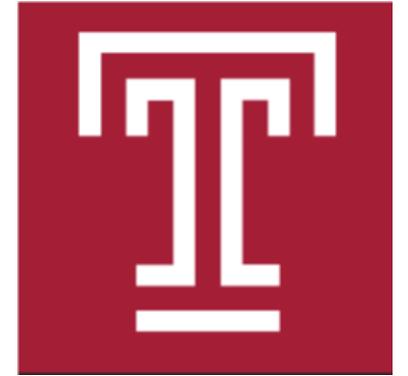


Review these slides before participating in one-on-one advising. Jot down questions and take the Interest Survey at the end.

GET STARTED WITH FELLOWSHIPS (FOR FIRST-YEARS AND SOPHOMORES)

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AGENDA

This session provides an overview of:

- What are fellowships?
- Timelines
- Early fellowships for language study
- Early fellowships for study abroad
- Early fellowships for research
- Early fellowships for service, leadership, policy
- FAQs
- Next steps
- Future fellowships



WHAT ARE FELLOWSHIPS?

“Fellowship” is a broad term that covers a wide range of funded experiences. In general, they are opportunities intended to enhance your academic and/or career trajectory. In most cases, they do not pay your home-school tuition (with some exceptions), but they all offer funding. Examples:

- Study abroad
- Language study
- Research
- Post-undergraduate studies abroad and/or in the U.S.
- Teaching English abroad
- Public or federal service
- Tuition expense (in a few cases)

Note: “Scholarships,” “awards,” and “fellowships” are often used interchangeably



WHY PURSUE EARLY-CAREER FELLOWSHIPS?

- Early-career fellowships build skills and create pathways to future opportunities, whether that's graduate school, another fellowship, or your career (or all three!).
- They can also help you to improve your writing, enhance relationships with your professors and clarify your future goals.
- There are many experiences you can pursue as an undergraduate that will enhance your classroom education and help to prepare you for your future, like:
 - Language study
 - Research
 - Study Abroad
 - Community/public service
- Many of the fellowships we'll discuss today fund these experiences



WHY SO EARLY? I'M A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT!

It's all about long-term planning

- Deadlines are often six months to a year in advance. Fellowships with deadlines in fall 2026 are for funding that will begin in summer or fall 2027!
- Build on your experiences
 - Example Student 1. First year: Begins to learn Portuguese. Sophomore year: Applies for and wins the Critical Language Scholarship to study Portuguese in Brazil in the summer. Junior year: Volunteers at the Nationalities Service Center, teaching ESL to immigrants and refugees. Senior year: Applies for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Brazil
 - Example Student 2: Sophomore year: Applies for CST's Research Scholars Program. Junior year: Applies for NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates for summer research. Senior year: Applies for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program and graduate school
- If these students came to us as seniors, it would be too late for us to advise them on things they could have done as undergraduates



EARLY FELLOWSHIP FOR LANGUAGE STUDY: BOREN

Several fellowships require us to formally nominate students in advance. The early campus deadline allows us to do that.

Boren Scholarship (campus deadline: January 20)

- For the intensive study of a critical language and culture abroad (the longer abroad, the more competitive you will be)
- Ideal for students who intend a career in federal service, ideally national security (there is a service requirement)
- Special STEM initiative for summer study
- Up to \$25,000 for an academic year
- Pathway to: Critical Language Scholarship, Fulbright, careers in federal service



EARLY FELLOWSHIP FOR LANGUAGE STUDY: CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Critical Language Scholarship (Deadline typically in November)

- Intensive fully-funded study of a critical language for 8-10 weeks abroad during the summer
 - Critical languages are often less commonly taught in the US, but are considered “critical” to our national security and economic prosperity
- Apply as freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or current graduate student. No GPA requirement. US citizenship required.
- Languages that do not require prior study: Hindi, Persian, Portuguese, Swahili
- Languages that require one year of prior study, or the equivalent: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Russian
- Languages that require two years of prior study, or the equivalent: Japanese



EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD, PART I

Fulbright UK Summer Institutes (Deadline: Early February)

- 3-4 week summer study at selected UK universities
- Apply as a first-year or sophomore; students *without* prior experience abroad are preferred
- Minimum 3.6 GPA required
- Pathway to: Fulbright, UK awards

St. Andrew's Society Scholarship (Campus deadline: February 1)

- \$40,000 to study for an academic year at one of four Scottish universities
- Apply as a sophomore for study abroad in your junior year
- Must be in top 25% of your class (our recipients tend to have over a 3.7)
- Pathway to: Fulbright, UK awards, graduate school



EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD, PART II

Gilman Scholarship (Two deadlines per year, usually in October and March)

- Enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad
- Must receive a **Pell grant** to be eligible
- The program encourages students to study or intern abroad in all world regions and from all U.S. states, academic fields, backgrounds, and types of institutions.
- This can also include language study, depending on the study abroad program you select
- This is a great entry-level fellowship! Many Temple students are selected every year.
- Pathway to: Fulbright, CLS, Boren, your future career



QUESTION BREAK I

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 - A. It's just another name for the national deadline
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 - C. A deadline specifically for Temple-funded opportunities

2. **Which of these languages is NOT considered a "critical language"?**
 - A. Russian
 - B. Arabic
 - C. Spanish
 - D. Chinese

3. **If you receive a Pell grant and intend to study abroad, which fellowship is an excellent fit?**
 - A. Boren
 - B. St. Andrew's Society for study in Scotland
 - C. Gilman
 - D. Critical Language Scholarship



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EARLY FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH: GOLDWATER

Goldwater Scholarship (Campus deadline: November 15)

- For undergraduates pursuing a career in STEM research
- Sophomores or juniors in STEM
- Must have a 3.0 GPA, but most nominees have a 3.7 or above; past AND current research experience expected
- Up to \$7,500 annually
- Pathway to: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Research-based STEM graduate programs, Knight-Hennessy

Remember that when we say
“sophomore” or “junior,” we’re referring
to your status at the time of application



EARLY FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH: SUMMER

National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) (Deadlines vary from November to February)

- Summer research funded by NSF in labs across the US and some abroad
- Mainly STEM-focused, but also some social sciences
- Pathway to: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Fulbright, graduate school

Leadership Alliance Summer Research (Deadline: Typically, February 1)

- Summer research opportunities with faculty mentors at top universities across the US
- NOT JUST STEM! Humanities, social and behavioral sciences, life and physical sciences are included
- Students from underrepresented populations who are considering pursuing a PhD are particularly encouraged to apply
- Pathway to: Fulbright, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Fulbright, graduate school



EARLY FELLOWSHIP FOR RESEARCH: FULBRIGHT CANADA

Fulbright Canada MITACS Globalink Summer Research

(Deadline: Early September)

- Summer research in Canada, paired with a university researcher
- Junior applicants with strong GPAs preferred
- Must be able to articulate a research interest, but you do not have to propose your own project
- Pathway to: Fulbright, McCall MacBain (for grad study in Canada), grad school, UK awards



EARLY FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH AND TEACHING: TEMPLE OPPORTUNITIES

These Temple opportunities
don't restrict by citizenship

Diamond Research Scholars (Deadline mid-February)

- For mentored independent research: full-time during the summer, then as an independent study in the fall
- Be part of a cohort of about 15 other Temple students from a wide range of majors. Meet monthly during the summer.

Creative Arts, Research and Scholarship (CARAS) (Deadlines: October 15 for spring projects, March 15 for summer and fall projects)

- For mentored independent research. You determine your schedule.
- Not part of a cohort. Flexibility regarding when and where you do your research.

Diamond Peer Teachers (Deadlines: In September for spring teaching; in March for fall teaching)

- Be a peer teacher (like a teaching assistant) for an intro-level course in your major or a Gen Ed course
- Juniors and seniors are eligible to apply (second-semester sophs can apply for the fall since they will be juniors at that point)



EARLY FELLOWSHIPS FOR SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, POLICY, PART I

Truman Scholarship (Campus deadline: November 15)

- For juniors (at the time of application) planning a career in public service; “change agent”
- Meaningful record of public service and leadership expected
- Up to \$30,000 toward a master’s degree
- Pathway to: UK awards, High-impact public service careers

Udall Scholarship (Campus deadline: January 20)

- For undergraduates pursuing a career related to the environment or Native American policy
- Sophomores or juniors (at the time of application), any discipline
- Record of service and leadership related to the environment or Native American issues
- Up to \$7,000
- Pathway to: High-impact careers in the environment or Native American policy; UK awards



EARLY FELLOWSHIPS FOR SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, POLICY, PART II

Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Summer Institutes (Deadline: Typically, early November)

- Funded intensive 7-week summer program that focuses on policy
- Apply as a junior (at the time of application)
- US citizens, permanent residents and DACA recipients are eligible at all institutes. International students are often eligible for a few institutes
- Provides an additional \$5000 *minimum* for a grad program within the PPIA consortium of 30 universities
- Pathway to: future careers in policy, graduate programs in public policy or related fields, other post-grad fellowships like the Fulbright



QUESTION BREAK II

1. **Which two of these fellowships are good for students interested in public service careers?**
 - A. Truman
 - B. Leadership Alliance
 - C. Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institutes
 - D. Goldwater

2. **Which two of these fellowships are good for students interested in gaining research experience?**
 - A. Leadership Alliance
 - B. NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates
 - C. Truman
 - D. Udall



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EARLY FELLOWSHIP AT TEMPLE

Smith Scholars Program (Deadline: Typically, mid-March)

- Offers awards of \$8,000-10,000 per year to support high-achieving Temple University undergraduates (US citizens and permanent residents) from the five-county Philadelphia area and from the City of Camden, N.J.
- The goal of the Smith Scholars program is to identify and support talented Temple undergraduates who have faced financial challenges and other obstacles. (You must receive federal financial aid and have high need to be eligible.)
- The program offers one-on-one and small-group fellowship advising, application/personal statement guidance, and support to apply for other meaningful scholarship, fellowship, or research opportunities.
- Apply as a freshman or sophomore.
- Pathway to: A wide range of future fellowships, grad school, your career



BROWSE OUR FIND A FELLOWSHIP PAGE!

In these slides, we presented common fellowships among Temple undergrads, but there are many more. We encourage you to explore!

Which fellowship fits you best?

Browse the full list on our Find a Fellowship page!



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, PART I

- *Can I apply to more than one fellowship?*
 - YES! You can apply to as many as your time allows. The more you apply, the easier it gets.
- *Do I need a 4.0 GPA?*
 - NO. GPA is only one component of an application review. Individual fellowship websites often offer “selection criteria” that are more specific than “eligibility requirements.”
 - A 4.0 GPA is no guarantee of selection either!
- *So, beyond GPA, what are they looking for?*
 - Each fellowship is different, but common elements include your motivation for applying, your preparation for this specific opportunity, and how you’ll build on this experience in your future academic and career trajectory. Strong letters of recommendation are a component of some fellowships.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, PART II

- *Are there specific majors that fellowships look for?*
 - No. Most of the fellowships we work with are open to students of any major who are a good fit. For example, we have had recipients of the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) from more “obvious” majors like Global Studies and Chinese, but also from Math, Psychology and Economics! All these recipients could make a case for why they are an excellent fit for the goals of the CLS.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, PART III

- *These all sound competitive. Is it worth the risk?*
 - First, if you don't apply, there is no chance of selection
 - Second, most students gain valuable skills from the process:
 - Improved writing clarity (saying a lot with few words is a skill that takes practice). This skill is highly relevant to future graduate school applications and even cover letters.
 - Enhanced vision of your future goals and interests
 - Increased ability to communicate your goals and interests in writing and in an interview. You learn to “connect the dots,” another highly applicable skill
 - Third, Temple students are regularly selected!
 - Temple has been a Fulbright Top-Producing Institution five times in the last 10 years
 - We had three Goldwater recipients in 2024-2025 (out of the five students we nominated)
 - We regularly have two to three recipients per year of the Critical Language Scholarship, and in spring 2025, Temple had 13 Gilman recipients.
 - In short, this is not like playing the lottery!



NEXT STEPS

1. Identify one to three opportunities
2. Take [this survey](#) to indicate your interest and to show that you have reviewed these slides
3. Meet with [Fellowships Advising](#) to develop a plan to prepare for your fellowship(s) and apply
 - A. Past applicants stress the need to start early to give yourself the best chance of selection
4. Cultivate relationships. Do you have people who could write letters of recommendation for you?
 - A. Seek and maintain relationships with your professors, advisors, and supervisors
 - B. Advice for [asking for letters of recommendation](#)
 - C. Advice to [share with your letter writers](#)
5. Explore potential *future* fellowships (next slides) and start “connecting the dots”

Get Started with Fellowships
Interest Survey



A FEW COMMON POST-UNDERGRAD FELLOWSHIPS, PART I

Plan ahead to prepare for a post-undergraduate fellowship. These fellowships may require research, teaching/tutoring, and/or leadership experience, so don't wait until your senior year to explore them.

Fulbright US Student Program (Campus deadline: Typically, early September)

- A year abroad post-undergraduate to carry out independent research/creative projects, study at the graduate level, or teach English.
- Apply as a senior, recent grad, or graduate student. US citizenship required.
- We hold several Fulbright Overviews every spring—you can attend even as first year or sophomore
- Temple has been named a “Fulbright Top Producing Institution” five times in recent years. It’s more accessible than you might think!



A FEW COMMON POST-UNDERGRAD FELLOWSHIPS, PART II

UK Awards: Rhodes, Marshall, Gates (Campus deadline: June 1)

- Funds a graduate degree at different universities in the UK.
- Evidence of outstanding academic performance and significant leadership/service on and off campus in any field.
- Apply as a senior or recent grad (US citizenship not needed for the Gates, and some Rhodes).

Knight-Hennessy (Optional campus deadline: June 1)

- Funds a graduate degree at Stanford University in California
- Evidence of outstanding academic performance and significant leadership/service in any field.
- Apply as a senior or recent grad. US citizenship not required.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Deadlines typically in mid- to late October)

- Funding for research-based MA/PhD in STEM field
- Apply at the point of application to grad school OR as a first- or second-year grad student. US citizenship required.
- \$37,000 stipend plus \$16,000 tuition benefit for up to 3 years



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Most federal funding (Fulbright, NSF, Boren, CLS, etc.) will require US citizenship
- Undergraduate opportunities that do not require US citizenship include Temple research/teaching programs (CARAS, Diamond Research Scholars, Diamond Peer Teaching) and PPIA.
- Post-undergraduate opportunities that do not require US citizenship include the Gates (UK), Schwarzman (China), Knight-Hennessy (US), and DAAD Graduate Studies (Germany). The Rhodes has some awards reserved specifically for US citizens, and others for non-US citizens.
- On our [Find a Fellowship “Browse by category” page](#), additional opportunities that do not require US citizenship have an asterisk (*) by their name.
- Be sure to search using [Pivot](#), a national database of funding sources at all levels, from undergraduates to graduate students to faculty. Login with your TU AccessNet
- Check with local cultural associations
- Check with your country’s embassy
- Look at the [IEFA](#) or [Scholarships.com](#) websites



QUESTIONS AND FOLLOW-UP

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Fellowship advising appointments

- Schedule through [Handshake](#)

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Handshake appointments

