

## Nationally Competitive Scholarships

Please note that some scholarships listed below require a UIC selection, nomination or endorsement, and thus have a campus deadline in advance of the national deadline. The Office of Special Scholarship Programs (OSSP) coordinates the selection of many of these awards and offers assistance to students applying for these or other awards. For more information please visit our website at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oa/ssp>, the OSSP office (2506 UH), or call (312) 355-2477.

Scholarship	Description	Deadline
<b>Rhodes</b>	<p>Provides all necessary expenses for a minimum of two years of study at Oxford with the goal of preparing students for service to society. Thirty-two (32) scholarships awarded annually in U.S. <a href="http://www.rhodesscholar.org">www.rhodesscholar.org</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens or from eligible country, ages 18-24 by Oct. 1 of the year in which students apply; demonstrated scholarship, leadership, service; GPA of 3.7 and above; potential to lead or serve others. Good rationale for study at Oxford; first bachelor's degree completed by time of departure. <i>Candidates must apply through OSSP.</i></p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> September 12, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> October 6, 2008</p>
<b>Marshall</b>	<p>Provides expenses for studying at a university in the U.K. for 2 years (approximately £20,000 per award). Highly competitive, seeks "movers and shakers" of their fields. At least 40 awards given annually. <a href="http://www.marshallscholarship.org">www.marshallscholarship.org</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens, within 2 years after completing bachelor's degree; GPA of 3.7 or above; demonstrated scholarship and leadership; graduate goals consistent with previous preparation. Demonstrated potential in field of study. Good rationale for study in the U.K. <i>Candidates must apply through OSSP.</i></p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> September 12, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> October 2, 2008</p>
<b>Mitchell</b>	<p>Provides expenses for studying at one of seven universities in Ireland, or either of two universities in N. Ireland, for one academic year of graduate study. Highly competitive, seeks students with academic distinction and potential for leadership. Up to 12 awards. <a href="http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchell">www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchell</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens, ages 18-30 by Oct. 1 of the year in which students apply; must have first bachelor's degree completed before departure to Ireland. <i>Candidates must apply through OSSP.</i></p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> September 12, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> October 6, 2008</p>
<b>Gates - Cambridge</b>	<p>Provides expenses for study at University of Cambridge for 1-4 years. Students need to provide evidence of ability to contribute to their field and community in the future, and hope to use their talents to improve the life circumstances of citizens in their respective countries. Study at Cambridge should be appropriate to student's future goals. Approx. 35 awards. <a href="http://www.gatesscholar.org">www.gatesscholar.org</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Citizens from any country. Two types of awards: scholarships for graduate study or for second bachelor's degree. Applicants are normally under 30. Must be admitted to Cambridge and have first B.A. by time of departure.</p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> September 12, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> October 15, 2008</p>
<b>Fulbright</b>	<p>Provides round-trip transportation, tuition and a monthly stipend for one academic year in any of over 140 countries. The applicant designs the program of study/research, or can teach English in one of 26 countries. Approximately 1000 awards. <a href="http://www.iie.org/fulbright">www.iie.org/fulbright</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizen, completed B.A. before beginning of grant, proficiency in language of host country (if required). Undergrads: Apply at UIC in fall of last enrolled year. Professional school students: best to apply after completing first year of study. <i>Candidates must apply through OSSP.</i></p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> September 12, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> October 20, 2008</p>
<b>Javits</b>	<p>Provides one-year, renewable stipend for students pursuing doctoral or MFA study in the arts, humanities, or social sciences at an American university. Pays up to \$12,224 a year to the institution and no more than \$30,000 yearly as a stipend to the student. Renewable up to four years. Students pursuing clinical psychology degrees ARE NOT eligible. <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/applicant.html">http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/applicant.html</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. If in graduate school, must not be beyond the first year.</p>	<p><b>National Deadline:</b> October 3, 2008</p> <p>*Does not require nomination, but students can work with OSSP</p>

<p><b>Soros</b></p>	<p>Provides a maintenance grant of \$20,000 and ½ tuition at a U.S. graduate program for up to two years of study for “New Americans,” including resident aliens, naturalized citizens and children of two naturalized citizens. Field of graduate/professional study is not limited. Approximately 30 awards annually. <a href="http://www.pdsoros.org">www.pdsoros.org</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> “New American,” bachelor’s finished by fall 2008 or in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of graduate program, under 30 when applying.</p>	<p><b>National Deadline:</b> November 1, 2008</p> <p>*Does not require nomination, but students can work with OSSP</p>
<p><b>National Science Foundation</b></p>	<p>Provides a \$30,000 stipend and \$10,500 per year towards tuition over 3 years to students pursuing graduate work in science, math or engineering. NSF also has fellowships for minorities in these fields and for women in engineering, and computer and information science. Many social science fields are also eligible. Clinical, law, and social work degrees ARE NOT eligible. One thousand awards given annually in U.S. <a href="http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov">http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents, senior or graduate student with fewer than 20 graduate hours, outstanding GRE, GPA 3.8 or above in science, math, engineering, and most social sciences.</p>	<p><b>National Deadline:</b> First two weeks of Nov. 2008</p> <p>See website to determine deadline for specific field</p>
<p><b>Truman</b></p>	<p>Provides \$30,000 scholarship towards graduate study to students planning for careers in government or public service. Students must apply as juniors. Foundation awards 70-75 scholarships each year. <a href="http://www.truman.gov">www.truman.gov</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Applicant must be full-time, junior level student at a four-year institution pursuing a bachelor's degree. Must be committed to a career in public service; in upper 1/3 of class; U.S. citizen or national. Student must receive bachelor's degree sometime between December and August of the year following their application for the Truman Scholarship. <b>Universities limited to 4 nominees per year. Candidates must apply through OSSP.</b></p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> November 14, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> February 3, 2009</p>
<p><b>Merage Foundation for the American Dream</b></p>	<p>Provides each of its Fellows with a two-year stipend of \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year). Stipends may be used for fostering education, studying abroad, securing mentors, and supporting internship opportunities. Dedicated to assisting new Americans in reaching their “American Dream.”</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Full-time senior standing (plan on graduating the year you are applying), must have immigrated to the United States, U.S. citizen or permanent resident status, selected based on demonstrated academic achievement, leadership, creativity and consistent ethical behavior. <b>Universities limited to 3 candidates per year. Candidates must apply through OSSP.</b></p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> November 14, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> Mid December 2008</p>
<p><b>Goldwater</b></p>	<p>Provides tuition, fees, room &amp; board (up to \$7,500) for 1-2 years for undergraduates studying and planning a research career in math, natural science, or engineering. Approximately 300 awards annually. <a href="http://www.act.org/goldwater">www.act.org/goldwater</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Apply at UIC during fall of sophomore or junior year. Must be a U.S. citizen or resident, active in field, research experience, GPA of 3.7 and above. <b>Universities limited to 4 nominees per year. Candidates must apply through OSSP.</b></p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> November 14, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> January 30, 2009</p>
<p><b>Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellows Program</b></p>	<p>Provides a monthly salary of \$2,750 (equivalent to \$33,000 annually) to junior fellows, to have the opportunity to conduct research for books, participate in meetings with high-level officials, contribute to congressional testimony and organize briefings attended by scholars, activists, journalists and government officials.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Must either be graduating or have completed bachelor's degree within the past academic year -- no one will be considered who has started graduate studies; no citizenship requirement; however, must be eligible to work in the U.S. from Aug. 1 through July 31 following graduation; applicants should have completed a significant amount of course work in international affairs, political science, economics, history or Russian, Chinese or Middle East studies. <b>Universities limited to 2 nominees per year. Candidates must apply through OSSP.</b></p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> November 14, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> January 15, 2009</p>
<p><b>NSEP Boren Undergrad. Scholarship for Study Abroad</b></p>	<p>Provides funding for study abroad program in a non-English speaking country outside of western Europe. Up to \$20,000 for full-year program; up to \$10,000 for semester. Requires work (paid) with an agency or office of the federal government equal to time funded within 8 years of return. Language study is essential and must be a part of each program. <a href="http://www.iie.org/nsep">www.iie.org/nsep</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Undergraduate status, U.S. citizens. Study must take place in approved country. <i>Candidates must apply through OSSP.</i></p>	<p><b>UIC Deadline:</b> November 14, 2008</p> <p><b>National Deadline:</b> February 11, 2009</p>

<b>Elie Wiesel Essay Contest</b>	<p>An essay contest that awards a first, second, and third prize, and two honorable mentions. Students write a thought-provoking personal essay that reflects on an ethical issue. Suggested topics are on the website. A faculty sponsor is required. <a href="http://www.eliewieselselfoundation.org/">www.eliewieselselfoundation.org/</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Full time, currently enrolled junior or senior. No citizenship requirement.</p>	<b>National Deadline:</b> December 19, 2008
<b>National Defense Science &amp; Engr. Grad. Fellowship</b>	<p>Provides tuition, fees and, on average, a \$31,000 yearly stipend for students pursuing doctoral degrees in mathematical, physical, biological, oceanic, and engineering sciences. Degrees must be pursued at U.S. institutions participating in the fellowship program (participating institutions listed on NDSEG website). Approximately 200 awards given annually. Award covers 3 years of graduate study. <a href="http://www.asee.org/ndseg/">www.asee.org/ndseg/</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens or nationals who will begin graduate study the fall following the time of application.</p>	<b>National Deadline:</b> First Monday in January, 2009
<b>Phi Kappa Phi Fellowships</b>	<p>Each year, Phi Kappa Phi offers 60 Fellowships of \$5,000 each and 40 Awards of Excellence of \$2,000 each. Every chapter has the opportunity to submit one nominee and each person nominated receives an "active-for-life" membership in the Society. Since the Fellowship Program's inception, more than 2,000 students have benefited. Interested applicants must first win the nomination of the UIC chapter of Phi Kappa Phi before moving on to the national competition.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Applicants must be active members of Phi Kappa Phi, or be initiated by June of the year in which they apply. All applicants must have applied, and intend to enroll, in a full time post-baccalaureate degree program (law and professional school enrollment is acceptable). All awards are intended for the first year of graduate study. Any student with graduate credit is not eligible.</p>	<b>UIC Deadline:</b> February 4, 2009  <b>National Deadline:</b> March 2, 2009
<b>Jack Kent Cooke</b>	<p>Provides up to \$50,000 annually to fund tuition and fees for graduate students. Seeking future leaders in any field. Approximately 45-50 awards annually. <a href="http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org">www.jackkentcookefoundation.org</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> College senior at or college graduate from a 4-year college or university starting graduate or professional study the following fall. Have high academic achievement, unmet financial need, leadership, campus/community involvement, and an interest in the arts. <b>Universities limited to 2 nominees per year. Candidates must apply through OSSP.</b></p>	<b>UIC Deadline:</b> February 4, 2009  <b>National Deadline:</b> March 16, 2009
<b>Udall</b>	<p>Provides expenses up to \$5,000 for one year for students with career plans related to environmental public policy <u>or</u> to Native American and Alaskan Native undergrads in health care and tribal public policy. In 2008, 80 were awarded nationally. <a href="http://www.udall.gov">www.udall.gov</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents, sophomore or junior, GPA of 3.0 or above, have goals of working in environmental policy <u>or</u> if Native American or Alaskan Native, tribal policy or health care. <b>Universities limited to 6 nominees per year. Candidates must apply through OSSP.</b></p>	<b>UIC Deadline:</b> February 4, 2009  <b>National Deadline:</b> March 3, 2009
<b>Madison</b>	<p>Provides tuition, fees, books, and room &amp; board for current and potential high school teachers pursuing a graduate degree in U.S. history, political science, education, social science or government, focusing on the Constitution. Approximately 53 awards given annually. <a href="http://www.jamesmadison.com">www.jamesmadison.com</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens or nationals; commitment to civic responsibilities &amp; professional activities; qualify for graduate admission; future in teaching grades 7-12.</p>	<b>National Deadline:</b> March 2, 2009
<b>J.W. Saxe Prize</b>	<p>Provides scholarships of up to \$2,000 to undergraduate or graduate students working in public service. The award is meant to enable the student to gain practical experience in public service by taking a no-pay or low-pay job during a summer or other term.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Students interested in conducting a project related to public service. Preference is given to students who already have a place in an existing program or who have created their own program. No citizenship requirement.</p>	<b>National Deadline:</b> March 16, 2009

<b>McKelvie</b>	<p>Provides up to \$2,000 to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing careers in public service. Approximately 20 awards per year.  <a href="http://www.unl.edu/polisci/undergrad/undergrad_scholarships.html">http://www.unl.edu/polisci/undergrad/undergrad_scholarships.html</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Undergraduates or graduate students with demonstrated interest in a career in public service. No citizenship requirement.</p>	<b>National Deadline:</b> April 1, 2009
<b>Gilman</b>	<p>Provides up to \$8,000 for students participating in a study abroad program of any duration, up to one year. Students must be accepted for up to one year of study on a program of study abroad approved for credit by the student's home institution. <a href="http://www.iie.org/gilman">http://www.iie.org/gilman</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens. Applicants must be undergraduate students at an institution of higher education in the United States, and must be receiving a Pell Grant. Programs must be a minimum of four weeks long and a maximum of one academic year. There is no summer cycle nor are awards made for summer-only study abroad.</p>	<b>Spring Semester Deadline:</b> October 7, 2008  <b>Fall Semester or Year-long Study Deadline:</b> Early April 2009
<b>Freeman-Asia</b>	<p>Provides \$3,000-\$7,000 to students studying abroad in one of 15 Asian countries. Seeks to encourage study abroad by American students in Asian countries. Students who participate must commit to promoting study abroad in Asia on their home campus upon completion of the program.  <a href="http://www.iie.org/pgms/freeman-asia">www.iie.org/pgms/freeman-asia</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> U.S. citizens or residents. Applicants must be enrolled undergraduates in a U.S. college or university, receive financial aid or have verifiable financial need. Priority will be given to students with no previous experience in the country where they plan to study. Programs must be a minimum of 8 weeks for summer and 12 weeks for a semester term.</p>	<b>Spring Semester or Early-Start Year Deadline:</b> October 15, 2008  <b>Summer Study Deadline:</b> Early March 2009  <b>Fall or Regular-Start Year Deadline:</b> Early April 2009
<b>Rotary International</b>	<p>Provides expenses for studying abroad for one year to further individual international understanding. Any major. <a href="http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html">www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> No relationship to Rotarian, language skills for country, scholarship, leadership, articulate, well informed. Contact hometown Rotary club for information. OSSP can also provide guidance on the application process.</p>	<b>Deadlines vary by Rotary chapters,</b> between March and August annually
<b>Overseas Research Students Award Scheme (ORSAS) in U.K.</b>	<p>ORSAS scholarships provide funding to pay the difference between the international student fees and the home/EU student fees. Prospective students must contact the institution they are interested in to obtain application information and materials.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Applications can only be accepted from full-time, international (non-EU), postgraduate, research students, who have been conditionally accepted at a participating UK academic institution. Students undertaking part-time, undergraduate or taught postgraduate courses are not eligible.</p>	<b>Deadline varies</b> based on country/institution/program applied for