

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFICE

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NISO is the National and International Scholarships Office at Purdue University. We guide motivated students through the highly **COMPETITIVE PROCESS** of applying for **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**, many of which require a **CAMPUS NOMINATION** through our office.

These scholarships develop talented students into great leaders. We seek to develop students' **SCHOLARLY POTENTIAL** and prepare students to apply for **LIFE-CHANGING, CAREER-BUILDING** experiences.

NISO advises undergraduate students - ambitious **FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES** exploring new experiences, students qualifying for fellowships abroad, **JUNIORS AND SENIORS** readying for graduate school - and, in a few cases, **RECENT GRADUATES** and **CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS**.

Spark your success as you rise to your potential, take the lead, go places, and impact the world.

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	FIELDS	PROVIDES	ELIGIBILITY	CITIZENSHIP	APPLICATION YEAR
ASTRONAUT SCHOLARSHIP	STEM Majors	Undergraduate scholarship, foundation programming	Conducting undergraduate STEM research. Plan to pursue a STEM research career.	U.S. Citizen	Sophomore, Junior
BEINECKE SCHOLARSHIP	Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences	Graduate studies scholarship	Merit. Documented undergraduate financial need.	U. S. Citizen, National	Junior
BOREN AWARDS	Open	Study (undergraduate) or research (graduate students) abroad in countries critical to U.S. national security	Matriculated at U.S. institution while abroad. Language study must be core element abroad.	U.S. Citizen	Any Undergraduate or Graduate Student
CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP	STEM Majors	1-year graduate degree at Cambridge	Conducting undergraduate research.	U.S. Citizen	Junior
FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM	Open	International research / study in your field OR teach English	Bachelor's by beginning of grant, not yet hold doctorate.	U.S. Citizen	Junior, Senior, Graduate Student, Alumni
GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP	Open	1-4 years graduate study at Cambridge, foundation programming	Academic excellence, leadership potential, and commitment to improving the lives of others.	Non-U.K.	Junior, Senior, Graduate Student, Alumni
GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP	Open	Undergraduate scholarship for study or internship abroad	Recipient of Federal Pell Grant. Matriculated at U.S. Institution while abroad.	U.S. Citizen	Any Undergraduate Student
GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP	STEM Majors	Undergraduate scholarship	Conducting undergraduate research. Plan to pursue a STEM field Ph.D. and research career.	U.S. Citizen, National, Permanent Resident	Sophomore, Junior
KNIGHT-HENNESSY SCHOLARSHIP	Open	1-3 years of graduate study at the Stanford University, foundation programming	Demonstrated purposeful leadership, independence of thought, and civic mindset	Any	Junior, Senior, Graduate Student, Alumni
MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP	Open	1-2 years of graduate study in the U.K., foundation programming	Must exhibit leadership and potential to strengthen the U.S. - U.K. relationship.	U.S. Citizen	Junior, Senior, Graduate Student, Alumni
NSF-GRFP PRE-ADVISING (UNDERGRADS ONLY)	STEM Majors	1-3 years of graduate study in the U.S., NISO provides pre-advising: What is it? Why apply? Purdue's resources.	Conducting undergraduate research. Plan to pursue a STEM field Master's or Ph.D.	U.S. Citizen, National, Permanent Resident	Senior
RHODES SCHOLARSHIP	Open	2-3-year graduate degree at Oxford, foundation programming	Academic excellence, leadership potential, and commitment to improving the lives of others. Age restrictions by citizenship country.	Any	Junior, Senior, Graduate Student, Alumni
TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP	Open	Graduate studies scholarship, foundation programming	Committed to career in public service. Demonstrated leadership.	U.S. Citizen	Junior
UDALL SCHOLARSHIP	Open	Undergraduate scholarship, foundation programming	Committed to the environment OR Native American and Alaskan Native students committed to tribal public policy or native healthcare.	U.S. Citizen, National, Permanent Resident	Sophomore, Junior
PEACE CORPS PREP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM	Open	Undergraduate certificate awarded by the government agency, Peace Corps	Completion of academic and co-curricular requirements.	U.S. Citizen	Any Undergraduate Student

A highly competitive GPA is required for most prestigious scholarships. See detailed requirements at www.purdue.edu/niso. For questions, to apply, or to refer a student, email niso@purdue.edu.

TIMELINE FOR A PURPOSEFUL EDUCATION



FIRST YEAR UNDERGRADUATES, ALL MAJORS

- ☐ Go to office hours of at least 1 faculty member each semester and talk about more than coursework.
- ☐ Get involved in a student organization, community organization, or volunteer experience.
- ☐ Line up a research project for the summer or following fall semester.
- ☐ Investigate study abroad options and where they may fit into your plan of study. Discuss with your academic advisor and consider what you want to achieve while you're abroad.
- ☐ Research NISO scholarships that you could apply for, including during your first year. Map out the timeline for Sophomore scholarships and goals for Junior year scholarships.
- ☐ Attend NISO information sessions for all scholarships you have interest in, even if you can't apply until a future year. (NISO Week/September, Fulbright Week/February, Global Graduate Scholarships/March).

SECOND/SOPHOMORE YEAR

- ☐ Schedule an appointment with NISO early in the fall semester to discuss your interests.
- ☐ Take any advanced courses you can, especially those in your major/minor areas.
- ☐ Spend time with your research/project advisor, internship supervisor, student org advisor, community or organization contact, throughout the year discussing your future aspirations, current relevant events, disciplinary literature.
- ☐ Talk with at least 2 additional faculty each semester about something other than coursework.
- ☐ Research and read scholarly works within your discipline often.
- ☐ Get involved in additional student and community organizations. Lead at least one initiative and document your impact.
- ☐ Seek out additional leadership roles, research, projects, internships for summer and Junior year.
- ☐ Study abroad or solidify plans to do so.
- ☐ Revisit scholarship websites to review selection criteria and read through scholar profiles.
- ☐ Attend NISO information sessions for all scholarships you have interest in, even if you can't apply until a future year. (NISO Week/September, Fulbright Week/February, Global Graduate Scholarships/March).
- ☐ Attend the Get-Ahead-of-Third-Year Bootcamp.

THIRD/JUNIOR YEAR

- ☐ Study abroad if you haven't already done so. If you have, feel free to do so again!
- ☐ Repeat any items you can from above.
- ☐ Many application processes take place this year. Attend info sessions/callouts to learn details about the application process(es). Attend workshops provided for the specific scholarships to which you are applying
 - Solicit recommenders for all third-year applications. You may need to meet with them multiple times prior to the recommendation deadlines. This includes applications that are technically submitted fourth year.
 - Applications to the Fulbright Program, Churchill, Gates Cambridge, Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarships begin spring of Junior year and are submitted just after the fall semester begins Senior year.

FOURTH/SENIOR YEAR, GRADUATE STUDENTS, ALUMNI

Seniors and **recent grads** are eligible to apply for the Fulbright Program, Gates Cambridge, Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes, and Schwarzman Scholarships. **Seniors** planning to attend graduate school next year may also apply for the Boren Fellowship. You will have a gap year to fill with study, work, or service if you begin the application Senior year. Please contact NISO to work out a timeline. **Graduate students** may apply to the Fulbright, Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes, and Schwarzman Scholarships. Students in 5-year programs should consult with NISO as soon as possible to determine application timelines. Many opportunities listed under Junior year may have flexible eligibility during the fourth year.



SCHOLAR DEVELOPMENT TIPS

AS AN UNDERGRADUATE

- TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR EDUCATION. Don't wait for opportunities to land in your lap. It's up to you to make sure you aren't just another face in the crowd.
- Take advanced courses early and often. Be strategic beyond the class that fits in your schedule.
- Avoid large lecture classes when possible. If it can't be avoided, be purposeful in your interactions with the instructor and take particular advantage of the professor's office hours.
- Work on your writing skills.
- Develop mentoring relationships with faculty, staff, and others.
- Take multiple courses with the same faculty if you like them.
- Attend brown bag seminars and public lectures to meet faculty and students who share your interests.
- Find ways to present your own research, public service, community impact, and independent projects.
- Make an impact. Get involved in extracurricular activities that connect to your future aspirations — Don't just join organizations for a line on your resume.
- Use your summers wisely. Participate in research (on campus and off — NSF-REU, SURF, or other), internships, and community service projects in the U.S. or abroad.
- Study abroad. Be purposeful in gaining active experience beyond tourism.
- Subscribe to newsletters around campus to stay informed of many types of opportunities.
- Apply for many scholarships. The more applications you complete, the easier they get.
- When possible, take courses for a grade. Opting for pass/fail grades is viewed unfavorably for many scholarships.

WHEN TO BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION

FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
Boren Scholarship Boren STEM Initiative Gilman Scholarship	Astronaut Scholarship Boren Scholarship Boren STEM Initiative Gilman Scholarship Goldwater Scholarship Udall Scholarship	Astronaut Scholarship Beinecke Scholarship Boren Scholarship Boren STEM Initiative Churchill Scholarship* Fulbright U.S. Student Program* Gates Cambridge Scholarship* Gilman Scholarship Goldwater Scholarship Knight-Hennessy Scholarship* Marshall Scholarship* Rhodes Scholarship* Truman Scholarship Udall Scholarship	Boren Fellowship Fulbright U.S. Student Program** Gates Cambridge Scholarship** Knight-Hennessy Scholarship** Marshall Scholarship** Pre-NSF-GRFP Rhodes Scholarship**

* Submission deadlines for these scholarships are early in your senior year, but the application process begins the prior spring.

** You will have a gap year to fill with study, work, or service if you didn't start the application Junior year. Schedule an appointment with NISO to discuss timelines.