

Distinguished Scholarships Fellowships and Internships



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Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships

www.act.org/goldwater

Open to full-time sophomores and juniors in science, math, and some engineering fields

Deadlines

Internal: Notify Dr. Youmans of interest by November 15; application materials due January; selection committee mid-January

External: February 1 (received deadline, not postmarked)

The Goldwater Scholarship was founded to foster excellence in science and mathematics at the undergraduate level. Sophomores may receive two years of support; juniors one year.

Eligibility

- Full-time junior or senior
- Have at least a “B” average or the equivalent and be in upper quarter of class
- Demonstrate a commitment and potential to make a significant contribution to science or engineering research
- Nomination by the Campus Goldwater Committee

Morris K. Udall Scholarship Program

www.udall.gov

Open to full-time sophomores and juniors; any major with career interest in environmental public policy; Native American or Alaska Native with interest in tribal policy or health care career

Deadlines

Internal: Notify Dr. Youmans of interest by November 30; application material due by February 1.

External: March 1

The Udall Scholarship Program was created to honor Congressman Morris Udall and his legacy of public service. Awards are made to outstanding sophomores and juniors who 1) intend to pursue careers in environmental public policy or 2) Native American students who intend to pursue careers in health care, tribal public policy, or environmental public policy.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program

www.truman.gov

Open to juniors with an interest in government or public service.

Deadlines

Internal: Notify Dr. Youmans of interest by November 15; materials due December 26; selection committee mid-January.

External: First week of February

The Truman Scholarship awards funding to students with outstanding leadership potential who plan to attend graduate school in preparation for a career in government or public service. Scholars receive funds for the senior year and for graduate studies. In addition, they participate in leadership development programs and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

Eligibility

- Committed to a public service career
- Class rank in top quarter
- U.S. citizen or U.S. national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- Strong writing and analytical skills
- Leadership record
- Community service and government involvement record
- Suitable program of study planned for service

James Madison Fellowship Program

www.jamesmadison.com

Open to seniors majoring in American history or political science

Deadlines

Internal: Notify Dr. Youmans of interest by November 15

External: March 1

James Madison is a federally endowed fellowship program designed to strengthen instruction about the U.S. Constitution at the secondary school level. Graduating seniors who intend to pursue a career in teaching American history, government, or political science can receive funding for two years of master’s level graduate study.

Rhodes Scholarship

www.rhodesscholar.org

Open to seniors and college graduates in any field

Deadlines

Internal: Notify Dr. Youmans of your interest by June 1; application materials due by August 31

External: October 1

The award provides funding for two years of study at Oxford University in the field of your choice. Committees look for distinction of intellect and character, which in combination offer the promise of effective service to the world. The Foundation looks for students who are more than bookworms. U.S. scholars are chosen on the basis of their literary and scholastic achievements, moral force of character, leadership, and public service. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.9 or above and be a U.S. citizen under the age of 25.

Marshall Scholarships

www.marshallscholarship.org

Open to seniors and college graduates in any field

Deadlines

Internal: Notify Dr. Youmans of your interest by June 1; application materials due by August 31

External: October 1

The Marshall Scholarship funds two years of study at a university of the student's choice in the United Kingdom. Selection committees look for candidates who have the potential to excel as scholars, as leaders, and as contributors to improved UK-US understanding. Assessment will be based on academic merit, leadership potential, and ambassadorial potential. Candidates must be U.S. citizens who hold a degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States by the time they take up their scholarship and have obtained a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or above.

INTERNSHIPS

Washington Center Internships

www.twc.edu

Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors in all fields

Deadlines

Internal: for fall, contact Dr. Youmans by March 1

For spring, contact by September 15

For summer, contact by December 1

External: Applications must be in for fall by early May; for spring by mid-October; for summer by mid-February

The internships are available for one semester in Washington, D.C., for second semester sophomores, juniors, or seniors in all fields. Students take an evening course grounded in the traditional disciplines yet taught within the context of the wide array of resources offered in Washington D.C. During the day, students work almost full-time in exciting internships in the government, non-profit, and business arenas as well as many others that may partially overlap with them—the worlds of media and communications, science and technology, law and criminal justice, and international affairs. The Washington Center has student housing available. A few of the placements provide stipends, but generally students pay tuition and housing costs to OCU and can earn up to 12 credit hours.

Students should be able to write a strong personal statement of goals, have a 3.5 GPA, and be able to provide excellent letters of recommendation from faculty.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program (OSLEP)

www.oslep.org

The Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program (OSLEP) is an intercollegiate academic program sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and administered for them by the University of Oklahoma. The best students in Oklahoma's public and private four-year colleges and universities are eligible to participate. At OCU, OSLEP seminars may be used in partial fulfillment of Honors Program requirements, but non-Honors students are also welcome to apply.

The objectives of the program are

- to develop qualities of both scholarship and leadership in Oklahoma students
- to bring the best students throughout Oklahoma into contact with each other and with distinguished scholars and leaders in an environment that promotes the exchange of ideas
- to enrich the entire higher education community and the general public
- to foster intellectual excitement and academic achievement

Students must apply to participate in OSLEP. The online application includes an essay and must be supported by a faculty reference and current transcript which indicates a cumulative GPA of a least 3.0. Juniors and seniors are eligible to apply; exceptional sophomores will be considered. Applications are reviewed by the director and assistant director, and students are selected on the basis of their academic and leadership qualifications, major area of study, and preference of scholar/topic. Students should apply early as many seminars fill and the pre-seminar requirements require time to complete. Students may enroll through OCU.

OSLEP seminars are residential. Students spend four nights in dormitories or a hotel at the host campus. The program provides room and board, as well as books, at no charge to the students.