



2017-18 WKU Nationally Competitive Scholarship Winners

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship

Funded by the National Science Foundation, the Graduate Research Fellowship Program provides an annual stipend and tuition support for up to three years of graduate study in the sciences and social sciences.

- Dana Biechele-Speziale (2018 Graduate in Chemistry, Chinese, Grayson, KY)
- Audrey Brown (2016 Graduate in Biology, Chemistry, Bowling Green, KY)—Honorable Mention
- Haleh Jeddi (2016 BS/MS in Chemistry, Decatur, GA)—Honorable Mention

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.

- Morgan Taylor (BS/MS Honors Self-Designed Major/Homeland Security Sciences, Tompkinsville, KY)—Semi-Finalist

Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Open to juniors dedicated to a career in public service, the highly competitive Truman Scholarship recognizes service and leadership and provides up to \$30,000 in funding for graduate education.

- Andi Dahmer (Economics, Spanish, International Affairs, and Asian Religions & Cultures, Fisherville, KY)

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship

The Pickering 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.

- Erick Murrer (2018 Graduate in Economics, Chinese, Nancy, KY)—Winner
- Isabella Greene (2016 Graduate in Chinese, History, Asian Religions & Cultures, Orinda, TN)—Alternate

Fulbright 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.

- Sarah Angelle (2018 Graduate in Middle Grades Mathematics, Science and Math Education, Mathematics, Chinese, Monticello, KY)—English Teaching Assistantship to Taiwan
- Sarah Linder (2018 Graduate in Art History, Louisville, KY)—Research/Study Grant to the United Kingdom
- Logan Mitchell (2018 Graduate in Meteorology, Chinese, Geographic Information Systems)—Research/Study Grant to China
- Lillian Nellans (2018 Graduate in International Affairs, Philosophy, Windsor Heights, IA)—English Teaching Assistantship to Bosnia
- Margaret Sullivan (2018 Graduate in International Affairs, Louisville, KY)—English Teaching Assistantship to Bulgaria
- Elizabeth Upshur (MFA Creative Writing, Antioch, TN)—Research/Study Grant to Benin

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.

- Kate Hart (International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Spanish, Princeton, KY)—Chinese
- Nathan Read (Economics, International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Belleville, IL)—Chinese
- Tristan Shaw (International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Glasgow, KY)—Chinese
- Michael Dimeo (Advertising, Chinese, Bowling Green, KY)—Chinese, Alternate

Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship

Funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Hollings Scholarship provides recipients with up to \$9,500 per year for two years of study and a 10-week, full-time paid internship at a NOAA facility during the summer.

- Dallas McKinney (Meteorology, Mayfield, 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.

- Lauren Pedersen (Biology, Chemistry, Barbourville, KY)

James Madison Fellowship

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation offers \$24,000 James Madison Graduate Fellowships to individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary school level.

- Claire Bellar (2016 Graduate in History and Social Studies, Bowling Green, KY)

Rotary Global Grant Scholarship

Rotary International sponsors Global Grant Scholarships for up to US \$45,000 for graduate study outside North America. Candidates must be endorsed by a grant-qualified Rotary Club and demonstrate commitment to a career that aligns with one of Rotary International's six humanitarian areas of focus.

- Lillian Nellans (2018 Graduate in International Affairs, Philosophy, Des Moines, IA)—United Kingdom

Princeton in Asia (PiA)

PiA sponsors 150 year-long fellowships and internships in 20 Asian countries. PiA aims to promote goodwill and understanding between East and West.

- Natalie Webb (2018 Graduate in Anthropology, International Affairs, Louisville, KY)—Thailand

Princeton in Latin America (PiLA)

PiLA matches partner NGO and multilateral organizations engaged in socially responsible development projects in Latin America and the Caribbean with highly qualified and motivated recent college graduates who are interested in year-long service fellowship opportunities throughout the region.

- Megan Skaggs (2016 Graduate in English, International Affairs, Brownsville, KY)—Guatemala

Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET)

The JET Program allows young professionals to live and work throughout Japan as Assistant Language Teachers or as Coordinators for International Relations. Assistant Language Teachers work alongside their Japanese counterparts to teach English to children of all ages; Coordinators for International Relations have a high degree of Japanese language proficiency and work in government positions as interpreters.

- Molly Shircliff (2016 Graduate in Electrical Engineering, Glasgow, KY)
- Margaret Sullivan (2018 Graduate in International Affairs, Louisville, KY)

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.

- Jennifer Cischke (International Affairs, Spanish, Arabic, Mt. Washington, KY)—Arabic
- Ashleigh Cleary (International Affairs, Hebron, KY)—Chinese
- Michael Dimeo (Advertising, Chinese, Bowling Green, KY)—Chinese
- Keightley Dudgeon (Arabic, Bowling Green, KY)—Arabic
- Danielle Earley (Asian Religions & Cultures, Chinese, LaGrange, KY)—Chinese
- Savannah Gillam (Biology, Arabic, Bowling Green, KY)—Arabic
- Mary Morgan Green (International Business, Leeds, AL)—Chinese
- Allison Hohenstein (Economics, Chinese, Radcliff, KY)—Chinese
- Lucas Knight (Political Science, International Affairs, Owensboro, KY)—Chinese
- Deven Richardson (Political Science, International Affairs, Bowling Green, KY)—Japanese
- Ryan Richardson (International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Chinese, Political Science, Williamsburg, KY)—Chinese

- Jacob Raymond (Computer Science, Mount Juliet, TN)—Chinese, Alternate
- Tobias Stockler (French, Chinese, Glasgow, KY)—Chinese, Alternate

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.

- Rachel Hunter (English, Owensboro, KY)—University of Sussex
- Isaac Keller (Political Science, Kansas City, MO)—Aberystwyth University

Charles B. Rangel Summer Enrichment Program

Funded by the U.S. Department of State, the Rangel Summer Enrichment Program is designed for students to explore the foreign service and international affairs careers. Rangel Scholars enroll in classes at Howard University, visit sites across Washington, D.C., meet prominent professionals in international affairs careers, and receive a \$3,200 scholarship.

- Hayden Grace (Mathematical Economics, Hopkinsville, KY)
- Deven Richardson (Political Science, International Affairs, Bowling Green, KY)

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.

- Mattie Allara (Gatton Academy, Pikeville, KY)—Russian
- Jonathan Bramley (2018 Graduate of the Gatton Academy, Fairdale, KY)—Russian
- Lily Hamm (2018 Graduate of the Gatton Academy, Somerset, KY)—Chinese
- Sarah Yaacoub (Gatton Academy, Lexington, KY)—Arabic
- Student Name Withheld (Gatton Academy)—Chinese

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.

- Isaac Barnes (Theatre, Asian Religions & Cultures, Frankfort, KY)—Thailand
- Riana Berry (Nursing, Lexington, KY)—Tanzania
- Sheila Butler (Sociology, Bowling Green, KY)—Ghana
- Anais Compton (Spanish, Bowling Green, KY)—Spain
- Amanda Crutchfield (Biology, Russellville, KY)—Tanzania
- Katie Daniels (English, Religious Studies, Glasgow, KY)—United Kingdom
- Kate Hart (International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Spanish, Princeton, KY)—China
- Lillian Golden (English for Secondary Teachers, Campbellsville, KY)—Costa Rica
- Jada Jefferson (Theatre, Diversity & Community Studies, Louisville, KY)—United Kingdom
- Michael King (International Affairs, Political Science, Franklin, KY)—Morocco
- Jamesia Leavell (Elementary Education, Louisville, KY)—Argentina

- Brittany Lee (Interior Design, Columbia, KY)—Austria
- Casey McKinney (Business Economics, Burkesville, KY) —Alternate—Argentina
- Jeremy McFarland (2018 Graduate in Chinese, English, Campbellsville, KY)—China
- Anna McAvoy (International Business, Richmond, KY)—Alternate—Ireland
- Antonio McManis (International Affairs, Shelbyville, KY)—Morocco
- Robert Myers (Film, Louisville, KY)—Taiwan
- Aaliyah Neblett (Nursing, Cedar Hill, TN)—Tanzania
- Sarah Olive (English, Louisville, KY))—Alternate —United Kingdom
- Nyla Rogers (International Affairs, Charlotte, NC)—China
- Tristan Shaw (International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Glasgow, KY)—China
- Elizabeth Torres-McManus (Management, Bowling Green, KY)—Mexico
- Kevin Turley (History, Social Studies, Franklin, TN)—Russia
- Nicholas Wheeler (Biology, Alvaton, KY)—South Africa

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.

- Andrew Lambdin (Computer Science, London, KY)—Taiwan
- Nathaniel Lambdin (International Business, London, KY)—Taiwan
- Robert Myers (Film, Louisville, KY)—Taiwan
- Keeley Rather (Asian Religions & Cultures, Owensboro, KY)—Japan
- Reuben Tang (Architectural Sciences, Asian Religions & Cultures, Glasgow, KY)—Taiwan

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.

- Reuben Tang (Architectural Sciences, Asian Religions & Cultures, Glasgow, KY)—Taiwan

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.

- Katie Daniels (English, Religious Studies, Glasgow, KY)—United Kingdom
- Danielle Earley (Asian Religions and Cultures, LaGrange, KY)—Taiwan
- Elizabeth Manning (Accounting, Louisville, KY)—Czech Republic