

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

POST-UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Scholar Development and Fellowships Advising
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AGENDA

This session provides an overview of:

- What are fellowships?
- Timelines
- Post-undergraduate fellowships to:
 - Pursue graduate study abroad (and a few opportunities here in the US)
 - Conduct research abroad
 - Pursue service/work opportunities in the US and abroad
 - Pursue language study abroad
 - Teach English abroad
- FAQs
- Next Steps
- Q&A

We'll be sharing a survey at the end of the slides where you can indicate your interest in specific fellowships. Write down their names as we proceed.



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 your 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
 - Professional development (often through “social impact” fellowships)
 - Post-undergraduate studies abroad and/or in the U.S.
 - Teaching English abroad
 - Public or federal service
- “Scholarships,” “awards,” and “fellowships” are often used interchangeably



NOTE ABOUT TIMELINES

- Fellowship application deadlines are often a year (or even a little more) in advance of the funded period
 - Plan ahead!
- It's not uncommon for juniors to begin planning their candidacy and brainstorming their applications for a post-undergraduate fellowship
- Recent alumni are eligible for many of the opportunities here. Each fellowship dictates what 'recent' means (it could be one year, it could be six).
 - Waiting until after you graduate can benefit your candidacy, especially if you plan intentionally
- Double check the individual fellowship websites for exact deadlines.



FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDY, RESEARCH, OR ENGLISH TEACHING ABROAD: FULBRIGHT

Some fellowships require universities to evaluate or nominate our applicants. An early **campus deadline** allows us to do that.

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

- A year abroad post-undergraduate to carry out independent research/creative projects, pursue a master's degree (a “grad degree grant”), or teach English (the “ETA”).
- Apply as a senior, recent grad (very flexible!), or graduate student. US citizenship required. Attend a [Fulbright Overview session](#), or review the slides.
- Temple has been named a “Fulbright Top Producing Institution” five times. It’s more accessible than you might think! There are about 1,800 awards annually. Read about the [2024-2025 cohort](#).
- What can I do to plan ahead? Gain experience this year for the type of Fulbright you’re interested in. ETA? Gain teaching/tutoring experience. Grad study or research? Gain research experience.



FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY ABROAD: UK AWARDS

- **UK Awards: Rhodes, Marshall, Gates** (Campus nomination deadline: June 1...a year+ in advance of funded period)
 - 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. Have a vision for how you're going to make your world or community a better place.
 - Apply as a (rising) senior or recent grad (US citizenship not needed for the Gates, and some Rhodes). 3.7 minimum GPA required for Rhodes and Marshall, and expected (not required) for the Gates.
 - Interested? Attend our "Are the UK Awards Right for Me?" session or review the slides. Then meet with Barbara Gorka in Fellowships Advising EARLY to discuss how best to prepare.



FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY ABROAD: CANADA

McCall MacBain (Deadline typically in mid- to late September)

- For a master's or professional degree at McGill University in Canada. This is not for a PhD.
- Covers tuition and fees for the full normal duration of the master's or professional program, a living stipend of \$2,000 CAD per month during academic terms, and a relocation grant for moving to Montréal.
- There are no citizenship restrictions or GPA requirements, although you must meet the admissions criteria for your preferred graduate program(s) at McGill.
- Selection based on leadership potential, community engagement, entrepreneurial spirit, character, and academic excellence.
- Campus nomination is required, but the nomination process is VERY informal. Speak with Barbara Gorka well in advance to learn more.



FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY ABROAD: GERMANY AND CHINA

DAAD Graduate Study Scholarships (Deadline: typically, late October)

- For a master's degree at any German university
- Can apply as a US or Canadian citizen, OR, as an international citizen who attends a US or Canadian university
- Germany offers many master's degrees taught in English. Filter your search [here](#).
- Covers a monthly stipend, health insurance and travel expenses, but not tuition. NOTE: German university tuition is ridiculously low, so this should not present a huge hurdle.
- Having a strong rationale for pursuing your degree in Germany at your proposed host university is key to presenting a competitive application

Schwarzman Scholarship (Deadline mid-September for US and Global applicants; May for those with a Chinese passport)

- A fully-funded, one-year master's degree and leadership program at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.
- The core curriculum focuses on China's role in the global economy and global affairs. Scholars develop leadership skills in their respective fields through core and elective courses, workshops, coaching, mentorship and exposure to high-level industry experts.
- They seek candidates who demonstrate academic excellence, exceptional results in their field and outstanding leadership qualities
- No citizenship restrictions. Classes taught in English. No prior study of Chinese needed.



GRADUATE STUDY ABROAD WITHOUT A FELLOWSHIP?

- Why consider graduate study abroad without a fellowship?
 - Cost: Tuition at most universities abroad will be ***much*** less than in the US
 - Duration: Many countries offer 12-month master's degrees
 - Language: Besides English-speaking countries like the UK and Ireland, many countries around the world are now offering English-language master's degrees
 - Deadlines: Deadlines are often much later than in the US, so if you are interested in starting graduate school next fall, you might still find programs that are accepting students
- If you decide to apply to graduate/professional school in the US or abroad, Fellowships Advising can help with your application essays.

Interested? Email
barbara.Gorka@temple.edu and ask
for her Grad School Abroad slides



QUESTION BREAK 1

1. What is a “campus deadline”?
 - A. It’s just another name for the national deadline
 - B. An early date when Temple selects or evaluates our applicants for certain fellowships
 - C. A deadline specifically for Temple-funded opportunities
 - D. All of the above
2. What can you do abroad on a Fulbright?
 - A. Conduct independent research or a creative project
 - B. Teach English
 - C. Pursue graduate study
 - D. All of the above
3. If you pursue the Rhodes, Marshall or Gates for graduate study, where will you be?
 - A. Anywhere in the world
 - B. Germany
 - C. United Kingdom
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FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN THE U.S.: KNIGHT-HENNESSY

- **Knight-Hennessy** (Campus deadline: June 1, if you are seeking *optional* nomination. Without nomination: early to mid-October)
- Funds a graduate degree at Stanford University in California
- Evidence of outstanding academic performance and significant leadership/service in your field.
- Apply as a (rising) senior or within 6 years of graduating. US citizenship not required.
- Interested? Meet with Barbara Gorka to discuss next steps.



Knight-Hennessy Scholars
Stanford University

FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN THE U.S.: STEM

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program

(Deadlines in mid- to late October, depending on your field)

- Funding for research-based MA/PhD in STEM field, and some social sciences
 - Most competitive applicants intend to pursue a PhD, but you can apply while in a Temple “+1” program if you plan to continue on for your PhD.
- Apply at the point of application to grad school OR as a first-year grad student. US citizenship required.
- \$37,000 stipend plus \$16,000 for tuition for up to 3 years.
- 1,500 to 2,000 awards annually
- What can I do to plan ahead?
 - Gain research experience!
 - Get involved in STEM outreach



FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN THE U.S.: SOROS

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans (Deadline late October)

- Honors the contributions of immigrants and children of immigrants to the United States. The program selects 30 New Americans—immigrants and children of immigrants—who are poised to make significant contributions to US society, culture or their academic field.
- Funds full-time graduate degrees in the United States. Each Fellow receives up to \$90,000 in financial support over two years.
- Competitive applicants should be applying to top universities in their field.
- Must be an immigrant or a child of immigrants. Must be under 30 years old.

PAUL & DAISY
SOROS
FELLOWSHIPS FOR
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FELLOWSHIPS FOR LANGUAGE STUDY ABROAD: BOREN

Boren Awards (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 (service requirement)
- Boren Scholarships (for undergraduates) and Boren Fellowships (for graduate students). For the fellowship, apply for the Boren once you are in grad school, OR, as you are applying to grad school.
 - The Boren Fellowship is very similar to the Fulbright in that it allows you to design your own research project, as long as you will also be studying a critical language
- Up to \$25,000 for an academic year
- US citizenship required



FELLOWSHIPS FOR LANGUAGE STUDY ABROAD: CLS

Critical Language Scholarship (Deadline: Typically, mid-November)

- Intensive fully-funded study of a critical language for 8-10 weeks abroad during the summer
- 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



FELLOWSHIPS FOR WORK EXPERIENCE ABROAD: LUCE

Luce Scholars (Deadline: Early October)

- Offers early-career leaders immersive, professional experiences in Asia
- Provides stipends, language training, and individualized professional placement in Asia for 18 Luce Scholars each year
- College seniors, graduate students, and young professionals in a variety of fields, with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, are eligible to apply
- Open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents
- Prior study of an Asian language or Asian Studies NOT required (in fact, they prefer applicants with minimal prior exposure to an Asian language or Asian Studies)





Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for Young Professionals (Deadline: Very early November)

- CBYX provides 65 American and 65 German young professionals, between the ages of 18½–24, the opportunity to spend one year in each other's countries, studying, interning, and living with hosts on a cultural immersion program
- The program consists of:
 - Two months of intensive German language training
 - One semester of classes in one's academic or career field at a university, technical or professional school, not for credit
 - Three to five month internship in one's career field
- CBYX is open to candidates **in all career fields**
- Applicants should also have a strong interest in Germany and world affairs. **Prior German language knowledge is not required.**



FELLOWSHIPS FOR WORK EXPERIENCE ABROAD: “PRINCETON IN” PROGRAMS

Princeton in Africa (PiAf), Princeton in Asia (PiA), and Princeton in Latin America (PiLA). Deadlines typically late October to very early November.

- 12-month positions in host-country partner organizations
- Your skills and experience must be a good fit for their partner organizations' needs
- The emphasis of these fellowships is cultural immersion and contributing to your community. They are looking for Fellows who are flexible, open, and resilient, and who seek a transformative experience, want to contribute to their host organization, and want to facilitate cultural exchange through relationship building.
- Applicants are typically seniors or recent alumni
- Monthly stipend is modest

Three of our PiAf recipients went on to win Fulbrights for research or arts projects



FELLOWSHIPS FOR WORK EXPERIENCE ABROAD: TEACHING ENGLISH

You don't
need to be an
Education
major to
pursue these!

Teaching English Abroad

- Austria: [US Teaching Assistantships in Austria](#)
- China: [Teach for China](#)
- France: [Teaching Assistantship Program in France](#)
- Georgia: [Teach and Learn in Georgia](#)
- Hong Kong: [Hong Kong Native-speaking English Teacher \(NET\) Scheme](#)
- Japan: [Japan Exchange & Teaching Program for US Citizens \(JET\)](#)
- Multi-country: [Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship](#)
- Multi-country: [CIEE Teach English Abroad](#) (this is not a government-supported program, but some Temple alumni have worked with them)
- South Korea: [English Program in Korea \(EPIK\)](#)
- Spain: [North American Language & Culture Assistants in Spain](#) (other programs that Temple alumni have participated in include [Meddeas](#) and [Beda](#))
- Thailand: [Teach Thailand Corps \(TTC\)](#)

Check deadlines for individual teaching opportunities. Most are in winter.



FELLOWSHIPS FOR WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE U.S.: SOCIAL IMPACT

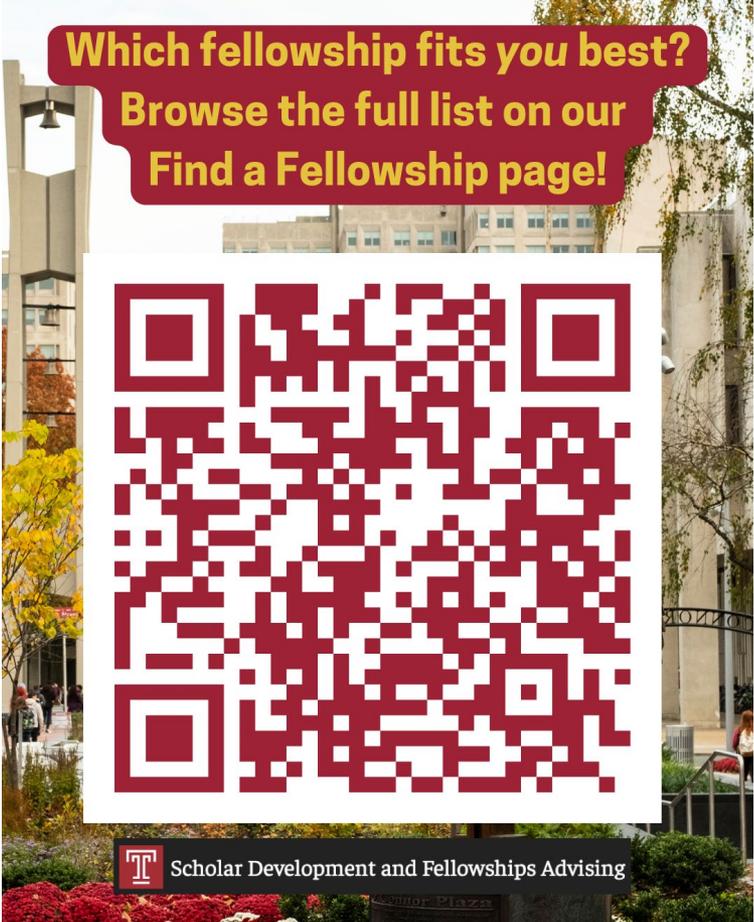
Social Impact Service Fellowships

- [Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Fellowship](#) (Washington, DC)
- [City Hall Fellows](#) (San Francisco)
- [Coro Fellows](#) (Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, St. Louis)
- [Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program](#) (community-based organizations across the country as well as policy-focused organizations in Washington, D.C)
- [FAO Schwarz Fellowships](#) (direct service and special projects in Boston, NYC, and Philadelphia)
*This is the best funded among all these options (\$45,000 per year)
- [The Greenlining Institute](#) (San Francisco)
- [International Leadership Foundation Civic Fellowship](#) for Asian American and Pacific Islander students/alumni (Washington, DC)
- [New Sector Alliance Summer Fellowship](#)
- [New York City Urban Fellows Program](#)
- [PHENND Fellows](#) (Philadelphia)

Most applicants apply either as a senior or as a very recent graduate—eligibility requirements vary. Most deadlines fall between November and February. Check individual websites!

BROWSE OUR FIND A FELLOWSHIP PAGE!

In these slides, we present common fellowships among Temple students, 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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QUESTION BREAK II

1. If I want to study a language like Mandarin, Arabic, or Russian, which fellowships are a good fit? Select 2.
 - A. Soros
 - B. Critical Language Scholarship
 - C. Boren
 - D. Knight-Hennessy
2. If I want to pursue graduate studies in the US, which fellowships might be a good fit? Select 2.
 - A. NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
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 - D. Marshall
3. If I want to gain work experience abroad, which fellowships are a good fit? Select 2.
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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, your leadership and/or community engagement, and how you’ll build on this experience in your future academic and career trajectory.





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.
- *What do they mean when they ask for leadership experience?*
 - They are interested in learning how you have influenced or motivated others to create tangible change in a community, program, or your field. It’s not about your title; it’s about your impact and outcomes. Influence that extends beyond your college peers usually carries more weight (for example, you ALSO negotiated with senior administration or a city agency).



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 interviews. 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 seven recipients of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2024-2025
 - We regularly have two to three recipients per year of the Critical Language Scholarship
 - Temple students have won the Rhodes, Gates, and Marshall (although with less frequency than the Fulbright)
 - In short, this is not like playing the lottery!



WHICH FELLOWSHIPS INTEREST YOU?

Take our Post-Undergraduate Fellowships Interest Survey

Take this survey to show that you have reviewed these slides and to indicate your interest

Post-Undergraduate Fellowships
Interest Survey



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. Maintain or cultivate relationships. Do you have people who could write detailed letters of recommendation for you?
 - A. Seek and cultivate relationships with your professors, advisors, and supervisors. Connect with them on LinkedIn.
 - B. Advice for [asking for letters of recommendation](#)
 - C. Advice to [share with your letter writers](#)
5. Reflect. Try to “connect the dots” of your past, present and future experiences. All fellowships will ask you to do this in one form or another.



Handshake
Appointments



QUESTIONS AND FOLLOW-UP

Contact us

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Fellowship advising appointments

- Schedule through [Handshake](#)

Stay in touch

- [Fellowships e-newsletter](#)
- [LinkedIn Fellowships Advising Group](#)
- [Fellowships Advising on Instagram](#)

Don't forget!

- Take [this survey](#) to indicate your interest and to show that you have reviewed these slides or attended a live information session

