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Fellowships

Fellowships at Amherst: *our students; their stories*

Through fellowships, Amherst students and alumni travel, do research, go to graduate school, and hone their crafts in the creative and performing arts. They join cohorts of young people aiming to address the complex problems and possibilities in our world.

Year after year, our students stretch themselves to compete for these awards. They reflect deeply on values and goals, draft and rewrite essays, and garner support from faculty and staff to produce the best applications possible. Many win; lots of them don't. But they all affirm that the process of applying helped them grow as humans and scholars in the liberal arts.



About her native Guyana, *Jea Adams '21* wrote, “the skies drove the vast majority of my people’s understanding of the world,” yet the teaching of astronomy was virtually nonexistent. She credits faculty in astronomy with launching her into the field of science research. As a junior, she won a \$7,500 award from the **Goldwater Scholarship Foundation**, which recognizes STEM excellence and promise.

A double major in math and computer science, *Joey Lupo '21* says he yearns to understand “the beautiful patterns and phenomena that inflamed the minds of generations of mathematicians before me.” Through a **St. Andrew’s Society Scholarship** he earned an MSc in Cyber Security, Privacy, and Trust at the University of Edinburgh.



Enoch Shin '20 grew up as a Korean-American in a largely white suburb of Anaheim, Calif., making frequent day trips to Los Angeles’ Koreatown neighborhood. In graduate school, he hopes to research “the broader narratives surrounding interracial neighborhoods in 20th-century urban America.” With the help of the **Beinecke Scholarship**, he is well on his way to reaching his goal.

National & International Fellowships Recent Awardees

2020-2021

- 1 Rhodes Scholar
- 1 Schwarzman Scholar
- 1 Paul & Daisy Soros Fellows
- 2 Goldwater Scholars
- 2 Watson Fellows
- 2 Critical Language Scholars
- 10 Fulbright Grantees

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The *Marshall* and *Rhodes Scholarships* are among the most competitive awards, offering graduate study at outstanding British schools for students with academic excellence, leadership qualities, and sterling personal character. In the past ten years, three Amherst students/alumni have won the Rhodes—in the U.S., Zimbabwe, and South Africa competitions.



As a Rhodes Scholar, Jeremy Thomas '21 will study criminal justice and social policy at Oxford. A double major in English and LJST at Amherst, Jeremy was president of the Association of Amherst students, a campus tour guide, a resident counselor, an alumni liaison in the Black Student Union, captain of the mock trial team, and student leader of the new Office of Student Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

I have witnessed the law's ugliness . . . and also how we may salvage its hope, justice, and mercy. I want to study ways we might expand restorative and transformative processes for accountability, and think comprehensively about remedying harm, ameliorating violence, and imagining—demanding—a better future.”
~ Jeremy Thomas



As a junior, *Dakota Foster '18* won the *Truman Scholarship* — funding for graduate school for future public servants. As a senior, she received a *Marshall*, through which she earned master's degrees in war studies and global governance & diplomacy in the UK. Now a *Knight Hennessy Scholar*, she is earning a fully-funded law degree at Stamford University.

Amherst has consistently been a Top Producer in the *Fulbright U.S. Student Program*, with over 230 grantees since the program's inception in 1948. Alumni have pursued research and earned degrees in neuroscience, art history, biochemistry, musicology, English literature, public health, politics, and more, while expanding their cultural competency.



Grantees such as *Clarque Brown '17* and *Sophia Salazar '18* have served as English Teaching Assistants abroad before entering careers in education, medicine, public health, and creative writing, to name a few.



On a *Watson Fellowship*, *Tomal Hossain '17* explored the musical cultures of Muslim communities in Senegal, Morocco, India, and Indonesia.



Internal awards that fund graduate study or independent training in the performing arts are distributed every year to roughly 180 alumni in any field of study.

Awards range from \$3,500 to \$25,000, with a total of 1 million dollars of support awarded annually.

Alumni are eligible for up to 3 years of funding

Now, as he works toward a PhD in Ethnomusicology, *Tomal* receives funding from *Amherst College Fellowships*

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