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Houston Scholars Donut Hour

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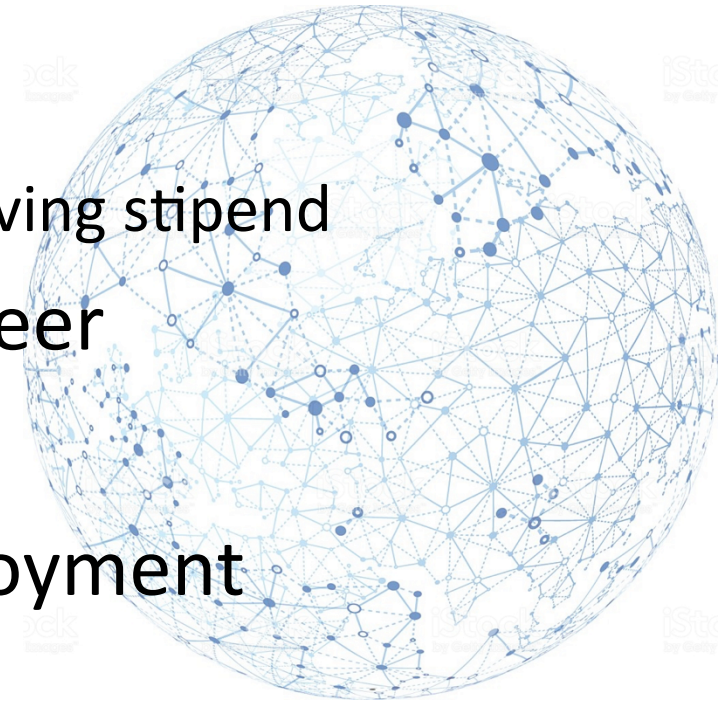
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What are NCSs and why should I apply?

- Nationally Competitive Scholarships
 - External to UH
 - Typically merit based
 - Often applied to tuition, fees, living stipend
- Can launch an academic career
- Huge networking potential
- Often associated with employment opportunities



How to Prepare for an NCS

○ **Academics & Research**

- Get involved in undergraduate research
- HERE, Houston Scholars, SURF, PURS, Study Abroad

○ **Service & Outreach**

- Long-term volunteering (local schools, community organizations)
- Tutoring and mentoring

○ **Leadership & Teambuilding**

- How can you develop your leadership skills?
- How can you take a more active role in building relationships and partnerships with peers and with the larger community (whether your personal community or UH)?

○ **What are your future goals, and why? What is your roadmap?**

○ **Connect the dots**



NSF | UK Awards | Fulbright

It's never too early to get started!

- Fulbright UH deadline: early September
- UK Awards UH deadline: early September
- NSF UH deadline: early October



Make an appointment with an OUR advisor in the Spring to discuss options and begin brainstorming application essays!

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF_GRFP)



Provides three-year annual stipend of \$34,000 + \$12,000 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees for future and current graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited U.S. institutions.

Eligible Candidates Should:

- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident
- Plan to pursue or be enrolled in a research-focused Master's or Ph.D. program in an NSF-supported field
- Be enrolled in an eligible program at an accredited U.S. graduate institution by Fall of the application date
- Have completed no more than 12 months of full-time study (or equivalent) as of August of the application date
- See OUR website --> Nationally Competitive Scholarships --> [NSF for list of programs and areas of study that are **not** eligible](#)

UK Awards



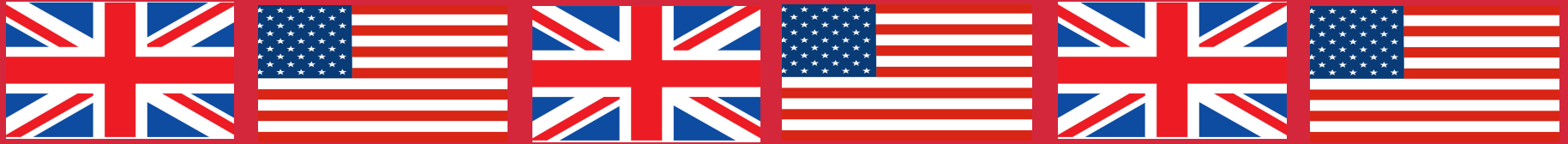
Rhodes Scholarship

Each year, 32 young Americans are selected as Rhodes Scholars for their outstanding scholarly achievements and their leadership potential to receive full financial support to pursue a degree at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

Application Materials:

- Five LORs; at least 4 must be from persons whom you have received undergraduate instruction, and at least 1 must speak to your character
- Personal Statement not exceeding 1000 words which you must attest as wholly truthful and your own work
- List of principal activities
- Proof of citizenship or lawful permanent resident status
- Official transcript(s)
- Passport-size photograph

UK Awards



Marshall Scholarship

Up to 40 Scholars are selected each year to study at the graduate level at a U.K. institution in any field of study. Named for former General and U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall, the objective of the scholarship is to develop future leaders and strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments, and their institutions.

Application Materials:

- Four LORs
- Online application form comprising several short answer essays, including a Personal Statement, Post Scholarship Plan, and essays addressing three criteria of Leadership, Scholarship, and Ambassadorial potential
- Official transcript(s)

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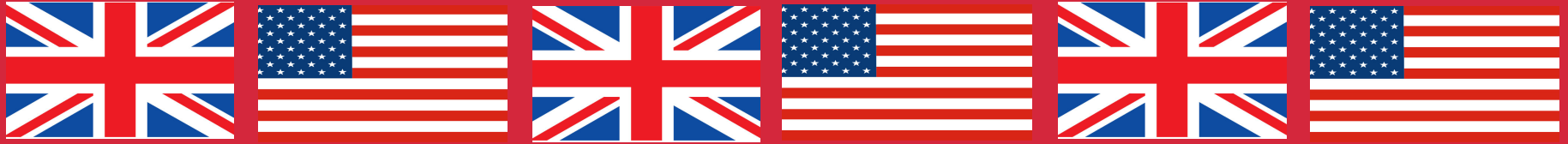
Mitchell Scholarship

Up to twelve Mitchell scholars between the ages of 18 and 30 are chosen annually for one academic year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland.

Application Materials:

- Four LORs
- Personal Statement not exceeding 1000 words which you must attest as wholly truthful and your own work
- Official transcript(s)
- Passport-style photo (PDF)
- Scan of your signature (PDF)
- Resume listing awards, achievements, community service, etc.

UK Awards



Gates-Cambridge Scholarship

Up to 40 Gates-Cambridge U.S. Scholars are selected each year to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge. The aim of the Gates-Cambridge program is to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others.

Application Materials: To be considered for a Gates-Cambridge Scholarship, applicants *must apply and be admitted to* the University of Cambridge. You may apply for the Gates-Cambridge Scholarship at the same, using the one application pack, which will include:

- Graduate Application Form (to University of Cambridge, which includes a Gates-Cambridge section)
- Official transcript(s)
- Two (2) academic references
- One (1) personal reference (for the Gates-Cambridge Scholarship)
- Personal Statement not to exceed approximately 500 words (3000 characters)



FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

Grants for which students typically apply:

**Study | Research (Academic)
English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)**

Application Materials:

- 3 LORs
- Personal Statement (1-page)
- Statement of Grant Purpose
 - Study | Research and Arts (2-page)
 - ETA (1-page)
- Official transcript(s)
- Letter of Affiliation from Host Institution (Study | Research and Arts, only)
- Supplementary Materials (Arts only)