National fellowships are prestigious opportunities available to undergraduates and recent alumni at universities and colleges throughout the United States. They can provide funding for undergraduate or postgraduate study, research, teaching, or internships. The Flatley Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE) offers advising for every stage of the fellowships application process: discernment, essay writing, asking for letters of recommendation, interview preparation, and more. Use this flowchart to determine which fellowships might be right for you, then visit cuse.nd.edu/fellowships for more information.
Beinecke Scholarship: $4,000 for senior year and $30,000 for graduate study in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Applicants must demonstrate exceptional potential for graduate work and financial need. Campus deadline: mid-November.

Boren Scholarship: Funds summer, semester, and year-long study abroad in regions critical to U.S. national security. Requires one-year commitment to federal government employment after graduation (can be deferred). Campus deadline: mid-November.

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS): Funds intensive summer language institute in a country where a critical language is spoken. Deadline: mid-November.

Churchill Scholarship: Funds one year of graduate study in STEM at Cambridge University. Campus deadline: early September.

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship: Provides $24,000 living stipend for students who are engaged with underrepresented communities and are committed to a teaching and research career at the college level. Deadline: mid-November.

*Fulbright U.S. Student Program: Funds cultural exchange through the U.S. State Department. One-year graduate grant for research, study, or teaching English abroad. Campus deadline: mid-August.

Fulbright US-UK Summer Institutes: Funds three- to six-week academic and cultural summer programs in the UK for first-years and sophomores. Deadline: late February/early March.

Freeman-ASIA: Funding for currently enrolled undergraduates who demonstrate financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. Deadlines vary.

+Gates Cambridge Scholarship: Funds post-graduate study at Cambridge University in all fields. Applicants must show evidence of commitment to improving the lives of others. Deadline: mid-October.

Gilman Scholarship: Funding for study abroad for students receiving Pell Grants. Deadlines vary.

Goldwater Scholarship: $7,500 for each of up to two years of undergraduate study in STEM. Campus deadline: mid-November.

*Knight-Hennessy Scholarship: Full funding to pursue a graduate degree at Stanford for students with demonstrated leadership and civic commitment. Campus deadline: early summer.

Luce Scholars Program: Funds professional apprenticeships in all fields in South or East Asia in the interest of improving American understanding of Asia. Campus deadline: early October.

*Marshall Scholarship: Funding for graduate study in the UK in all fields. Scholars are intellectually very strong, have significant leadership potential in their fields, and can explain how they will contribute to the UK throughout their careers. Application requires four excellent letters of recommendation. Campus deadline: early April or early August.

*Mitchell Scholarship: Funding for one year of graduate study in Ireland in all fields. There are three selection criteria: scholarship, leadership, and sustained commitment to public/community service. Application requires four excellent letters of recommendation. Campus deadline: early April or early August.

NSF (National Science Foundation) Graduate Research Fellowship: Funds tuition and generous stipend for up to 3 years of research-based study leading to a MS or PhD in STEM and Social Sciences. Deadlines vary by discipline in late October/early November.

*+Rhodes Scholarship: Funding for postgraduate study at Oxford University in all fields. Applicants should demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential in their fields, and the will to “fight the world’s fight,” and they should have five to eight outstanding letters of recommendation. Campus deadline: early April or early August.

*+Schwarzman Scholarship: Funds a one-year Master’s program (in English) at Tsinghua University in Beijing designed to train an elite class of future leaders to meet the challenges of the 21st century global landscape. Campus deadline: early September.

Truman Scholarship: $30,000 for graduate or professional school for juniors who have demonstrated a commitment to making a difference through public service. Selection is based on academic promise, demonstrated commitment to public service, and demonstrated leadership. Campus deadline: mid-November.

Udall Scholarship: $7,000 to sophomores and juniors with the commitment and potential to make significant contributions to the fields of the environment, tribal health, or tribal governance. Campus deadline: mid-January.

+Yenching Academy: Funds a one-year Master of China Studies program (in English) at Peking University designed to introduce students to Chinese history, culture, and development, and prepare them to tackle global challenges. Deadline: Rolling until late-January.

*Available to non-US citizens

*Recommended pre-application in the Spring semester before submitting for the campus deadline.