

Getting Started with National Fellowships

LAUNCH: National Fellowships

Goal: Provide an overview of National Fellowships and connect students to resources at TAMU.

What are National Fellowships: *National Fellowships are a variety of prestigious awards that are funded by national governments, private foundations, and other entities. They can be used to fund research, graduate and professional school, study abroad, and other vital activities.*

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Why Should I Apply:

- Personal Development and Reflection
- Networking Opportunities
- Research Opportunities
- Noncompetitive Eligibility for Federal Employment
- Funding for Graduate School
- Funding for International Education
- Less Commonly Taught (LCT) Language Study

LAUNCH: National Fellowship Opportunities: <http://launch.tamu.edu/National-Fellowships/Fellowship-Opportunities>

CORE Awards

Rhodes Scholarship, Marshall Scholarship, Mitchell Scholarship, Churchill Scholarship, Truman Scholarship, Goldwater Scholarship, Boren Scholarship, Fulbright Scholarship, Gilman Scholarship, Gaither Scholarship, Udall Scholarship, Freeman ASIA Scholarship, and Astronaut Scholarship.

Upcoming Getting Started in National Fellowship Workshops:

- September 2, 2019 https://calendar.tamu.edu/national-fellowships/#!/view/event/event_id/105533
- October 7, 2019 https://calendar.tamu.edu/national-fellowships/#!/view/event/event_id/105529
- November 18, 2019 https://calendar.tamu.edu/national-fellowships/#!/view/event/event_id/105531

Other Resources

- Letter of Recommendation Advice: <http://launch.tamu.edu/National-Fellowships/Letters-of-Recommendation>
- Writing Personal Statements Online: <https://www.education.psu.edu/writingpersonalstatementsonline/node/1984>

Video in class (7 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdWmZVH887U>

Out of class assignment: Attend a Getting Started with National Fellowships Workshop

You are welcome to set up an appointment with National Fellowships through EAB-SSC (<https://tamu.campus.eab.com/student/appointments/new>), or reach out to natlfellows@tamu.edu for any fellowship questions.

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Activity:

My Fellowship Process: What is the right National Fellowship for me?

There are hundreds of National Fellowships out there. There is a National Fellowship for every major, from Anthropology to Zoology. The questions listed below will help you to clarify your interests and consider National Fellowships best suited for your aspirations. Work on answering them on your own. Then, please discuss them in groups of 2-3 students.

- 1) Are there any classes that have stood out to you during your academic career? If so, what is compelling about the subject matter in those classes?
- 2) What questions keep you up at night? E.g. Do you find yourself drawn to questions related to research in Engineering or the Life Sciences? Are you interested in Peace and Conflict Studies?
- 3) Are you interested in foreign language study? If you could receive funds to study any language, which would language would you choose and why?
- 4) Have you considered study abroad? Which three countries fascinate you the most and why?
- 5) Are you interested in attending graduate or professional school? If so, what would you hope to gain from that experience?
- 6) Have you had a national fellowships advising appointment and/ or have you gone to National Fellowships Information Session?