

External Resources for Applicants

This document contains a collection of external **resources for undergraduate & graduate school and competitive scholarship/fellowship applications**. If you have suggestions for additional resources we should include here, please email us at fwdscholars@gmail.com.

Wishing you the best of luck with your applications,
The **FWD: Scholars** team

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Service to School

<https://service2school.org/>

Description: Service to School provides free undergraduate and graduate application mentoring to veterans and servicemembers of the U.S. military.

UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

National Association of Fellowship Advisors (NAFA)

<https://www.nafadvisors.org>

Description: NAFA is the national association for advisors, universities, and organizations involved in competitive scholarship applications/awards for college/university students. If your college or university is listed, your campus should have a registered member of NAFA. You can reach out to them for assistance with applications!

List of Nationally Competitive Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships (provided by UNG)

<https://ung.edu/nationally-competitive-scholarships/scholarship-opportunities.php>

Description: UNG has a list of a wide range of competitive undergrad and grad scholarships. Includes scholarship requirements, deadlines, number of awards, etc.

STRIVE: Scholarship and Fellowship Database (provided by UNC-Chapel Hill Office of Distinguished Scholarships)

<https://honorscarolina.unc.edu/scholarships/>

Description: This UNC database contains hundreds of scholarship and fellowship opportunities, with the ability to filter by several criteria to narrow down your options.

List of Science & Tech Policy Fellowships (provided by Dr. Kelly Singel)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-S407AQlu0cZIOHASAer1mBmZd57KXFMhKk79JnzBYk/edit>

Description: Google doc list of science and technology policy fellowships available in the U.S. and internationally.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

List of Undergraduate Scholarships & ACT/GMAT/SAT Resources

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cEXq7oheBu-cKCwmr-Z2SoxpkFaBT6LM>

Description: List of 118 academic/competitive scholarships, standardized test resources, and more.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

In-Depth Overview and Comparison of the Rhodes and Gates Cambridge Scholarships

<https://www.paytonelyce.com/resource/applying-to-gates-and-rhodes/>

Description: Application advice and comparison of the Rhodes and Gates Cambridge Scholarships offered by a 2018 Rhodes finalist / 2019 Gates Cambridge recipient.

Sample Knight-Hennessy Application Essays

https://www.reddit.com/r/gradadmissions/comments/demzzt/my_stanford_knighthennessy_essays_finalist_last/

Description: Knight-Hennessy application essays from a 2018 finalist applying for a PhD in Biomedical Sciences.

Advice and Sample Essays for Prospective Rhodes, Marshall, NSF, NDSEG, and Hertz Applicants

<https://obsessionwithregression.blogspot.com/2015/07/advice-and-sample-essays-for-rhodes.html>

Description: Application advice and sample essays from a 2014 Rhodes Scholar.

NSF GRFP Advice & Application Examples (from Alex Lang)

<https://www.alexhunterlang.com/nsf-fellowship>

Includes:

- Information about the NSF GRFP application process
- Tips for getting started on the application
- General advice on applying
- Specific essay advice
- Examples of successful essays

Advice to Applicants of the NSF GRFP (from Mallory Ladd)

<http://www.malloryladd.com/nsf-grfp-advice.html>

Includes:

- Application process overview
- Tips & tricks for the application
- Advice for essays
- Examples of successful essays

ProFellow

<https://www.profellow.com/>

Description: Free database for professional & academic fellowships. Includes other helpful fellowship information, including application tips & tricks, interviews with current & former fellows, etc.

“Marshall Scholarship: Profile of a Scholar” (from Lafayette College)

https://externalscholarships.lafayette.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/178/2010/08/Profile_of_a_Marshall_Scholar.pdf

Description: Description of what Marshall selection committees look for in candidates & what qualities successful candidates have.

“What Marshall Selection Committees Like—And Don’t Like” - Cheryl Foster (provided by Bryn Mawr College)

<https://www.brynmawr.edu/sites/default/files/Personal%20Statement%20-%20Cheryl%20Foster.pdf>

Description: Guidance from a Marshall and Truman alum & selection committee member re: what Marshall selection committees are looking for in applications.

“Definition of a Personal Statement” - Mary Hale Tolar (provided by Bryn Mawr College)

<https://www.brynmawr.edu/sites/default/files/migrated-files/Personal%20Statement%20-%20Mary%20Tolar.pdf>

Description: Guidance on personal statements for nationally competitive scholarships.

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Científico Latino - Support for STEM Graduate Students

<https://www.cientificolatino.com/>

Contact: cientificolatino@gmail.com

Description: Aims to help undergraduate, graduate, and professional students by providing mentorship, open-access resources on scholarships, fellowships and blog posts on professional development.

Services:

- One-one-one mentorship for STEM graduate school applicants
- Database of paid summer research for undergraduates
- Database of fellowships
- Seminars, webinars & workshops
- Examples of personal statements, CVs, and fellowship essays

Economics PhD Application Advice (from Alvin Christian)

<https://www.alvinchristian.com/resources>

Includes:

- Memo with information on applying to pre-doc positions
- Guide on how to have a successful pre-doc experience
- Memo on applying to econ PhDs
- Grad school application spreadsheet to help you stay organized

PREPARING FOR INTERVIEWS

Guide to Preparing for Fellowship & Scholarship Interviews (from Becca Farnum, 2012 Marshall Scholar)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CE3-J0a-GI4RvKKXX9y3zIT-pOJnXySHI1KtL8m2bMU/edit?usp=sharing>

Description: Becca's guide provides useful information on how to tackle the interview portion of scholarships and fellowships.