Academic Awards & Fellowship Opportunities

Select Fellowships with Summer & Fall Deadlines

Critical Language Scholarship

The Critical Language Scholarship is a fully-funded language and cultural enrichment program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The aim of the CLS is to increase the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages.

Michel David-Weill Scholarship

The Michel David-Weill Scholarship covers the cost of tuition and living expenses toward a master’s program at Sciences Po in France.

James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program

The James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program provides a year-long fellowship at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C.

Knight–Hennessy Scholarship

The Knight–Hennessy Scholars Program is designed to build a multidisciplinary community of Stanford graduate students dedicated to finding creative solutions to the world’s greatest challenges.

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program

The Charles B. Rangel Summer Enrichment Program provides undergraduates with the opportunity to enhance their skills, knowledge and understanding about U.S. foreign policy during a six-week summer program at Howard University.

Paul & Daisy Soros Foundation

The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans supports immigrants or children of immigrants who are pursuing graduate studies in the United States.

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship

Funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, the Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship provides undergraduate and graduate students with financial support, mentoring and professional development to prepare them academically and professionally for a career in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service.

Questions or need help getting started? Contact Stephanie Santiago, Academic Advisor in Liberal Studies at stephanie.santiago@nyu.edu.

For more information about these and other awards, and specific NYU internal deadlines, visit www.nyu.edu/global-awards

More about Global Awards

- Global Awards are competitive, merit based scholarships and fellowships that support outstanding students in their academic and professional endeavors.
- The NYU Office of Global Awards supports student applications to 25 different awards.
- Liberal Studies students have received the Rhodes, Fulbright, Critical Language Scholarship, Gilman, Soros and others!

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Receive Office of Global Awards updates, including upcoming info sessions, deadlines, and announcements; Sign up here.
Name: Madeline DeBlock  
Degree: Global Liberal Studies, 2016  
Award: Fulbright English Language Teaching Assistantship, Germany, 2016

Current role: This coming year I'll be working as an ETA again at the same school as my Fulbright year in Cologne, Germany. As my Fulbright year passed and I settled in, I became aware of more opportunities both in Cologne and in the school that sparked my interests. I decided to apply for a second year in order to explore these new avenues, which include independent research on integration and developing opportunities for newly arrived migrant students to interact with the existing student body at my school.

Why apply to Fulbright ETA: Working as an ETA afforded me the chance to better understand not only the German education system but also the larger cultural context. As an ETA, you have a huge amount of free time in comparison to college. This time allows you to focus on your school and community, travel, and more effectively integrate yourself into a new city. The exploration of place and interests that Fulbright affords can’t be overstated enough. I myself took the time and relative freedom of the year to research and work on projects that had sat on the back-burner during school and to figure out my next steps while living in a new environment. Fulbright also connects you to a vast network of researchers, professors, and other ETAs, which exposes you to new developments in a variety of fields. Lastly, teaching itself is a unique, transferrable skill to develop, as it helps with your communication and problem solving skills in ways that other work places do not.

Advice to applicants: I found that the big myths surrounding Fulbright ETA were that you had to be interested in teaching as a profession and that in working as an ETA, you had to forgo the research side of Fulbright. My goal in applying to be an ETA was not to enter a career of teaching. Rather, I hoped to research integration practices in education and in Germany. Working as an ETA was a logical step for me in more intimately understanding the German education system and German ideas of integration, race, and nationality. I suggest being as clear as possible in your intentions and how working as an ETA will provide an essential experience for your future.

Gilman International Scholarship Program

For students receiving a federal Pell Grant and planning to study abroad for a semester, academic year or summer, consider applying for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This scholarship helps fund study abroad for undergraduate students, up to $5,000! Learn more by attending one of the upcoming information sessions or viewing the application guide! Applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled at a U.S. institution, and receiving a Pell Grant at time of application or during the term abroad. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact gilman@nyu.edu for assistance.

- The online application is currently open for Spring 2018 study, due by October 3rd; and the application is available here.
- For more information about the IIE Gilman Scholarship, please visit their website here.

Humanity in Action

The Humanity in Action Fellowship brings together international groups of college students and recent graduates to explore national histories of discrimination and resistance—including anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and racism—as they affect different minority groups today. Fellows complete an Action Project.

Not a US Citizen?

Many Global Awards opportunities designate U.S. citizenship as an eligibility requirement, but not all. If you are an international student, please consult this page on the Global Awards website (www.nyu.edu/academics/awards-and-highlights/global-awards/non_us_citizens.html) for opportunities.

Planning Ahead: Fulbright

Fulbright information sessions pick up in Spring semester, but it’s not too early to start thinking about the Fulbright Program for US Students grants for study, research, or teaching abroad. Learn more by visiting the Office of Global Awards website as well as their newly launched Fulbright website https://sites.google.com/a/nyu.edu/fulbright-at-nyu/.

Fulbright UK Summer Institute

Fulbright UK Summer Institutes are 3-to-4 week programs for U.S. undergraduates. Participants explore the culture, heritage and history of the UK while experiencing higher education at a UK university. First and second year students with little to no study or travel outside of the US may be eligible. For details, visit http://www.fulbright.org.uk/going-to-the-uk/uk-summer-institutes.