

## Study/research/travel abroad

A. **Thomas J. Watson Fellowship:** Provides graduating seniors with the opportunity to travel and study abroad independently: [watsonfellowship.org](http://watsonfellowship.org)

B. **Fulbright Fellowships:** Allows graduating seniors to study at universities abroad, normally for one year. Also offers an ETA—English Teaching Assistantship—in a variety of foreign countries: [iie.org](http://iie.org)

C. **Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships:** Allows for one year of study at a foreign university. Administered through local Rotary Clubs: [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

D. **Luce Scholars Program:** College graduates are selected for yearlong internships in Asia. Priority to students with limited exposure to Asia: [hluce.org/lsprogram.aspx](http://hluce.org/lsprogram.aspx)

E. **National Security Education Program (Boren Fellowship):** Supports study of less frequently studied languages in graduate programs: [borenawards.org](http://borenawards.org)

## Public policy research/study programs in the U.S.

A. **Truman Scholarship Program:** Awarded during junior year to students who demonstrate passion and leadership in public service and public policy. [truman.gov](http://truman.gov)

B. **Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship Program:** For graduate study in public and/or international affairs; primarily for students from underrepresented groups. [ppiaprogram.org](http://ppiaprogram.org)

C. **NSF: National Science Foundation:** Grants for graduate study in the natural sciences and some social sciences (Psychology/Anthropology) and other fields. [nsf.gov](http://nsf.gov)

D. **Jacob J. Javits Fellowship:** Funds post-graduate study for students with superior academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. [edu.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index/html](http://edu.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index/html)

E. **Jack Kent Cooke Scholarships:** Funds students who are admitted to graduate programs and meet demonstrated financial need criteria. [jkcf.org](http://jkcf.org)

## Study in the U.K. or Ireland

A. **Rhodes Scholarship:** Allows for study at Oxford University (U.K.) for up to two years in virtually any field. [rhodesscholar.org](http://rhodesscholar.org)

B. **Marshall Scholarships:** Funds graduate study in any discipline at a British University [marshallscholarship.org](http://marshallscholarship.org)

C. **George J. Mitchell Scholarships:** Supports a year of study at universities in Ireland or Northern Ireland. [us-irelandalliance.org](http://us-irelandalliance.org)

D. **Gates Cambridge Scholarships:** For study at Cambridge University (U.K.) [gatesscholar.org](http://gatesscholar.org)

## For more information:

See our website at: [rhodes.edu/academics/1116.asp](http://rhodes.edu/academics/1116.asp)

Professors Judith Haas (843-3076) and Mike LaRosa (843-3656) are the co-directors of Post-Graduate Fellowship opportunities at the college.

**Fall semester application deadline for Rhodes College Nominated Awards: September 20**

# POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

# & FELLOWSHIPS



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## What are Postgraduate scholarships and fellowships?

Postgraduate awards offer life-changing opportunities for study and research beyond the bachelor's degree. These nationally and internationally recognized awards honor the most talented students in the country and provide pathways to further achievement through funding a variety of activities:

- international study, research and teaching
- self-designed projects and independent travel
- extended leadership opportunities
- international internships
- graduate school

## Why should I apply?

All students competing for awards will benefit from the process, whether or not they ultimately succeed in securing an award. Working closely with faculty mentors, applicants develop a clear understanding of their interests, talents and goals; gain experience articulating and defending their ideas in writing; and strengthen their interpersonal skills.

## Who is eligible?

Eligibility varies depending upon the award. Some, but not all, of the awards require U.S. citizenship, and some of them have age restrictions. Some are open only to graduating seniors, while others are open to applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree in the previous 2-3 years. See specific awards for details.

## When do I apply?

Typically students apply for awards such as the Rhodes or Marshall scholarships, the Watson, or the Fulbright (grant) during the fall of their senior year of college. However, applications for some awards, like the Truman, must be submitted during the junior year.

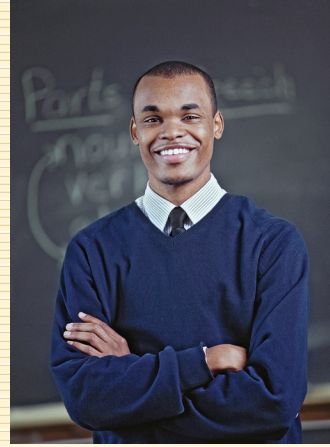
## What does an application typically require?

Each award has a different application and set of requirements; however, most of them require some version of the following:

- a personal statement (also called a statement of purpose) and/or a plan of study
- letters of recommendation from faculty (from 3-8, depending upon the award)
- a résumé or *curriculum vitae*
- an official transcript

In order to advance to the regional and national levels of competition, *some* of the award applications require:

- an **institutional endorsement** by a designated faculty person
- an **interview** (either on campus or at a regional location)



Eric Dailey '11  
Truman Scholarship

## What is an institutional endorsement?

Some scholarships and fellowships require that applicants receive endorsement from a designated representative at their college or university. Some programs, such as the Luce and the Truman, only permit a set number of endorsed applicants per year. Other programs, such as the Rhodes Scholarship and the Fulbright Grant, permit as many applicants as the college chooses to endorse. For programs requiring institutional endorsement, the faculty coordinators at Rhodes College set an internal deadline about one month before the national deadline. For specific deadlines, see the Post-Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships pages of the Rhodes College Web site: [rhodes.edu/academics/1128.asp](http://rhodes.edu/academics/1128.asp)

## When do I get started?

It is never too early to begin. Many successful applicants begin planning for postgraduate opportunities at the very beginning of their undergraduate careers. Producing a competitive application is a labor-intensive process that requires several months of work, *at the very least*. In order to build a persuasive application, prospective applicants should expect to do the following:

- research particular awards to find the ones most appropriate to your interests and talents
- research the project or plan of study to demonstrate its feasibility
- craft a compelling and impeccably polished statement of purpose
- request letters of recommendation from faculty *at least 4 weeks* in advance of the deadline



Joel Parsons '07  
Watson Fellowship

## Getting help at Rhodes College

The college has designated the following Rhodes faculty members to help students learn about scholarship and fellowship opportunities, to determine the best options, and to navigate the application process:

- Dr. Judith Haas (English Department)
- Dr. Michael LaRosa (History Department)

## INTDS 331: The Introduction to Postgraduate Scholarship:

A one-credit course offered in the spring semester, this course takes students through the steps of researching and writing a grant application. Students may take this course at any stage; however, *it is highly recommended for sophomores and juniors.*

## The opportunities

There are a wide variety of scholarship, study, research and travel opportunities for students who have excelled academically during their tenure at Rhodes College. Specific information can be found online, or by visiting the Office of Postgraduate Scholarships in Burrow Hall, 136. Rhodes students, over the years, have been successful candidates for the following opportunities:



Betsy Parkinson '10  
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship