



Fellowships 101

Scholar Development and

Fellowships Advising

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Advising: What Do We Do?

- Guidance to help students identify and apply for competitive, merit-based awards
- Support in developing application materials, especially personal statements and other essays
- Individual advising sessions and walk-in hours
- Workshops
- Resources for students seeking other merit-based award opportunities
- Fellowships Blackboard site

Competitive, Merit-Based Awards Requiring Institutional Nomination

These are the major scholarships that Fellowships Advising coordinates. Rather than applying directly to the external organization, students must first go through an internal screening process before being nominated.

[Boren \(Undergraduate\)](#)

[Carnegie](#)

[Fulbright](#)

[Goldwater](#)

[Marshall](#)

[Mitchell](#)

[Rhodes](#)

[Schwarzman](#)

[St. Andrew's](#)

[Truman](#)

[Udall](#)

Check the [External Scholarships and Fellowships](#) page for our entire list of the core group of awards (not all require nomination), including several lists specific to field or future career.

Highlighted Awards

[Udall Scholarship](#)

- for undergraduates pursuing a career related to the environment and Native American policy
- sophomores or juniors, any discipline
- Up to \$7,000

[Goldwater Scholarship](#)

- for undergraduates pursuing a career in research
- sophomores or juniors in STEM
- Up to \$7,500 annually

[Truman Scholarship](#)

- for undergraduates planning a career in public service; “change agent”
- juniors, any discipline
- Up to \$30,000 toward an MA

[Fulbright](#)

- a year abroad after graduation to carry out an independent project or to teach English

[Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Gates](#)

- evidence of significant leadership capacity in any field
- seniors and recent grads
- funds a graduate degree at different universities in the UK/Ireland

[NSF GRFP](#)

- funding for research-based MA or PhD
- apply at the point of application to grad school
- \$44,000/year for up to 3 years

Basic Criteria for Competitive Scholarships and Fellowships

1. Academic excellence

All competitive fellowships are looking for students who have done well in the classroom. Besides GPA, they are looking for passion and dedication to a field/discipline, intellectual curiosity, research experience, etc.

How do you think applicants could show their academic excellence beyond their GPA? What sorts of activities or experiences might help?

How to Develop your Academic Excellence

- Seek out opportunities to conduct research, particularly independent research, like:
 - [Diamond Research Scholars Program](#)
 - [Creative Arts, Research, and Scholarship \(CARAS\) Program](#)
 - [Leadership Alliance](#)
 - [NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates \(REU\)](#)
- Seek out experience to teach or tutor, like:
 - [Diamond Peer Teacher Program](#)
 - [Nationalities Service Center](#)
 - [Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians](#)

Basic Criteria for Competitive Scholarships and Fellowships

2. Leadership: Have you delivered results from a position of leadership - whether by organizing, mobilizing or inspiring others? Is there evidence that you initiated something and carried it through to an outcome? Are you likely to attain a position of influence in your field of expertise?

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How to Develop your Leadership Experience

- It's not about being president of the student government or head of a student organization. It's much more about the outcomes.
- Focus on depth over breadth.
- Not sure where to start? Focus on activities that are related to what you ultimately want to do in your life.
 - Not sure what you want to do in your life? Then focus on what really interests you now and in the near future.
- Identify a gap in your department, on campus, or in your community. Then fill it! And keep it going.

Basic Criteria for Competitive Scholarships and Fellowships

3. Communication: Excellent written and oral communication skills

What sorts of activities or experiences might help to develop your communication skills?

How to Develop your Communication Skills

- Seek and accept all opportunities to present...on any topic, to any audience
 - After the presentation, ask a trusted audience member for feedback
- Seek opportunities to teach or tutor
- Write a regular column for Temple News; maintain a (professional) blog; contribute to your department's newsletter
- Follow the news; talk about the news; have an opinion and practice defending it

Basic Criteria for Competitive Scholarships and Fellowships

4. Fit: Most funding organizations have a stated mission or goal for the fellowship. Your candidacy is as much about your record as it is about the “fit” (how well your goals and trajectory align with the organization’s).

- Examples of the Boren and Goldwater

Support in Developing Application Materials: Personal Statements and Other Essays

- Expect that a well-crafted application essay or personal statement will take many drafts:
 - Start at least two months before the internal or external deadline
 - Seek feedback from The Writing Center, friends, faculty and Fellowships Advising
- Personal statements and essays are not cover letters or research papers. This is where you, among other things:
 - Get to tell your own story
 - Control how people see your accomplishments
 - Express your passions
 - Show the obstacles you've overcome
 - Demonstrate the scope of your ambitions
 - Explain your project or research idea

Support in Developing Application Materials: Other Components

- Resumes
- Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Budgets
- Short-answer questions

Want to See What Else Is Out There?

As a resource, Fellowships Advising maintains lists of Temple and non-Temple opportunities.



Temple Undergraduate Scholarships

College-specific endowed scholarships

- Your school at Temple may offer awards. Check out the opportunities [here](#).

University-wide Awards

- [Supplemental Academic Scholarships](#)
- [Memorial Awards](#)
- [MarcDavid LGBT Scholarship](#)
- [Disability Resources Services](#)

Other Temple Opportunities

Undergraduate Research

- [Diamond Scholars](#)
- [Creative Arts, Research and Scholarship Grant](#) (CARAS)
- [Undergraduate Research Program](#) (CST)
- [Alter Research Scholars](#) (Fox)
- [CHPSW Visionary Research Fund](#)
- [Minority Access to Research Careers](#) (MARC U*Star)

Undergraduate Creative Works Grants

- [Creative Arts, Research and Scholarship Grant](#) (CARAS)
- [Boyer Dean's Student Grants](#)
- [Tyler Dean's Grants](#)

Undergraduate Teaching

- [Diamond Peer Teachers](#)
- [Teaching with Technology Fellows](#)

Graduate

- [Center for the Humanities at Temple fellowships](#)
- [Dissertation and thesis completion grants](#)

Everyone

- [Be Your Own Boss Bowl](#)

Other Awards

- [Fellowships Blackboard](#) site for external awards broken down by discipline
- **Fellowships Advising website:** lists of [external](#) and [internal](#) awards
- **Scholarship Databases (for all disciplines)**
 - [Pivot](#)
 - [Spin](#)
 - [Philadelphia Foundation](#)

Academic Associations

Here are some examples. Be sure to look for your own disciplinary and sub-disciplinary association.

- [American Anthropological Association](#)
- [American Historical Association](#)
- [American Psychological Association](#)
- [American Association of University Women](#)

Cultural and Religious Associations

Here are some examples. Be sure to look for cultural and religious associations that reflect your background and beliefs.

- [NIAF](#)
- [Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia](#)
- [Islamic Scholarship Fund](#)

Advocacy Organizations

Here are some examples. Be sure to look for associations that advocate for populations you identify as a member of.

- [Hispanic College Fund](#)
- [United Negro College Fund](#)
- [Ford Foundation](#)
- [Human Rights Campaign LGBT Scholarship Database](#)

International Students

- Most federal funding (NSF, NIH, etc) will require citizenship
- NSF dissertation improvement grants are open to international students because the faculty member is the PI
- Private companies and professional associations are the most likely source of funding without citizenship restrictions
- Be sure to search using [Pivot](#) and [Spin](#)
- Check with local cultural associations
- Check with your country's embassy
- Look at the [EducationUSA](#) or [IEFA](#) websites

Questions? Follow-up?

- **General questions**
 - feladv@temple.edu
 - 215-204-0708 (Director: Barbara Gorka)
- **One-on-one Advising** (for specific scholarships and personal statement review)
 - Can be scheduled [online](#)
- [**Fellowships Blackboard site**](#)
- [**LinkedIn Fellowships Advising Group**](#)
- [**Fellowships Advising on Twitter**](#)

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