



2018-19 WKU Nationally Competitive Scholarship Winners

Rhodes Scholarship

The Rhodes Scholarship provides all expenses for study at the University of Oxford. The scholarship is “the oldest and best known award for international study, and arguably the most famous academic award available to American college graduates,” according to Elliot F. Gerson, American Secretary of the Rhodes Trust. In 2019, 32 Americans were chosen as Rhodes Scholars representing the United States.

- Andi Dahmer (2019 Graduate in Economics, Spanish, International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Fisherville, KY)—Finalist

Gates-Cambridge Scholarship

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship program was established in October 2000 by a donation of \$210M from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the University of Cambridge. The scholarship funds 80 full-cost scholarships to outstanding applicants from countries outside the United Kingdom to pursue postgraduate degrees at the University of Cambridge.

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Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship

The Rangel Graduate Fellowship Program provides benefits valued at up to \$90,000 over two years toward a two-year master’s degree, arranges internships on Capitol Hill and at U.S. embassies, and provides professional development and support activities for those who want to become Foreign Services Officers in the U.S. Department of State.

- Deven Richardson (2019 Graduate in Political Science, International Affairs, Bowling Green, KY)—Winner

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship

The Pickering Graduate Fellowship is the premier award for students pursuing careers in the U.S. Department of State foreign service. The fellowship provides up to \$37,500 annually for a two-year master’s degree, internships in the U.S. Department of State and embassies abroad, and opportunities for professional development.

- Isabella Greene (2016 Graduate in Chinese, History, Asian Religions & Cultures, Orlinda, TN)

Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs

The Coro Fellowship develops emerging leaders to work and lead across different sectors by equipping them with knowledge, skills, and networks to accelerate positive change. Coro Fellowship stipends are determined by location in high-impact urban cities across the United States: Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and St. Louis.

- Kara Lowry (2019 Graduate in Biology, Political Science, Louisville, KY)

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship seeks to recognize excellence in the sciences and to encourage talented students to pursue research careers. The award provides up to \$7,500 per year for educational expenses to sophomores and juniors.

- Megan Dillingham (Biochemistry, Bowling Green, KY)
- Alexander Stewart (Gatton Academy, Clearfield, KY)
- Sydney Wheeler (Gatton Academy, Scottsville, KY)

Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship

Funded by the U.S. Department of Defense, the SMART Scholarship pays for tuition and education-related fees and provides an annual stipend, paid summer internships, a health insurance reimbursement allowance, and employment placement after graduation in a government lab.

- Graham Stephens (Computer Science, Tompkinsville, KY)

Fulbright U.S. Student Grants

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program receives approximately 10,000 applications and awards approximately 1800 grants to recent graduates and young professionals. Awardees either conduct independent research, study, or arts projects or teach English and American culture in up to 140 countries around the world for up to a year. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction between the grantee and his or her host community.

- Nicole Childress (2019 Graduate in Marketing, Crestwood, KY)—Research/Study Grant to Ireland
- Keightley Dudgeon (2019 Graduate in Arabic, Teaching English as a Second Language, Bowling Green, KY)—English Teaching Assistantship to Morocco
- Amelia Kolb (2019 Graduate in Spanish and Teaching English as a Second Language, Louisville, KY)—English Teaching Assistantship to Mexico
- Max McGehee (2017 Graduate in Spanish and Public Relations, Bowling Green, KY)—Research/Study Grant to Spain, Alternate
- Deven Richardson (2019 Graduate in Political Science and International Affairs, Bowling Green, KY)—Research/Study Grant to Japan
- Corinne Warlick (2019 Graduate in Chemistry, Louisville, KY)—Research/Study Grant to Sweden

Fulbright United Kingdom Summer Institute (UKSI)

Fulbright UKSI is a 3-6 week summer program for American undergraduates with at least two years of undergraduate study left to complete. Fully-funded participants are placed at a highly regarded UK university where they explore the culture and history of the UK and develop academic skills in presentation, research and communication.

- Derek Collins (Political Science, Hattiesburg, MS)—University of Bristol
- Nathan Terrell (Political Science, Morehead, KY)—University of Westminster

Critical Language Scholarship

Funded by the U.S. Department of State, the Critical Language Scholarship provides 8-10 weeks of intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences abroad. The award covers all costs for travel, study and living expenses during the program.

- Gibson Brueher (Business Economics, Chinese, Franklin, TN)—Chinese

- Olivia James (International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Chinese, Eagle, CO)—Chinese, Alternate
- Joseph Johnson (Military Leadership, Chinese, Owensboro, KY)—Chinese
- Evan Kessler (Arabic, Mathematical Economics, Bowling Green, KY)—Arabic, Alternate
- Andrew Lambdin (International Business, Chinese, London, KY)—Chinese
- Margo McGehee (Economics, Arabic, Erlanger, KY)—Arabic
- Cassidy Orrender (Arabic, Crestwood, KY)—Arabic, Alternate
- Jacob Raymond (Computer Science, Chinese, Mt. Juliet, TN)—Chinese
- Ryan Richardson (International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Chinese, Political Science, Williamsburg, KY)—Korean, Alternate
- Brooke Riley (International Business, Arabic, Owensboro, KY)—Arabic
- Stephen Scott (Biology, Chinese, Owensboro, KY)—Chinese
- Tristan Shaw (International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Chinese, Glasgow, KY)—Korean, Alternate
- Jayden Thomas (International Affairs, Political Science, Bowling Green, KY)—Japanese
- MacLaren Williams (English, Rineyville, KY)—Japanese, Alternate
- *Name Withheld*—Chinese

Boren Awards for International Study

Funded by the Department of Defense National Security Education Program, Boren Scholarships provide up to \$20,000 for up to a year of study abroad focusing on building linguistic and cultural proficiency in countries critical to American national security.

- Brian Anderson (Economics, Asian Religions & Cultures, International Affairs, Chinese, Buffalo, KY)—Chinese
- Alexander Banaszak (Chinese, Physics, Crestwood, KY)—Chinese
- Austin Barnes (Chinese, Military Leadership, Hodgenville, KY)—Chinese
- Ashleigh Cleary (International Affairs, Chinese, Hebron, KY)—Chinese
- Olivia James (International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Chinese, Eagle, CO)—Chinese

Freeman Awards for Study in Asia

Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA) provides scholarships for U.S. undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia.

- Courtney Morgan (Economics, Marketing, Chinese, McKee, KY)—Taiwan
- Jayden Thomas (International Affairs, Political Science, Glasgow, KY)—Japan
- Paige Wells (International Business, Finance, Lexington, KY)—Japan, Alternate

Fund for Education Abroad

Fund for Education Abroad supports students who are underrepresented among the U.S. study abroad population by providing scholarships of up to \$7,000 to 100 students nationwide each year.

- Andrea Day (International Affairs, Arabic, Bowling Green, KY)—Jordan

National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)

The State Department's NSLI-Y provides merit-based scholarships to U.S. high school students interested in learning less-commonly studied foreign languages. This scholarship covers all program costs for six weeks of intensive study abroad, including travel to the applicant's destination, tuition, housing, and activities.

- Tristan Clement (Gatton Academy, Henderson, KY)—Russian
- Bailey Knight (Gatton Academy, Lexington, KY)—Chinese
- Jamaur Lyons (Gatton Academy, Vine Grove, KY)—Chinese
- Lea Mitchell (Gatton Academy, Hebron, KY)—Chinese
- Sarah Pedersen (Gatton Academy, Barbourville, KY)—Chinese
- Zane Polley (Gatton Academy, Henderson, KY)—Russian
- Emma Poole (Gatton Academy, Central City, KY)—Arabic
- Abrar Rahman (Gatton Academy, Cave City, KY)—Arabic
- Madeline Springate (Gatton Academy, Versailles, KY)—Arabic
- Ian Storrs (Gatton Academy, Covington, KY)—Russian
- Anna Strunjas (Gatton Academy, Bowling Green, KY)—Russian
- Hazel Traw (Gatton Academy, Berea, KY)—Arabic

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants of up to \$5,000 for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad.

- Maxis Bryant (Journalism, Cub Run, KY)—Denmark
- Mimi Burrow (2019 Graduate in Dance, Spanish, Hendersonville, TN)—Spain
- Caroline Camfield (Mechanical Engineering, Fisherville, KY)—Columbia
- Rebekah Cardwell (Exercise Science, Spanish, Lawrenceburg, KY)—Mexico
- Andrea Day (International Affairs, Arabic, Bowling Green, KY)—Jordan
- Meg Dillingham (Biochemistry, Glasgow, KY)—Kenya
- Carolina Escobar (Elementary Education, Bowling Green, KY)—Italy
- Emily Falica (English, Asian Religions & Cultures, Scottsville, KY)—South Korea, Alternate
- Kerby Gilstrap (International Affairs, Arabic, Bowling Green, KY)—Morocco, Alternate
- Edgar Gonzalez (Computer Science, Bowling Green, KY)—South Korea
- Adrianna Jakel (Special Education: LBD and Elementary Education, Highland, IL)—Italy
- Joseph Johnson (Military Leadership, Chinese, Owensboro, KY)—China
- Mckenzie Johnson (Anthropology, Art History, Dawson Springs, KY)—United Kingdom
- Damon Mansfield (Nursing, Radcliff, KY)—Tanzania
- Ie Meh (Biology, Bowling Green, KY)—South Korea
- Catherine Metcalf (Elementary Education, Bardstown, KY)—Italy
- Alexandra Rusher (International Affairs, Arabic, Bowling Green, KY)—Jordan
- Dimond Shelton (Biology, Chemistry, Cromwell, KY)—Kenya
- Reuben Tang (Architectural Science, Asian Religions & Cultures, Chinese, Glasgow, KY)—Taiwan, Alternate
- Jayden Thomas (International Affairs, Political Science, Edmonton, KY)—Japan
- Barry Washer (Music, Bowling Green, KY)—Austria
- Myah Young (Nursing, Crestwood, KY)—Tanzania
- Max Zambrano (Political Science, Owensboro, KY)—Morocco

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society's Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Fifty \$1,000 grants are awarded each year.

- Andi Dahmer (2019 Graduate in Economics, Spanish, International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Fisherville, KY)—Spain
- Mary Morgan Green (International Business, Chinese, Leeds, AL)—China
- Dimond Shelton (Biology, Chemistry, Cromwell, KY)—Kenya