



**2024-2025 Nationally Competitive Scholarship Winners
In Alphabetical Order by Award**

Note: This document reflects students' majors at the time of application. It does not include minors or certificates and may not reflect the student's final degree(s). An asterisk () indicates good standing in the Mahurin Honors College.*

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

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

- 2025: Asa Ashley (Gatton Academy of Math and Science)
- 2025: Charles Uland (Chemistry and Computer Science)

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants of up to \$7,000 for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad.

- 2025: Jacob Allison (Computer Science)- South Korea
- 2025: Zoe Avery* (Health Sciences)- Tanzania
- 2025: John Berry (Exploratory Undeclared)- Costa Rica
- 2025: Jacoby Brison (Music)- Austria, Germany
- 2025: Veronica Butler* (International Affairs and Chinese)- Taiwan
- 2025: Sira Diame (Criminology)- United Kingdom
- 2025: Karen Diaz (Health Care Administration)- South Korea
- 2025: Cing Dim* (Computer Science)- Taiwan
- 2025: Peyton Dover* (Psychology and Criminology)- Italy
- 2025: Sarah Gamble* (English and Chinese) -Taiwan
- 2025: Lily Haines* (English)- Japan
- 2025: Abbey Hall* (Elementary Education)- South Korea
- 2025: Taylor Harbison (Health Care Administration)- Belgium, France
- 2025: Trini Hines (Film Production)- United Kingdom
- 2025: Lexi Holcomb (Child and Family Services)- Austria
- 2025: Laci Hurst (Marketing)- Italy
- 2025: Deborah Ishimwe* (Criminology and Chinese)- Taiwan
- 2025: Thang Khai (Construction Management)- South Korea
- 2025: Kyle Mallernee (Computer Information Technology)- Japan
- 2025: Mallory Meadows (Health Sciences)- Netherlands, Spain
- 2025: Neh Meh (Nursing)- Tanzania

- 2025: Oo Meh (Health Care Administration)- South Korea
- 2025: Pah Meh (Computer Science)- South Korea
- 2025: Su Meh (Business Economics and Accounting)- South Korea
- 2025: Donari Merritt* (Music)- Austria
- 2025: Pratiksha Mishra (Biochemistry)- Thailand, United Kingdom
- 2025: Caraline New* (Biology and Chemistry)- Ireland
- 2025: Veer Patel (Computer Science)- South Korea
- 2025: Au Reh (Computer Science)- South Korea
- 2025: Htwar Reh (Computer Science)- South Korea
- 2025: Pray Reh (Nursing)- Tanzania
- 2025: Amy Calva-Rodriguez (Biology and Spanish)- Spain
- 2025: Cin Sang* (Computer Science)- South Korea
- 2025: Sommers Smith (Special Education: Learning and Behavioral Disorders and Elementary Education)- Costa Rica
- 2025: Xavier Spiess (English and Professional Legal Studies)- South Korea
- 2025: Natalie Spiva* (Psychological Science and Spanish)- Spain
- 2025: Atiana Spivey* (Biology and English)- South Africa
- 2025: Jillian Tabler* (Visual Arts)- Italy
- 2025: Emma Thomas* (Psychology)- United Kingdom
- 2025: Sheila Vo (Communication Disorders)- Argentina
- 2025: Angelo White (Marketing)- France
- 2025: Oliver Wood-Morris* (Psychology and Anthropology)- Mongolia

Critical Language Scholarship

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Critical Language Scholarship provides full funding for 8 weeks of intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences abroad.

- 2025: Lilian Branch* (Biology and Chinese)- Chinese (Mandarin)

DAAD-RISE

RISE is a summer internship program sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service for undergraduate students from the US, Canada, and the UK in the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences and engineering. It offers unique opportunities for undergraduate students to work with research groups at German universities and top research institutions.

- 2025: Cole Meador* (Biochemistry and Mathematics)- Germany

David L. Boren Scholarship

Boren Scholarships are funded by the Department of Defense National Security Education Program and provide \$25,000 to American undergraduate students to study in language-intensive programs abroad in areas of the world critical to U.S. interests.

- Walker Bell* (International Affairs and Chinese)- Taiwan
- Evie Dukes* (Environmental, Sustainability, and Geographic Studies and Chinese)- Defense Language Institute
- Larissa Frisby* (Chinese and Psychology)- Taiwan
- Emily Gillis* (Chinese)- Taiwan

- Kat Huddy* (International Affairs and Chinese)- Taiwan
- Emma Grace Young* (Computer Science and Chinese)- Taiwan

Freeman-Asia

The Freeman Awards for Study in Asia are designed to support U.S.-based undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to study overseas in east or southeast Asia. The program's goal is to increase the number of U.S. citizens and permanent residents with first-hand exposure to and understanding of Asia and its peoples and cultures.

- 2025: Veronica Butler* (International Affairs and Chinese)- Taiwan
- 2025: Sarah Gamble* (English and Chinese)- Taiwan
- 2025: Deborah Ishimwe* (Criminology and Chinese)- Taiwan
- 2025: Pah Meh (Computer Science)- South Korea

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

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

- 2025: Nguyen Nguyen (Chinese)- English Teaching Assistant, Taiwan
- 2025: Shwe Win (Public Health)- English Teaching Assistant, Thailand

Fund for Education Abroad

The Fund for Education Abroad is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded to enable more American college students with financial need to study abroad. The goal is to provide scholarships and ongoing support to students who face barriers to participation in education abroad.

- 2025: Donari Merritt* (Music)- Austria
- 2025: Angelo White (Marketing)-France

National Science Foundation (NSF) Undergraduate Research Fellowship

The National Science Foundation (NSF) offers 10-week research programs at universities and institutions across the country in STEM and interdisciplinary fields. Participants receive a stipend and travel and meal allowances.

- 2025: Marlowe Hanel* (Mechanical Engineering and Visual Journalism and Photography)
- 2025: Alejandro Ramirez* (Psychological Science)

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship

Funded by the National Science Foundation, the Graduate Research Fellowship Program provides an annual stipend of \$37,000 and tuition support for up to three years of graduate study in the sciences and social sciences.

- 2025: Jack Mayo ('22 Biology and Environmental, Sustainability, and Geographic Studies)
- 2025 Honorable Mention: Gillian Brown* ('22 Biology and Chemistry)
- 2025 Honorable Mention: Abigail Krent* ('22 Agriculture and Spanish)

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Scholarship

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$700,000 in various awards competitions including study abroad. Applicants are evaluated based on numerous factors, including academic recognition and awards, campus and community involvement, leadership experiences, and quality and scope of their proposed program.

- 2025: Zoe Avery* (Health Sciences)

Udall Scholarship

The Udall Scholarship is the nation's preeminent award for college sophomores or juniors who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment or who are Native Americans and Alaska Natives who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to tribal public policy or careers related to Native health care. Awardees receive \$7000 for academic expenses.

- 2025: Mykah Carden* (Geological Sciences)