



**2025-2026 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). It includes awards offered; some students declined awards. 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.

- Cole Meador\* (Biochemistry, Mathematics)
- Alejandro Ramirez\* (Psychological Science, Biochemistry)

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.

- Brian Baker\* (Engineering Technology Management) - Japan
- Brianna Bennish (Criminology) - Poland
- Jesse Ferguson\* (Chinese, History) - Taiwan
- Lacy Hardin\* (English, History) - United Kingdom
- Morgan Hicks\* (Nursing) - United Kingdom, Netherlands
- Malick Ibrahim (Electrical Engineering) - Taiwan
- Jeffrey Jessup\* (Middle Level Education in Social Studies and Language Arts) - Spain
- Anne Liberal (Marketing) - Australia
- Marcus Lum\* (Chinese) - Taiwan
- Caleigh Lundy\* (Psychological Science, Philosophy) - United Kingdom
- Su Meh (Nursing) - Thailand
- Nga Meh (Management) - Thailand
- Charlotte Miller\* (Dance, Advertising) - Italy
- Martha Onda (Health Information Management) - South Korea, Japan
- Sian Pau (Computer Information Technology) - South Korea
- Amarah Pryor-Wells\* (Film, Advertising) - United Kingdom
- Koe Reh (Finance) - South Korea
- Clinton Richardson (Political Science) - Greece
- Sianne Rivas (Agriculture) - South Africa

- Kwan Sang (Health Care Administration) - Thailand
- Joselyne Trammell\* (Health Care Administration) - Tanzania

### 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.

- Lilian Branch\* (Biology, Chinese) - Chinese (Mandarin)
- Evie Farley\* (Chinese) - Chinese (Mandarin)
- Elizabeth Mikeworth\* (International Affairs, Chinese) - Japanese
- Priscilla Riggs\* (English, Marketing) - Korean

### 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.

- Carson Cloud\* (Management, Chinese) - Taiwan
- Samantha Gerdes\* (International Affairs, Chinese) - Taiwan
- Emma Harris\* (International Affairs, English, Chinese) - Taiwan
- Elizabeth Mikeworth\* (International Affairs, Chinese) - Taiwan
- Seren Semrau\* (Chinese, Criminology) - Taiwan
- Zachary Vandermolen\* (Chinese) - Taiwan
- Rowen Wilkinson\* (International Affairs, 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.

- Jesse Ferguson\* (Chinese, History) - Taiwan
- Neftali Navarro-Miranda\* (Anthropology, Chinese) - Taiwan

### 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 their host community.

- Brent Andrews\* ('19 Nursing) - Taiwan, Master's Degree in Global Health at National Taiwan University
- Priscilla Riggs\* (English, Marketing) - South Korea, English Teaching Assistantship
- Aurora Spelz\* ('24 Spanish, International Affairs, Arabic, Asian Religions and Cultures) - Jordan, English Teaching Assistantship
- Kate Hart\* ('17 International Affairs, Asian Religions and Culture) Alternate, United Kingdom, Master's Degree in Geographic Information Systems at University of Bristol.

### Fulbright UK Summer Institutes

Funded by the US-UK Fulbright Commission, the UK Summer Institutes are highly competitive fully-funded summer programs for US undergraduate students. Participants explore the culture, heritage and history of the UK while experiencing higher education at a UK university.

- Emma Childress\* (English, Environmental, Sustainability, and Geographic Studies) - University of Bristol

### 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.

- Brianna Bennish (Criminology) - Poland

### 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 \$30,000 in funding for graduate education

- Caden Lucas\* (Political Science, History, Legal Studies)

### National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experiences for Undergraduates

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

- Carrie Updegraff\* (Electrical Engineering) - University of Nevada, Reno
- Nolan French\* (Physics, Chinese) - Michigan State University

### 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.

- Emma Bunch\* (Mathematics)

### NOAA Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship

Funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Hollings Scholarship provides up to \$9500 per year for academic expenses and a 10-week, full-time paid summer internship at a NOAA facility.

- Zachary Fuqua (Meteorology)

### 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.

- Lilian Branch\* (Biology, Chinese) - Taiwan
- Maggie Gnann\* (Environmental, Sustainability, and Geographic Studies, Geological Sciences) - Italy

#### ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship

Funded by the Swiss government and private-sector partners, ThinkSwiss provides grants to American and Canadian students to conduct research at Swiss universities and research institutes.

- Madison Gardner\* (Computer Science) - Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts

#### Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship

Endowed by chair emeritus and former president and CEO of Nikken Global, the Watanabe Scholarship supports Japanese students to study in the United States and American students to study in Japan for a semester or year-long program. Eligibility is based on financial need and preference is given to first-generation college students and first-time international travelers.

- Lucas Mudd (Management) - Kansai Gaidai University