowledge, expertise, and understanding of post-NAFTA Mexico to students with Mexico-based firms in international business or law.

### **Fulbright Journalism & Communication Awards**

Specific opportunities include: Beginning Professional Journalist Grants to support internships in Germany.

Spain supports masters in Visual & Digital Media, Corporate Communication, Market Research & Consumer Behavior and Business Analytics & Big Data.

Taiwan offers funding for graduate study in Asia-Pacific Studies, International Studies and International Communication Studies.

### **Fulbright Science & Public Health Awards**

The Fulbright Canada STEM Award funds three years of doctoral study at six institutions in basic and applied STEM fields.

Indonesia's Research, Science & Technology (FIRST) Awards fund Americans studying, teaching, and conduct research in science and technology fields.

The NAF/Fulbright Fellowship for Childhood Cancer provides one grant to conduct research in one of the seven pediatric oncology centers the Netherlands.

### **Fulbright National Geographic Digital Storytelling**

Recipients participate in an academic year abroad travelling and storytelling in 1-3 countries using digital media tools. New topics are announced each Spring.

### **Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship**

These fellowships, supported by the National Academies, provide three years of funding for individuals from underrepresented groups to pursue graduate study leading to a PhD or ScD. Eligible fields include: Education, Fine Arts; Social Sciences, Humanities, STEM/Research. Open to citizens, residents and DACA recipients.

*Due in November*

### Global Health Corps Fellowship

Global Health Corps aims to mobilize a global community of emerging leaders to build a movement for health equity. Graduates will work for 13 months in Rwanda, Malawi, Uganda, Burundi, Zambia or within the US.

*Deadline in January*

### Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship

The award funds 6-9 month internships in Washington, DC for recent graduates, exploring peace and security. Interns are selected twice per year to serve as full-time junior staff members at the participating organization of their choice.

*Spring Deadline in October*

*Fall Deadline in January*

### James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program

Each year, Carnegie offers approximately 12-14 one-year fellowships to uniquely qualified graduating seniors and individuals who have graduated during the past academic year. Regional areas include: Middle East Program, South Asia Program, Asia Program, Democracy and Rule of Law Program, Geoeconomics and Strategy Program, Russia and Eurasia Program, Nuclear Policy Program, Energy, Cyber Policy Initiative, Japan Studies and Economics.

### Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme (Japan)

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme promotes grass-roots international exchange between Japan and other nations by offering two-year teaching placements for recent college graduates and others interested in Japanese culture and language. Native English proficiency is required.

*Deadline in November*

### Leland International Hunger Fellows

The Leland International Hunger Fellows Program is two-year social justice program that trains, inspires, and sustains leaders. Fellows gain field experience fighting hunger and poverty through placements in community-based organizations abroad. Fellows work on a variety of issues related to food security, including: agriculture, maternal and child nutrition, advocacy, climate change adaptation, agribusiness development and women's empowerment.

***This two-year program will accept its next class in January 2019.***

***Campus deadline in December 2018***

### Library of Congress Junior Fellows

10-week summer internship program is open to undergraduate and graduate students. Fellows explore digital initiatives and inventory, catalog, arrange, preserve and research a backlog of special, legal or copyright collections in many different formats.

*Deadline in January*

### Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship

The Japanese Government's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) supports students from more than 160 countries in studying in Japan. The Ministry cooperates with national, local, public and private universities and trade schools to support Research, Undergraduate, Japan Studies, Teacher Training and Professional Training scholarships.

*Applicants should apply via the Japanese Consulate in Detroit.*

### MEXT Japanese Studies Award

Provides intensive Japanese language studies in Japan for applicants 18-30 years old enrolled in undergraduate minors or majors in Japanese language or Japanese culture.

*Deadline in February*

### MEXT Research Student

Eighteen month and two-year scholarships for graduate students to study at Japanese universities as research students in fields of art and natural science.

*Deadline in June*

### MEXT Undergraduate/Specialized Training College

Provides three-year scholarships for high school graduates between 18 and 22 years of age wishing to study in a Japanese professional training school.

*Deadline in June*

### MEXT Scholarships for Graduate Students

The Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology supports this award, which funds graduate students wishing to conduct research at a Japanese university. Interested applicants must apply through the Japanese Consulate in Detroit.

*Deadline in June*

### Middlebury Institute for International Studies

Both *U.S. and international students* are eligible for **merit and/or need-based scholarships to support both summer language study or to pursue graduate studies**. Funding is available for Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish studies in Monterrey or at Middlebury campuses abroad.

*Summer deadline in April*

### Mobility Scholarship Program

The Karman Healthcare Scholarship Fund provides funding for students with mobility disabilities and demonstrated financial need.

*Deadline in September*

### NAACP Scholarships

The NAACP, via the Poise Foundation, administers thousands of scholarships annually to NAACP members and their children. Awards are offered through the post-secondary level. Awards are offered in all disciplines and requirements vary.

*Various deadlines*

### NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship

NSEP Boren Fellowships support students pursuing the study of languages, cultures, and world regions that are critical to U.S. interests (including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the Middle East).

*Campus deadline in December*

### Pat Tillman Scholarship

Tillman Scholars include active-duty service members, veterans and military spouses and provide funding for educational expenses, (tuition and fees, books and living expenses).

*Deadline in February*



#### **Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans**

Supports 30 New Americans, immigrants or children of immigrants, in pursuing graduate study in the US (including DACA recipients). Each award includes \$25-35,000 stipend, and 50% of required tuition and fees, up to \$20,000 per year, for two years.

*Deadline in November*

#### **Peace Corps**

Peace Corps Volunteers work abroad for a period of two years after three months of training. The work is generally related to social and economic development.

*Rolling deadlines*

#### **Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship**

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi currently awards fifty-one Fellowships of \$5,000 each and six at \$15,000 each to members entering the first year of graduate or professional study.

*Campus Deadline in March*

#### **Point Foundation: The National LGBTQ Scholarship Fund**

The Point Foundation provides funding to empower promising LGBTQ students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential – despite the obstacles often put before them – to make a significant impact on society.

*Deadline in January*

#### **Princeton in Africa**

Matches talented and passionate college graduates with our partners working across Africa for yearlong service projects.

*Deadline in November*

#### **Princeton in Asia**

Offers service-oriented fellowships in the fields of education, media/journalism, international development (NGOs) and business, with a majority of fellows working as English teachers at universities and high schools.

*Deadline in November*

#### **Princeton in Latin America**

PiLA offers service experiences in Latin America and the Caribbean to match outstanding recent college graduates who are interested in year-long service fellowship opportunities.

*Deadline in November*

#### **Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship**

Comprehensive, nine- to twelve-month professional development program in Germany for accomplished young Americans in the fields of business, economics, journalism, law, and public policy.

#### **Smithsonian Institution Fellowships**

The Smithsonian supports fellowships focused on discovery, creation, innovation and diversify. Opportunities include all units, with special programs for black, Latino/a, Native American students and in STEM, arts, environmental, natural history, biodiversity and historic preservation.

*Deadlines vary*

#### **Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship**

Pickering Fellows are selected as undergraduate seniors, gap year or graduate students. They receive funding to pursue graduate studies in international affairs, political and economic analysis, administration, management and/or science policy.

The program provides financial support, mentoring and professional development to prepare them academically and professionally for a career in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service. Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply.

*Due in January*

#### **Yenching Academy Scholars**

Yenching Academy brings together Scholars from both China and around the world to study, live and learn together while pursuing an interdisciplinary Master's degree + thesis in China Studies.

Residencies range from 12-24 months on the campus of Peking University in Beijing. The program is intended to build bridges between China and the rest of the world, attracting young people who show promise to lead and innovate in their fields in an intensive learning environment where they can explore China and its role in the world - past, present, and future. The Academy aims to thereby shape a new generation of global citizens with a nuanced understanding of China and its role in the world.

*Deadline in December*

\*\*\*The following awards are among the most competitive in the world. Applicants should anticipate being accepted by Ivy League Schools for graduate and/or professional study. Minimum GPA requirements are 3.7-3.9. Stellar academic performance and extraordinary leadership and service records are prerequisites.

Applicants should anticipate spending 3-6 months preparing a competitive application. Campus deadlines for these awards are set in April 2018 to allow adequate time for campus review and institutional endorsement before national deadlines in September or October 2018, in this case, for programs in 2019/20.\*\*\*

#### [George J. Mitchell Scholarship \(Ireland\)](#)

The Mitchell Scholarships, named for the US Ambassador who oversaw the Irish Peace Processes are intended to familiarize and connect the next generation of American leadership with the island of Ireland. These scholarships support one year of graduate study in any discipline offered by an institution of higher learning in Ireland.

#### [Gates Cambridge Scholarship \(United Kingdom\)](#)

This scholarship was created in perpetuity as an international scholarship program to enable outstanding graduate students from outside the United Kingdom to study at the University of Cambridge.

#### [Marshall Scholarship \(United Kingdom\)](#)

The Marshall Scholarship supports young Americans of high ability studying for a degree in the UK system of higher education, recognized for its excellence, as an expression of the gratitude of the British people to their American counterparts.

#### [Rhodes Scholarship \(United Kingdom\)](#)

Scholarships are investments in individuals rather than in project proposals. Accordingly, applications are sought from talented students without restriction as to their field of academic specialization or career plans although the proposed course of study must be available at Oxford, and the applicant's undergraduate program must provide a sufficient basis for study in the proposed field.

#### [Schwarzman Scholars Program \(China\)](#)

The Schwarzman Scholars experience is anchored in a rigorous and innovative Master's of Global Affairs degree program at Tsinghua University. The curriculum bridges the academic and professional worlds to educate students about leadership and about China's expanding role in the world, providing unparalleled learning opportunities with leaders from China and the world through high-level interactions, an internship program, mentors network, and intensive deep-dive travel seminars.