



# Office of Fellowships

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## INTRODUCTION TO FELLOWSHIPS

A **fellowship** is a merit-based, competitive award, scholarship, or grant that supports a major educational experience or goal. Funded by governments, philanthropists, and private organizations, fellowships enable you to pursue graduate study, independent research, projects, or travel abroad. Certain competitive, external fellowships require candidates to be endorsed\* by their college. The Office of Fellowships administers that process at Amherst, and advises and supports students and alums who aim to apply for any of these awards.

### EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS requiring ENDORSEMENT or SUPPORT

<b>Beinecke Scholarship*</b>	\$34K toward graduate study anywhere	juniors, US
<b>Churchill Scholarship*</b>	1 yr masters in STEM at Cambridge (UK)	seniors, recent alums, US
<b>Critical Language (CLS)</b>	8-10 wk intensive summer language study	all years, US
<b>Fulbright Grants*</b>	1 yr English TA; grad study; research abroad	seniors, alums, US
<b>Gaither Jr Fellowship*</b>	1 yr research asst. at Carnegie Endowment	seniors, alums, open citizenship
<b>Gates Cambridge</b>	1-3 yrs graduate study at Cambridge (UK)	seniors, alums, open citizenship
<b>Goldwater Scholarship*</b>	\$7,500 toward undergrad STEM	sophomores, juniors, US
<b>Keasbey Scholarship*</b>	2 yrs full funding graduate study in UK	seniors, US; 3-yr cycle
<b>Knight-Hennessey</b>	3 yrs full funding graduate study Stanford	seniors, alums, open citizenship
<b>Luce Scholarship*</b>	1 yr career based internship in Asia	seniors, alums, US
<b>Marshall Scholarship*</b>	1-2 yrs graduate study in the UK	seniors, alums, US
<b>Mitchell Scholarship*</b>	1 yr graduate study in Ireland	seniors, alums, US
<b>Rhodes US*</b>	2-3 yrs graduate study at Oxford	seniors, alums, US
<b>Rhodes Int'l &amp; Global*</b>	2-3 yrs graduate study at Oxford	seniors, alums, outside US
<b>Schwarzman Scholarship</b>	1 yr master's at Tsinghua University	seniors, alums, open citizenship
<b>St Andrew's Scholarship*</b>	1 yr graduate degree any Scottish university	seniors, US, Scottish ancestry
<b>Truman Scholarship*</b>	\$30K toward graduate study anywhere	juniors, US
<b>Udall Scholarship</b>	\$7,000 toward undergrad; Environ/Native	sophomores, juniors, US
<b>Watson Fellowship*</b>	\$30K to explore the world for a year	seniors, open citizenship

### INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS for AC SENIORS and ALUMS

**Amherst College Fellowships** Funding toward graduate degree or independent training in the performing arts (eligible up to 6 years from graduation; 3 yrs renewal)

Our website provides an **Overview** of each of these fellowships, explaining the award's origins, funding source, programming, eligibility requirements, application procedures, and recommender guidelines. An **Application** page describes application components and campus deadlines. You'll also find **Application Advice** such as essay-writing tips, suggestions for recommenders, and sample essays from AC finalists and winners.

## How to apply for Fellowships

- **Read our webpages** on the fellowships that interest you. You will find many questions answered there, and will also be able to determine if you are basically eligible for the award, as some require a certain GPA, citizenship, or field of study.
- **Request an appointment** to meet with staff in the Office of Fellowships. To discuss most external, competitive fellowships, you will meet with the Director of Fellowships; for AC Fellowships, you will see the Fellowships Assistant. During your appointment, we will help you determine your competitiveness for the fellowships that interest you and guide you through the process.
- **Prepare your application** for internal review. The application for this stage may be the same as the foundation application or a modified version. It may include: personal statements and research or project proposals, recommendation letters, resume/CV, transcripts, and sometimes supplementary materials. We provide essay feedback and guidance on preparing these materials. For AC internal awards, no such advising is needed.
- **Be interviewed by the Committee on Student Fellowships.** This faculty Committee will base their endorsement decision on the materials you submit, guidelines set by the foundations, and your interview. The Director notifies each candidate via email of the Committee's decision. Endorsed candidates then submit a final application to the foundations, with continued support and guidance from the Office of Fellowships, including interview practice and coaching. (There is no interview for AC Fellowships or non-endorsed fellowships.)



### Plan ahead!

Planning ahead is critical to your success! The strongest applicants start early, draft and revise their materials several times, and solicit guidance and support from faculty and other mentors as well. All internal deadlines are *at least a month* before the national deadline. Most applications are due early in the fall semester. Start thinking about your application during the spring of the year prior, and map out your game plan.

### Request an Appointment

**To request an appointment**, go to our website (url at the top of this handout) and look for the [Request an Appointment](#) link in the left-hand menu. Note that we will ask you to upload your resume (required) and your photo (optional, but hey, we've given you ours!). Submit the form. It will come to the Director of Fellowships' inbox, and she will respond within a day or two with a proposed appointment time. Appts are 30-45 minutes.

**All appointments are currently remote – Zoom or phone.**



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