

Scholarships for Minority and Underrepresented Students

[American Association of University Women \(AAUW\) Selected Professions Fellowships](#)

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low (see list below). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

[ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship](#)

Provides financial support for racial and ethnic minority students to attend law school.

[American Bar Foundation Summer Research Fellowships for Undergraduates](#)

Provides paid summer internships at the ABF for college students. Minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Must be a sophomore or junior to apply. Each student is assigned to an ABF Research Fellow who involves the student in his or her research project.

[American Psychological Association \(APA\) Minority Fellowship Program](#)

The APA's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) awards fellowships to top pre-doctoral and early career postdoctoral psychologists who have demonstrated a strong commitment to ethnic minority behavioral health services or policy. Applications are accepted each fall until January 15 of the year in which support is sought.

[Asian American Journalists Association](#)

They offer scholarships to outstanding high school seniors and undergraduate and graduate students. Students are selected based on the following criteria 1) commitment to the field of journalism; 2) sensitivity to Asian American issues as demonstrated by community involvement; 3) journalistic ability; and, 4) financial need.

[Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies \(APAICS\)](#)

The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) supports 5 fellowships for up to 1 year in Washington DC for graduates and professionals. The fellowship is also sponsored by Southwest Airlines. This program offers full-time legislative and public policy fellowships providing exceptional graduates and young professionals with an opportunity to work on policy issues as staff members of a congressional office. The program aims to build leadership skills, encourage political civic engagement, and foster a strong interest in public service careers. In addition to the general fellowships, APAICS is currently offering 2 specialized fellowships focusing on: financial services (1-year fellowship) and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

[Boston University Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships \(SURF\)](#)

Boston University provides ten to twenty \$4,500 awards for a ten-week research experience that supports undergraduate students for the summer. Fellowships are offered to promote access to graduate education to talented undergraduate students, especially among underrepresented minorities. These fellowships provide research projects supervised by Boston University faculty in engineering, computer science, biology, chemistry, and psychology.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI)

CHCI's scholarship opportunities are afforded to Latino students in the United States who have a history of performing public service-oriented activities in their communities and who demonstrate a desire to continue their civic engagement in the future. There is no GPA or academic major requirement. Students with excellent leadership potential are encouraged to apply.

The Consortium for Graduate Study in Management

The Consortium for Graduate Study in Management is the nation's largest diversity network, linking top-tier students, [leading MBA programs](#) and corporate partners, including Fortune 500 companies. Our mission is to reduce the underrepresentation of African Americans, Native Americans and Hispanic Americans in education and business.

Dalmas A. Taylor Memorial Summer Minority Policy Fellowship

This award is presented in honor of the memory of Dalmas A. Taylor, who passed away during his term as President of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). The fellowship is administered in conjunction with APA's Minority Fellowship Office, and provides an opportunity for a graduate student of color to work on public policy issues in Washington, DC.

Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships

The Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships seek to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. Available at the pre-doctoral, dissertation and post-doctoral levels.

Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowships for Minorities

The fellowship offers pre-doctoral fellowships to members of six minority groups whose underrepresentation in the professoriate has been severe and long-standing. The fellowship program identifies individuals with demonstrated ability and provides them the opportunity to engage in graduate study leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) degree. These successful scholars then inspire other students of color to pursue an academic career in teaching and research.

It is open to U.S. citizens or nationals (not permanent residents) who are members of a minority group (Alaskan Natives (Eskimo or Aleut), Black/African Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanas/Chicanos, Native American Indians, Native Pacific Islanders (Polynesian/Micronesian), Puerto Ricans) for graduate study in research-based doctoral programs in the behavioral and social sciences, humanities, and sciences. GRE scores are required. Must apply online.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program

The program provides scholarships and fellowships for outstanding low-income African-American, Native American, Hispanic American, and Asian-Pacific American students to attend the undergraduate and graduate institutions of their choice. Individuals selected as Gates Millennium Scholars at the undergraduate level will receive funds for the cost of tuition, fees, books and living costs not covered by grants and scholarships already committed as part of a student's financial aid package. Scholars who pursue advanced degrees in the fields of engineering, mathematics, science, education or library science will receive up to four years of full financial support for post-graduate study, up to and including the doctorate.

GEM Fellowship Program

This fellowship provides opportunities for underrepresented minority students to obtain MS degrees in engineering and Ph.D. degrees in engineering and the natural and physical sciences through a program of paid summer internships and graduate financial assistance. Applicable only at GEM member universities. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen of American Indian, Black American, Mexican American, or Puerto Rican ethnicity with a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0. Those pursuing a master's in engineering must have an undergraduate major in the same graduate discipline. Fellows hold summer internships with GEM Employers.

Hearst Minority Fellowships in Philanthropy

The Aspen Institute Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation offers a paid internship to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, social enterprise, and other actors in the social sector. The William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship for Minority Students is open to undergraduate and graduate students of color and is offered three times a year (fall, spring, and summer semesters) at the Aspen Institute's office in Washington, D.C.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) believes that the country prospers when all Americans have access to the opportunities a college education can afford. As the nation's leading Hispanic higher education fund, HSF works to address the barriers that keep many Latinos from earning a college degree. In addition to scholarship opportunities for deserving Latino students, HSF offers a broad range of outreach and educational programming to help students and their families navigate through the rigors of college life.

Howard Simons Graduate Fellowship

The Howard Simons Graduate Fellowship at the University of Maryland was created to expand opportunities for minority journalists in the newspaper industry. It's a 12-month masters program in public affairs reporting, and the fellowship covers tuition, fees plus a stipend of approximately \$11,000 for living expenses.

Institute for International Public Policy Fellowship Program (IIPP)

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Special Programs Corporation's Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP) Fellowship Program seeks to enhance U.S. national security and global competitiveness by promoting excellence, international service, and awareness among a representative cross-section of the American citizenry. We also seek to broaden access to international education and training opportunities for underrepresented minority college students.

Upon acceptance and admission to the IIPP Fellowship Program, Fellows must commit to a multi-year education and training program that requires three consecutive summers of fellowship-related activities; study abroad for a minimum of one semester during their junior year of college; an internship; a summer language institute (if the Fellow is not competent/fluent in a foreign language); and application to and completion of a Master's-level graduate program focused on international affairs. The junior year study abroad component must be completed before a Fellow graduates from college. An IIPP Fellow must complete all requirements of the program within six years.

Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP)

The Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP) is a paid summer fellowship designed to foster the entrance of talented students from diverse backgrounds within the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts into graduate school and faculty positions in U.S. colleges and universities. More broadly, the program seeks to increase the presence of minorities and others who demonstrate a commitment to eradicating racial disparities in graduate school and eventually in academic ranks. MURAP aims to achieve its mission by identifying and supporting students of great promise and helping them to become scholars of the highest distinction.

Morris K. Udall Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship

The Morris K. Udall Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship awards scholarships to sophomore- and junior-level college students committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native American health care. Scholarships are offered in any of three categories: (1) To students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment; (2) To Native American and Alaska Native students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to tribal public policy; or (3) To Native American and Alaska Native students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to Native health care.

Microsoft Scholarship Program

NACME (National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering)

For the past 40 years, NACME has awarded engineering scholarships to African American, American Indian, and Latino students seeking a postsecondary degree. NACME distributes these awards, through the NACME Scholars (block grant) Program, to colleges and universities that, in turn, distribute funding to talented underrepresented minority students enrolled in engineering programs as part of their financial aid packages. NACME annually awards more than \$4 million in scholarships to underrepresented minority engineering students.

National Association of Black Journalists

They annually award a minimum of ten \$2,500 scholarships to African American college students who are planning to pursue a career in journalism. Any foreign or US student currently attending an accredited four-year college or university may apply. Recipients also receive an all-expense-paid trip to the NABJ convention and are required to participate in student convention projects.

National Physical Science Consortium Graduate Fellowships for Minorities and Women

The National Physical Science Consortium is a partnership between government agencies and laboratories, industry, and higher education. NPSC's goal is to increase the number of American citizens with graduate degrees in the physical sciences and related engineering fields, emphasizing recruitment of a diverse applicant pool.

Newhouse Fellow Program

This 30-month program provides for 18 months of graduate study leading to master's degree at the Newhouse School at Syracuse University, internships and a post-grad professional apprenticeship. Open to under-represented groups as defined by New York State guidelines. On website, click on "Special Programs."

[Point Foundation](#)

Point Foundation is the nation's largest scholarship-granting organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students of merit. Individuals enrolled in either an undergraduate or graduate program are eligible to apply. Point Foundation (Point) provides financial support through multi-year scholarships, leadership training, mentoring and hope to LGBTQ students who are marginalized because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The organization provides its scholars with the financial ability to attend the nation's foremost higher educational institutions and its donors and mentors with the rare satisfaction of directly investing their resources and time in future generations of leaders. Point Foundation believes in enabling these individuals who endure the daily harassment and abandonment of family, friends, educational institutions and communities with the opportunity of higher education. Through Point's scholarship, the organization empowers its scholars and gives them the support and encouragement to excel both academically and personally. Deserving students may also be recommended.

[The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute \(TRPI\) Fellowship Program](#)

TRPI directs research and analyses on issues related to political and civil engagement, education and the economic well-being of the Latino community. The TRPI Public Policy Fellowship Program targets bright, enthusiastic graduate-level students from across the country to offer them experience in conducting relevant research which can be used to inform community leaders, policymakers, and other experts in formulating public policy affecting U.S. Latinos. For eight weeks, two Fellows will participate in ongoing research projects at the Institute's Claremont, California office in a professional, nonprofit, nonpartisan research-oriented setting. Each Fellow will work full-time under the direction of one of TRPI's Senior Researchers. Participating Fellows will receive a stipend of \$4,000.

[The Urban Institute Summer Academy for Public Policy Analysis and Research](#)

The Urban Institute Summer Academy is a unique and challenging program of skills-building, career development, and mentoring for minority undergraduates interested in careers in public policy research. The year-long fellowship begins with an intensive eight-week summer program on location at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC, starting in June. The Urban Institute Summer Academy is free to students who are accepted. In addition, the program will provide students with round-trip transportation to Washington, DC; housing at nearby George Washington University dormitories, and a stipend.

[UNCF/MERCK Science Initiative](#)

Intended to help African American undergraduate students who are interested in science to further their science education and potentially pursue science and engineering careers. The UNCF • Merck awards provide tuition support and opportunities for research experience in a state-of-the-art research facility. Awards up to \$30,000.

[United Negro College Fund](#) (look under the "for students" menu for complete listing)

UNCF manages various scholarship programs and each program has its own eligibility criteria, open/close dates and required documentation. To apply for a UNCF scholarship, you must apply through the on-line application process. As many of the UNCF scholarships require that the scholarship recipient apply for Federal Student Aid, it is recommended that applicants complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency–Fellowships Internships and Student Programs*](#)

Opportunities, several for minorities, in research, environmental awareness projects, environmental law, PR and communications, computer programming, etc. (part- and full-time available).

[Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships](#)

Worldstudio launched its landmark college scholarship program in 1995 to address the lack of diversity in the creative professions and to foster social responsibility in the creative professionals of the future.

Study Abroad Scholarships

[Boren Awards for International Study](#)

An initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.

Boren Scholars represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal [national security](#) arena. In exchange for funding, Boren Scholars commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.

[Gilman](#)

The Gilman Scholarship Program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study and intern abroad and the countries and regions where they go by offering awards to U.S. undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints. The Gilman Scholarship Program is open to U.S. citizen undergraduate students who are receiving [Federal Pell Grant](#) funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study and intern abroad programs worldwide.

[Fulbright](#)

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. A candidate will submit a *Statement of Grant Purpose* defining activities to take place during one academic year in a participating country outside the U.S.

During their grants, Fulbrighters will meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think. Through engagement in the community, the individual will interact with their hosts on a one-to-one basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom, thereby promoting mutual understanding.

[Pickering](#)

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The Department of State seeks a Foreign Service that reflects the diversity and excellence of our society. The Fellowship is designed to

attract outstanding individuals from all ethnic, racial and social backgrounds who have an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career with the U.S. Department of State.

The Pickering Fellowship has both an undergraduate and graduate program. Pickering Undergraduate applicants must apply as rising seniors; Graduate applicants must be seeking admission to a two-year master's degree program in fall of 2015.

Rangel

The Rangel Program is a collaborative effort between Howard University and the U.S. State Department that seeks to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers as diplomats in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. The program seeks individuals interested in helping to shape a freer, more secure and prosperous world through formulating, representing, and implementing U.S. foreign policy. The Program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and those with financial need.

There are two major components to the Rangel Program: an International Affairs Graduate Fellowship Program that provides support for graduate school, professional development, and entry into the U.S. Foreign Service, and an undergraduate International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program that provides undergraduates with the opportunity to enhance their skills, knowledge and understanding about U.S. foreign policy.

Soros

Every year, The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans supports thirty New Americans, immigrants or the children of immigrants, who are pursuing graduate school in the United States. Full eligibility requirements can be found [here](#).

Each Fellowship supports up to two years of graduate study - in any field and in any advanced degree-granting program - in the United States. Please note that the Fellowship does not cover tuition for executive programs, accelerated Bachelor's/Master's programs, or online degrees.

Each award is for up to \$25,000 in stipend support (not to exceed \$35,000), as well as 50 percent of required tuition and fees, up to \$20,000 per year, for two years.

[Information for Multicultural Students from Michigan State University](#) for Study Abroad

Databases

[Financial Aid for Native American Students page.](#)

[Diversity Fellowships, University of Chicago](#)

[Grants for Individuals: Minorities, Michigan State Libraries](#)

[Scholarships for Multicultural Students \(Study Abroad\) Michigan State University](#)

[Black Excel](#)

[Scholarship Hispanic](#)

[Free 4U Scholarships for Hispanics](#)

[Hispanic Scholarships Search Engine](#)

[Minority Grants and Scholarships](#)

[Multiple List of Minority Scholarships](#)

[Michigan State University Library - Grants for Individuals has a listing for Minorities](#), which is very helpful:

[Free 4U Scholarships for African Americans](#)