

A world of opportunity awaits you upon graduation from Rhodes. Nationally known post-graduate awards provide not only financial support to pursue your interests and career goals, but they bring with them recognition that will open many doors in your future. Although the ultimate goal is for you to receive a prestigious award, the preparation process is designed to prepare you for any selection process in your future including job interviews, graduate school applications, and more. Every student competing for an award will benefit by:

- developing a better sense of professional interests, strengths, talents, career goals, and graduate school options
 - learning how to prepare applications for competitive positions and strengthening interpersonal skills and interviewing techniques
 - gaining experience and maturity in presenting and defending ideas in writing and before a panel of critics
 - receiving individual guidance from faculty and recognition from the college for outstanding efforts and accomplishments
- Many past participants say the process itself is life-changing, requiring serious reflection on their interests and accomplishments, on their potential, and their plans for the future.

“ Not only did the process improve my writing and interviewing skills, but it also challenged me to explore post-graduate opportunities and reflect deeply on my passions, interests, and hopes for the future. The application was one of my most challenging assignments, but also one of the most meaningful.”

–Michael Lamb '04



Start Early!

To be genuinely competitive for any of the nationally known post-graduate awards, you must start early. The application process for any of these awards requires dedication, commitment, and most importantly, time. One of the primary reasons for starting early is to adjust your involvement if necessary to be the best possible candidate for the opportunity you are considering. For example, you may need guidance about a plan of study or community service project to strengthen your chance for a desired award. This can take a semester or longer to implement. Moreover, interviews and personal statements are often requirements of an application process. You need adequate time to craft an impressive dossier, and administrators and faculty need plenty of time to conduct mock interviews and write thoughtful supporting letters. It takes time to practice interviewing, and to write (and rewrite!) a personal statement. Thus, for the serious candidate, this time of preparation and inquiry should begin early in the college career, and may start as early as your first year of college.

“The opportunity to research these opportunities [through Interdepartmental 331] was incredible. These assignments challenged me to think in new ways and to approach my schoolwork as something more. I wasn't here just to get a B.A., but to lay the foundation for what I want to do later. I even started to dream about what I could do after graduation.”

–Laura Sellers '08

Applying at Rhodes

The application process at Rhodes is coordinated by the Committee on Post-Graduate Scholarships. The Committee informs students about opportunities and helps prepare them. Ideally, you start preparing as early as the fall semester of your first year by meeting with a member of the Post-Graduate Scholarship Committee to discuss your interests. During the spring semester of your sophomore or junior year you should enroll in the Interdepartmental 331 class and start the applications which will be due the following fall semester on September 20 of your junior year. Be aware that preparation and planning the applications due on September 20 of your senior year must begin no later than the spring semester of your junior year.

Interdepartmental 331: The Introduction to Post-Graduate Scholarships assists students in the theoretical and practical aspects of writing successful grants for post-graduate scholarships and other competitive opportunities. The course can be taken by any Rhodes student including first year who want to prepare themselves to be a highly competitive candidate and sophomores or juniors who are

writing actual grant applications. Students learn about options available, read literature on grant writing, develop strategies for writing proposals and give and receive criticism on proposals and projects. It is offered each spring semester as a 1 credit pass/fail course.

In addition to the class, a personal meeting with a member of the Post-Graduate Scholarship Committee is recommended. Contact The Buckman Center for International Education at 843-3403 (preferably in or before the spring semester of your sophomore year) to discuss your unique academic credentials and the opportunities you wish to pursue.

The Opportunities

Each opportunity is unique. Many support graduate study. However, others support traveling, interning, or teaching. Some require that Rhodes nominate applicants. The Committee on Post-Graduate Scholarships oversees that process. Others are available after you graduate from Rhodes whenever you decide to attend graduate school. Because of this, listed below are short descriptions of many of the nationally competitive postgraduate scholarships coordinated by the Committee on Post-Graduate Scholarships. To find out more details for each, you will want to go to their individual websites. There are also countless other scholarships available that might better suit your needs, preparations and career plans. Please contact The Buckman Center for International Education for more information on these and other opportunities.

“Rhodes students who are fairly active on-campus in both academic and extracurricular activities are good candidates for almost any of these scholarships”

– Erin Hoekstra '04



Study, Travel, Intern, or Teach Abroad through the...

...Thomas J. Watson Fellowship providing recipients with the opportunity to engage in a year of focused independent study and travel abroad in conjunction with a self-designed project and itinerary. <http://www.watsonfellowship.org/site/index>

...Fulbright Grants aimed to increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and other countries, through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills. Grants are available in all fields of study for studying, teaching or conducting research abroad. http://www.iie.org//Content/NavigationMenu/Fulbright1/Fulbright_Program.htm

...Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships focusing on humanitarian service, personal diplomacy and academic excellence. They are designed to further international understanding and goodwill and provide for study abroad or cultural immersion experiences in more than 150 countries. http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html

...Luce Scholars Program intended for college graduates from a broad range of disciplines who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience and come to know Asia. The Luce Scholars Program supports year-long internships in a number of countries in Asia. Successful candidates will have a record of high achievement and excellent leadership and will have no substantial experience in Asian Studies or related fields prior to competing for the fellowship. <http://www.hluce.org/3scholfm.html>

...National Security Education Program supporting the study of languages and regions vital to US security but less frequently studied by US graduate students. Applicants should demonstrate academic excellence, developing or actual language competence, ability to adapt to a different cultural environment, and the integration of the proposed program into the applicant's academic field and career goals. <http://nsep.aed.org/>

Study for a career in the public sector as a...

...Public Policy & International Affairs Fellow. The PPIA Fellowship Program is designed to prepare college juniors or rising seniors, primarily from historically underrepresented groups, for graduate studies in public and/or international affairs and groom them for professional roles in public service. <http://www.ppiaprogram.org/>

...Truman Scholar. Awarded to junior level students who have extensive records of public and community service, have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills, and are committed to careers in the public sector. <http://www.truman.gov/>

...Wellstone Fellow for Social Justice designed to foster the advancement of social justice through participation in health care advocacy work that focuses on the unique challenges facing many communities of color. <http://www.familiesusa.org/about/wellstone-fellowship.html>

Study in the United States through the...

...National Science Foundation which provides up to three years of support for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of life sciences, social sciences, physical sciences, computer sciences, psychology, mathematics, and engineering. The Foundation looks at the intellectual merit of the applicant and the broader impacts of supporting the individual's graduate study. <http://www.nsf.gov/funding/>

...Jacob J. Javits Fellowships providing financial assistance for students who have demonstrated superior academic ability and achievement, exceptional promise and financial need. Javits Fellowships support graduate study in selected fields in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. <http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html>

...Jack Kent Cooke Scholarships helping young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education focusing on scholarships for outstanding individuals with financial need. <http://www.jackkentcooke.org/>

Study in the United Kingdom or Ireland as a...

...Rhodes Scholar. Recognizes superior scholastic attainment, a history of service and leadership, knowledge of current global issues, fondness of sports, and altruism. The scholarship is tenable at Oxford University for two years of study in virtually any discipline. <http://www.rhodesscholar.org/>

...Marshall Scholar. Providing for two years of study in any discipline at a university in the United Kingdom. Candidates must possess a keen intellect and broad outlook; have a strong record of service and leadership, and the capacity to play an active part in the life of a university in the United Kingdom. <http://www.marshallscholarship.org/>

...Mitchell Scholar. Supports a year of study in any discipline at institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Achievement in three areas is considered: academic, leadership, and community service. <http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/>

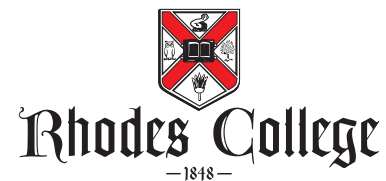
...Gates Cambridge Scholar. Enables outstanding graduate students from outside the United Kingdom to study at the University of Cambridge. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a person's intellectual ability, leadership capacity and desire to use their knowledge to contribute to society throughout the world by providing service to their communities and applying their talents and knowledge to improve the lives of others. <http://www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/>

Study American History as a...

...Madison Fellow. Supports the graduate study of American history by aspiring and experienced secondary school teachers of American history, American government, and social studies. The award requires that its recipient teach American history or social studies in a secondary school for at least one year for each year of fellowship support. <http://www.jamesmadison.com/>

Become a Research Assistant as a...

...Carnegie Junior Fellow working as a research assistant to the Endowment's senior associates. <http://www.carnegieendowment.org/about/index.cfm?fa=jrFellows>



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September 20

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