

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**OFFICE OF MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS,
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

Center for Experiential Learning and Diversity

Getting Started

Use this quick guide as a starting place for your scholarship engagement, but please also use the [additional guides](#) arranged by academic disciplines for more! As an international student, the search process can be frustrating due to eligibility limitations. Take a broad approach, looking for scholarships open to all.

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START YOUR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

DEFINE

Define your study field and interests

Make a list of **keywords** that describe **YOU** and your interests within each of these categories:

ALIGN

Align your heritage, gender, future goals and other personal aspects of you

Studies

Identities

CONSIDER

Consider your options broadly

Future

Activities

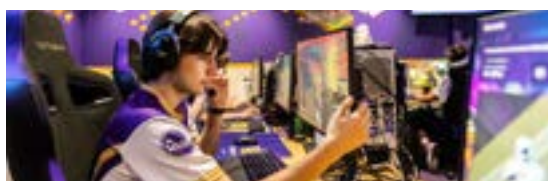
Keywords

**Science Biology Technology STEM
Research Experiments Creativity**



Scholarship Matches:

Mary Gates Research Scholarship
Levinson Emerging Scholars
WA Research Foundation Fellowships
DAAD RISE
... and more!



Database

Use a variety of resources in your search!

The Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships & Awards [scholarship database](#) is a great place to search with **keywords you identified**. Use [additional databases](#) to supplement.

For best results, consider scholarships that don't mention citizenship status, rather than searching for scholarships only for international students.

Apply

Ask for help!

Meet with an [advisor](#).



Attend a Getting Started information session for more tips. See the OMSFA [events calendar](#).

Scholarship searching can be hard, and time-consuming. **You are not alone** in this journey, feel free to involve your friends, family, and mentors and reach out to our OMSFA advisors!



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STAY ORGANIZED, IT'S AN ON-GOING PROCESS!

TAKE THE TIME TO SEARCH

Schedule time for searching and applying through the school year and summer. For example, put an entry on your calendar for 3 hours on the first day of the month to search for scholarships.

KEEP TRACK OF SCHOLARSHIPS

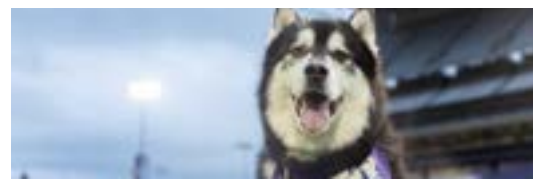
Record and track scholarship opportunities that interest you. Past students suggest spreadsheets, online calendars and personal planners to keep yourself on track. Try [OMSFA's tracking tool](#).

Though you may not be eligible for everything right now, be sure to **note opportunities that you'll apply for in the future.**

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BE OPEN TO OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships often provide more than financial support. Some awards offer opportunities to gain specific experiences and can be used to fund study abroad, access to networks, or curriculum. Consider how the program might **connect to your longer-term goals.**





UW Scholarship List

This is not an exhaustive list, just a few examples of UW scholarships open to all students regardless of citizenship. Use search tools to find more that fit your interests.

A more [extensive list of scholarships](#) that was curated by and shared through the National Association of Fellowships Advisers (NAFA) is also available.

MARY GATES ENDOWMENT FOR STUDENTS

Provides an opportunity to articulate goals, identify mentors, reflect on experiences, and actively engage in learning processes. These scholarships are open to all UW undergrads.

[Research Scholarship](#): \$5,000 scholarship that enables students from any academic discipline to deepen their involvement in work with faculty on research, curricular design, the creative arts, and other forms of scholarly endeavor. **Deadlines: October & January.**

[Leadership Scholarship](#): \$5,000 scholarship designed to foster students' growth as leaders by supporting them to pursue a challenge or project, often focused on public service in the community or on campus. Deadlines: **October & January.**

[CoMotion Innovation Scholarship](#): \$5,000 scholarship that enables students interested in entrepreneurship to work in faculty-led start-up companies. **Deadline: March**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP EDUCATION CENTER

Provides a variety of resources for getting engaged in community and leadership work, along with different types of funding opportunities for that work.

[Community-Based Internships](#): for UW undergraduates who share an interest in learning more about non-profit and public sector careers, social justice, and asset-based community development. **Deadline: November**

[CELE Civic Leader Fellowship](#): for incoming UW 1st year undergrads with financial need and committed to weaving public service and civic leadership development into their Husky Experience. **Deadline: October**

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM

[Levinson Emerging Scholars](#): supports talented and highly motivated UW juniors and seniors to pursue creative and advanced bioscience and related research. **Deadline: August**

[WA Research Foundation Fellowships](#): for advanced undergraduates who work on creative and sophisticated science and engineering research projects under the guidance of UW faculty. **Deadline: August**

[Undergraduate Research Conference Travel Award](#): provides funding toward national conference travel expenses and registration fees

[Summer Institute for the Arts & Humanities](#): a research opportunity for undergraduates to engage in scholarly research with accomplished scholars and peers while earning full-time academic credit. **Deadline: February**

UW LIBRARIES UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

For undergraduates who demonstrate outstanding library research in the writing or creation of course projects. **Deadline: May**

UW BRIDGES CENTER FOR LABOR STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you an undergrad passionate about social justice? A graduate student writing a dissertation on a labor-related topic? A busy activist building a student group or union campaign? Consider applying for Labor Studies Scholarships, regardless of your major. **Deadline: April**

UW CAREER CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNPAID INTERNSHIPS

For students interested in doing an internship with a non-profit or government organization in summer. **Deadline: December**

UW RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP IN AGING

For UW undergraduate, graduate and professional students with a focus on research related to aging or on the provision of services to older adults.

Deadline: January

MORTAR BOARD ALUMNI/TOLO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

For UW students, based on distinguished achievement in scholarship, leadership & service to the campus & community. **Deadline: April**

On Departmental Scholarships

Your academic department is an important connector for scholarships and a source of funding! Most departments at UW have their own scholarships and awards they administer each year. Things to keep in mind:

**Check your department's website
for eligibility and deadlines**

Each department sets its time line, some throughout the year and others with single deadlines. Many have deadlines from February to May.

Read emails from your advisor

They often share information about scholarships & awards that are specific to your major.

Explore

Explore UW programs, units, centers, etc. whose work aligns with your interests. Scholarships are available from a variety of university sources, **beyond your major department.**

Other Search Tools

There are many good, free, online scholarship search tools. Research your options and use the resources that work best for you. Here are a few tools to consider:

- [The WashBoard](#) – search for scholarships for students in Washington
- [Nationally Coveted College Scholarships, Graduate Fellowships & Post-Doctoral Awards](#) – a helpful listing of national scholarships at all levels
- [UW Libraries Graduate Funding Information Service](#) office provides access to several databases helpful for undergraduates, alumni and graduate students
- [SallieMae](#) – a large, commercial scholarship database
- [Scholarships.com](#) – a large, commercial scholarship database

Search tools specifically for international students studying in the US:

- [scholars4dev](#), “short for Scholarships for Development, is an updated listing of international scholarships that are open to students from developing countries and international students in general.”
- [Institute of International Education](#)
- [International Education Financial Aid](#)
- [Study in the USA](#)
- [NAFSA Association of International Educators](#) – “Financial Aid for Undergraduate International Students”
- [EduPASS Financial Aid for International Students](#)
- [US State Department’s Education USA](#)

Additional UW Resources for International Students:

- [Center for International Relations & Cultural Leadership Exchange \(CIRCLE\)](#)
- [International Student Services Office](#)
- [FIUTS \(Foundation for International Understanding Through Students\)](#)

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