

# Academic Awards & Fellowship Opportunities

## Select Fellowships with Upcoming 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.

### Beinecke Scholarship

The [Beinecke Scholarship](#) awards substantial scholarships to students to support their graduate education in the arts, humanities and social sciences at any accredited institution.

### Goldwater Scholarship

[Goldwater Scholarships](#) support undergraduate study leading to research careers in mathematics, natural science or engineering.

### Udall Scholarship

The [Udall Foundation](#) awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to American Indian nations or to the environment.

### James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program

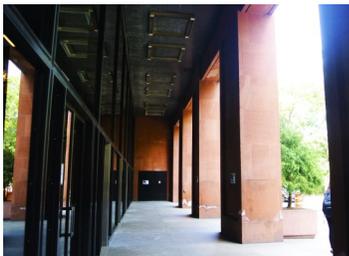
The [James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program](#) provides a year-long fellowship at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C.

### 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 the [Fulbright Commission website](#).

### 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.



### DAAD

[DAAD scholarships](#) provide opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to study or conduct research in Germany.

**Please consult the NYU Global Awards website for internal deadlines and application instructions.**

### Planning ahead: Fulbright Program for U.S. Students

Fulbright information sessions pick up in spring semester, but it's not too early to start thinking about the [Fulbright Program for U.S. Students](#) grants for study, research, or teaching abroad after graduation.

Learn more by visiting the [NYU Global Awards website](#).

## 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, Humanity in Action, Soros and others!

## Stay Informed

Receive Office of Global Awards updates, including upcoming info sessions, deadlines, and announcements; Sign up at the [NYU Global Awards website](#).

**For more information about these and other awards, and specific NYU internal deadlines, visit [www.nyu.edu/global-awards](http://www.nyu.edu/global-awards).**



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**Current Role:** Intern at the International Organization for Migration (Regional Office for West and Central Africa) in Dakar, Senegal. I specifically work in the Labor Mobility and Human Development division, on projects related to labor migration, the ethical recruitment of migrant workers, and global supply chains.

**What led you to apply for the Humanity in Action fellowship?**

I applied to HIA because I wanted to expand my horizons and learn about the histories of discrimination against minority groups (especially immigrants) in the local context of Europe. I was also curious to explore the mechanisms underpinning political shifts to the far right, as well as how these political shifts create nationalist breeding grounds for xenophobia against minorities.

I chose Poland to specifically explore these trends in Eastern Europe and gain insight on how they held parallels with other countries. Raised as a first-generation American in Minneapolis by Czech and Slovak parents, I had always been curious about Eastern European politics, specifically regarding the Visegrad Group coalition and their refusal to accept EU dictated refugee quotas. During summer visits to visit my family abroad, I frequently encountered hate speech towards minorities (especially of Roma, Filipinos, and Ukrainians). Therefore, I strived to better understand the contemporary experiences of migrants in Czechia, Slovakia, Poland and the United States, in hopes to discover fresh perspectives pertinent to advocate for and protect the rights of migrants in society.

**Advice to Humanity in Action Applicants (or fellowship applicants in general)?**

One of the most important parts of an application is crafting a compelling story. How does your personal background tie into your interests during your studies (i.e. courses, research), internships, or other extracurricular activities, and your career path moving forward? It is crucial to present the fellowship as an indispensable opportunity that would 100% impact your personal and professional trajectory and then explain how it would do so.

I would also recommend carefully reading through the fellowship goals and mission and researching the fellowship organization. What kind of values, experiences, strengths, or personal backgrounds do they value? What are the main goals of the fellowship and/or organization? Then you should ensure that your story and goals for the fellowship can match what the committee is looking for in a candidate.

Lastly, I would say that preparing for the interview is crucial. Prior to my interview, I would draft 30-40 questions and answers related to my application, the fellowship in general, and other potential questions (i.e. for HIA I made sure I was up to date on the current political situation in Poland and could compare it that of the US). I would also practice answering these questions about a week or two before the interview.

**Best experience with Humanity in Action?**

The most rewarding experience I had during HIA was during the 'Output Phase', when we were split into small groups and paired with local organizations to work on projects. My group was paired with *Goschnosc* (Hospitality), an organization that aims to spread awareness of multiculturalism and encourage the acceptance of migrants and refugees in Poland through cooking and educational workshops. During the fellowship we had the opportunity to create our own workshop for Polish teenagers. It included various games and activities, including a role play exercise and cooking workshop. The purpose was to bring teens face to face with migrants by learning to cook from them. It also highlighted the challenges refugees and migrants face in Poland and drew parallels with the situations Polish migrants themselves face internationally (over a third of Polish citizens currently live abroad). We also had the chance to film a short promotional video. In it we interviewed migrants and refugees from Dagestan, Ukraine, and Belarus. The video aimed to foster connections between them and the Polish public by discussing food, cooking, and hospitality.

**For more information about Humanity in Action visit the [NYU Global Awards website](#).**

**Gilman International Scholarship**

Students receiving a Pell Grant and planning study abroad for the semester or academic year may apply for the [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#). Applicants must be US citizens enrolled at a U.S. institution and receiving a Pell Grant at the time of application or term abroad. For more information, visit the [NYU Office of Global Programs Gilman](#) page or contact [gilman@nyu.edu](mailto:gilman@nyu.edu).

**Not a U.S. Citizen?**

Many Global Awards opportunities designate U.S. citizenship as an eligibility requirement, but not all. If you are an international student, please consult the [NYU Global Awards page](#) for opportunities that aren't limited to U.S. citizens.

**Questions?**

Interested in learning more but are not sure how to get started?

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