Mitchell Scholarship

Website: The George J. Mitchell Scholarship

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Preliminary Application Deadline: July 15 annually

Nomination Application Deadline: August 25 annually

Campus Nomination Interviews: First week of September

National Deadline: September 27, 2019

Award Description:

The Mitchell Scholarship Program, named to honor former US Senator George Mitchell’s pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, is designed to introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland, while recognizing and fostering intellectual achievement, leadership, and a commitment to community and public service. Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars are chosen annually for one academic year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland and (in some years) Northern Ireland. The Mitchell Scholarship Program provides tuition, accommodation, a stipend for living expenses and travel.

Applicants are encouraged to explore universities in Ireland.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

Students interested in applying to be among Temple University’s institutional nominees are encouraged to meet with Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) by May 31, and complete the Preliminary Application by July 15. If you are approved to continue in the process, you will be given instructions on how to apply for nomination.

Open to U.S. citizens between 18 and 30 years old. Must have completed your bachelor’s degree before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholars. Candidates are expected to exhibit academic excellence and superior records of accomplishment in leadership and community
service. Competitive candidates typically have a minimum GPA of 3.7 (preferable above a 3.8). Strong candidates are able to show initiative and commitment to larger issues through service, research, and engagement in efforts to improve the world and their communities both on and beyond their campus. Additionally, candidates should have a strong rationale for studying in Ireland and an understanding of the research they will conduct in a specific graduate program.

Note that Mitchell only allows Endorsement letters for senior applicants. If you have already graduated, there is no Mitchell mechanism for Temple to write an endorsement letter for you. However, we encourage you to follow the same timeline in order to receive Temple support.