

QUICK GUIDE:

Fellowships for International Students

This guide provides a small sampling of the many fellowships available to international students, both during your undergraduate studies and as an alum! Every opportunity is unique - so it is important to review the eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and application process closely and, know that URF is here to support you throughout the application and selection process, whether currently enrolled or as an alum, so don't hesitate to reach out!

Postgraduate

Degree – Seeking

- Rhodes Scholarships at the University of Oxford
- Knight-Hennessy Scholars at Stanford University
- Gates-Cambridge at the University of Cambridge
- Schwarzman Scholars at Tsinghua University
- The Yenching Academy at Peking University
- DAAD Study Scholarship in Germany
- Jarvis and Constance Doctorow Fellowship at the University of Oxford & Eureka Kellett Fellowship at Oxford or Cambridge (both CC only)
- Harry J. Carman Postgraduate Scholarship (CC only)
- McCall - MacBain Scholarship at McGill University
- Mitsubishi UFJ Trust Scholarship for study in Japan
- Quad Fellowship for postgraduate STEM studies
- Ellison Scholars at the University of Oxford

Experiential

- Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Traveling Fellowships
- Henry Evans Traveling Fellowship (CC only)
- DAAD Research Fellowship in Germany
- Explorers Club Student Grants
- BMI Foundation Awards for young composers & musicians
- AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellowships
- Echoing Green Global Fellowships
- Huntington Public Service Award
- Institute of Current World Affairs
- James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program for International Peace with the Carnegie Endowment
- New York City Urban Fellows Program
- FAO Schwarz Fellowship for Social Impact Leaders
- Princeton in Asia, Princeton in Africa, Princeton in Latin America

Summer

Most of these programs run anywhere from 3 weeks – 3 months, and are available to those currently enrolled.

- Davis Projects for Peace
- DeBary Language Fellowship
- CCE Summer Funding
- URF Summer Research Funding (CC)
- Weatherhead Summer Funding
- Laidlaw Research & Leadership Scholars Program
- Breakthrough Collaborative Summer Teaching
- CBS Summer Research Internship
- DAAD RISE Research in Germany
- Humanity in Action Fellowships
- International Radio and Television Society Summer Fellowships
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF)
- ThinkSwiss Research in Switzerland
- Social Impact Fellowship led by Columbia World Projects
- The Solomon & Seymour Fisher Civil Liberties Fellowship
- Explorers Club Student Grants
- BMI Foundation Awards for young composers & musicians
- AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellowships

While individual application processes are unique, common components include:

Research Proposal	Your statement should give background (assume an educated, but not expert, audience); it should discuss the problem, gap, or issue that you seek to address; it should discuss how you will carry out this project (i.e. methodological approach). You should point to skills or experiences that suggest why you are the perfect candidate to take on this project. Finally, you'll want to talk about the stakes of your work (why this specific topic is important, what contributions are you making to the broader field).
Personal Statement	This essay contains your personal narrative. How did you become interested in your field? What motivates you, and how has that motivation expressed itself, both inside and outside of the classroom? How does your research proposal connect with your longer term professional/academic goals? There are details that might work in both essays, and that's ok! The key is not to repeat information (which may send the message that you are running out of things to say, which we know isn't the case!).
Letter of Affiliation/ Supervision	Typically comes from someone you don't know, who has agreed to supervise your research for the duration of the fellowship period. You can draw up a list of the people at your proposed institution whose work looks exciting to you and reach out to them; you should also speak with faculty mentors at Columbia. It's a small world, they will likely have suggestions!
Letter(s) of recommendation	Ask the faculty, scholars, experts in your field who know you best and have supervised you in some capacity (e.g. in the classroom, lab, as a research assistant, a job, internship, volunteer commitment); these writers serve as "expert witnesses," confirming your talents and future success/engagement in the field. Maturity, professionalism, and commitment to community are also great topics to address in the letters.
Transcripts	Submit a complete collegiate academic record (this includes a Columbia transcript + transcripts from all study abroad, transfer credits, etc.)
Resume	Whether uploading a resume or copying/pasting your professional experiences, achievements, community engagement into a portal, fellowships typically ask for a list of activities as they are curious how you choose to spend your free time - inside and outside of the classroom! Unless otherwise stated, if you are uploading a resume, fellowships generally welcome a second page - so think expansively about your academic, professional, community engagements, activities, achievements. CCE has great samples if you need help with formatting!