Academic Awards & Fellowship Opportunities

Select Fellowships for Graduate Study

In the U.K. & Ireland:

Marshall Scholarship

Marshall Scholarships finance study for a degree in the U.K. at participating higher education institutions.

Mitchell Scholarship

The George J. Mitchell Scholarship supports individuals to complete a year-long graduate program or research in any discipline at an institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland.

Gates Cambridge

Gates Cambridge Scholarships are awarded to outstanding applicants from countries outside the U.K. to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge.

Rhodes Scholarship

The Rhodes Scholarship promotes international understanding and peace by providing two-year graduate study at Oxford University in any field of study under an Oxford College.

In the United States:

Knight-Hennessy Scholarship

The Knight-Hennessy Scholarship is for three years of funding toward graduate education at Stanford University.

Truman Scholarship

The Truman Scholarship is a highly competitive merit-based award for U.S. citizens who want to pursue graduate school and careers in public service. Must be a sophomore at time of application.

In France:

Michel David-Weill Scholarship

The Michel David-Weill Scholarship carries a monetary value of $80,000 and covers the cost of tuition and living expenses during a two-year master’s program at Sciences Po.

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

Fulbright Program for U.S. Students

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, and administered by the Institute for International Education (IIE), offers diverse opportunities for research and cultural exchange. Over the course of 8-12 months, Fulbright fellows are immersed in the culture and daily life of the country of their choice.

• Pursue a grant for study, research, or teaching abroad after graduation.

• For more information, visit the Office of Global Awards website.
Sam Dady
Award: Critical Language Scholarship (CLS), 2021, Arabic
Major: Global Liberal Studies, 2022
Minors: Middle Eastern Studies, Documentary Film

How did you find out about CLS and what inspired you to apply?
I first heard about CLS from my academic advisor, Stephanie Santiago. As my passion for the Arabic language blossomed during my second year, she pushed me to speak to the Office of Global Awards. In making an appointment with the office, I learned about the variety of global scholarships the US government offers to undergraduate students, specifically CLS. I was attracted to CLS because I believe the best way to learn a new language is to immerse yourself fully in it. While NYU has two excellent Arabic-speaking study-away sites—NYU Tel Aviv and Abu Dhabi—CLS is a summer term dedicated solely to reading, listening, and speaking in your target language. Typically, during the semester, you do not have the chance to spend all your time, all your brainpower, on one subject. CLS gives you that opportunity to spend a summer fully absorbed in that one subject.

What did you do through CLS?
I studied remotely from June 2021 to August 2021 at the Arab-American Language Institute in Tangier, Morocco. For 10 hours each week, I learned in a synchronous class with 5 other American students. For another 10 hours, I studied asynchronously, had one-on-one tutoring sessions with my professor, and had two hours of conversation practice with my language partner. Though this scholarship is academically rigorous, our language-fluency gain is unmatched and, therefore, worth all the hard work.

Advice to other CLS applicants (or fellowship applicants in general)?
I have three main points of advice: Work with the Office of Global Awards. Let your aspirations inform your application. Don't give up if you aren't granted the award at first.

First, the Office of Global Awards is your premium on-campus resource for any and all questions CLS. NYU students have a fantastic track record for receiving global awards, and this office is no small reason why. Throughout the application process, I made appointments to talk through each application question and review my responses. Editing my essays with the office was critical to polishing my application. Secondly, this application's five essays can feel really daunting, but what centered my writings was continually reminding myself why I was applying in the first place. The CLS application readers are looking for students who know what CLS specifically will contribute to their future aspirations. Finally, if you are not awarded the scholarship at first, don't give up. CLS is highly competitive, and the first time I applied, I only made it to the semi-finals. Knowing this scholarship was something I really wanted to do, I took a stab at the application the following year and ended up winning the scholarship!

Best or most notable CLS experience?
This is a challenging question because this program is truly remarkable. The program is generally held in person, but given the state of COVID-19, it was put on virtually last summer. However, the scholarship's administrators did everything in their power to immerse us students in the 'full' experience. In fact, every Friday, for one hour after formal classes, we would attend virtual cultural activities. Throughout the weeks, we went on a tour of Tangier’s oldest market, made Moroccan Mint Tea with a mother and daughter, and visited an artisanal pottery factory. I loved these cultural activities because they allowed me to speak more colloquially and ask questions about the country's history and cultural practices.

For more information about the Critical Language Scholarship visit https://clscholarship.org/.

Gilman International Scholarship Program

For students receiving a Pell Grant and planning to study abroad for the semester or academic year, we encourage you to consider applying for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program (sponsored by the U.S. Department of State).

- For Spring 2023 study, the application deadline is October 4th
- 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, including how to find who certifies your application, or to sign up for a Gilman information session, visit the Office of Global Programs page or contact gilman@nyu.edu