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 Spring Seminar class to strengthen your application. 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 your 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 worldview 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

The Opportunities

Each opportunity is unique. Many support graduate study. However, others support traveling, interning, or teaching. Some require recommendations from a member of the Post-Graduate Scholarship Committee to discuss your interests. 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.

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

...Truman Scholar. Awarded to junior level students who have extensive records of public service and are committed to careers in the public sector. http://www.truman.gov/

...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 study in public and/or international affairs and groom them for professional roles in public service. http://www.ppiaprogram.org/...

...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, adaptability to a diverse cultural environment, and the integration of the proposed program into the applicant’s academic field and career goals. http://nsep.aed.org/

...National Security Education Program, focusing on humanitar...
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.familyseusa.org/about/wellstone-fellowship.html

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. 

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Jacoby 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. 


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