Belmont University Post-Graduation Scholarship/Work Opportunities

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Fulbright Overview

• The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students.

• 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.
Fulbright Scholarship

- Must be citizens or nationals of USA
- Must have a Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent
- Must be in Good health
- Sufficient Proficiency in written and spoken language of host country
- May hold J.D at time of application
- Strong preference for those who have not held a grant
- Preference to those whose Higher ED was taken at education institutions in US
- Candidates who have not lived in host country
- Armed Forces veterans are given preference
Fulbright Important Dates

Online Application Open
April 1, 2019 – October 8, 2019

Campus Deadlines
August 1, 2019 – October 1, 2019

National Application Deadline
October 8, 2019

National Screening Committee
November 4, 2019 – December 13, 2019

Initial Notification
January 31, 2020

Final Selection Notification
March 1, 2020 – May 31, 2020
Mitchell Scholarship

The George J. Mitchell Scholarship Program, named to honor former US Senator George Mitchell's pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, is designed to introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland, while recognizing and fostering intellectual achievement, leadership, and a commitment to community and public service.

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 and Northern Ireland. Applicants are judged on three criteria:

- scholarship,
- leadership, and
- a sustained commitment to community and public service.

The Mitchell Scholarship Program provides tuition, accommodation, a stipend for living expenses and travel.
Mitchell Scholarship -- Requirements

• Be a U.S. citizen
• Be 18 years of age or older, but not yet 30, on September 28 of the year of the application (those who turn 30 on September 29th are not eligible).
• Have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholar. Degrees from international accredited universities are acceptable, if all other conditions are met.
Mitchell Scholarship – Key Dates

- Mitchell Scholarship Program Class of 2021 Application now open!
- Mitchell Scholarship Program Class of 2021 Application Deadline (for study in Ireland during the 2020-2021 academic year): September 27, 2019 5:00pm Eastern Time
- Semi-Finalist Skype Interviews: October 21-24, 2019
- Finalist Weekend: November 22-23, 2019
- Mitchell Scholarship Program Selection Announcement: November 24, 2019
The Peace Corps is a service opportunity for motivated change makers to immerse themselves in a community abroad, working side by side with local leaders to tackle the most pressing challenges of our generation.

The Peace Corps Mission

• To promote world peace and friendship by fulfilling three goals:
• To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
• To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
• To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.
Peace Corps -- Requirements

• Must be a U.S. Citizen
• You must be at least 18 years old

All applicants must meet the minimum age and citizenship requirements – and meet or exceed the required qualifications for one of the current openings.

In general, most people can apply, but we do have a few policies which you might consider – particularly individuals with association to the intelligence community or military obligations.
Peace Corps – Important Dates

- Programs begin to accept applications approximately (and only) one year prior to the departure date listed on the Volunteer Openings page.
- Invitees arrive to country in cohorts, therefore the departure date is not flexible and cannot be altered for one person, no matter the circumstances.

There are specific times when jobs are posted and, on average, these openings are live for three months. Here is an approximate calendar of when job openings go live:

- Programs departing July to September are posted in August of the previous year
- Programs departing October to December are posted in November of the previous year
- Programs departing January to March are posted in February of the previous year
- Programs departing April to June are posted in May of the previous year
Rhodes Scholarship

- The Rhodes Scholarship is a postgraduate award for students to study at Oxford University.
- Extraordinary intellectual distinction is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for election to a Rhodes Scholarship. Selection committees are charged to seek excellence in qualities of mind and in qualities of person which, in combination, offer the promise of effective service to the world in the decades ahead. The Rhodes Scholarships, in short, are investments in individuals rather than in project proposals. Accordingly, applications are sought from talented students without restriction as to their field of academic specialization or career plans, although the proposed course of study must be available at Oxford, and the applicant’s undergraduate program must provide a sufficient basis for study in the proposed field. Through the years, Rhodes Scholars have pursued studies in virtually all of the varied fields available at the University of Oxford.
Rhodes Scholarship -- Requirements

At the time of application, an applicant must be:

• a citizen of the United States OR a lawful permanent resident of the United States OR a U.S. resident with DACA status on April 15 in the year of application.
• eligible to apply through one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or one of the U.S. territories: either in the state or territory where the applicant was legally resident on April 15 in the year of application, or where the applicant will have received at least two years of college training and a bachelor’s degree before October 1 in the year following election.
• at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age (i.e., the applicant must still be 23 on October 1 in the year of application).
• An applicant with dual citizenship or applying as a United States lawful permanent resident or a U.S. resident with DACA status shall not have applied for the Scholarship as a citizen or permanent resident of another country, may not apply in two jurisdictions at once, and may not apply in a different national jurisdiction after having applied in the United States.

To apply, the applicant must produce:

• proof of citizenship or lawful permanent resident status.
• a certified transcript (or transcripts).
• a list of principal activities.
• a clear, printable head and shoulders photograph (preferably high resolution).
• the endorsement of the applicant’s college or university.
• five, but not more than eight, letters of recommendation. At least four of these letters must be persons from whom the applicant has received undergraduate or graduate instruction, and at least one letter (the fifth) must speak to the applicant’s character.
Rhodes Scholarship – Important Dates

• The Rhodes Scholarship application is available each year in early July.
• The application deadline is 11:59 PM U.S. Eastern Time on the first Wednesday of October each year.
• District receptions and interviews are held annually on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday. District Secretaries will notify candidates regarding interview status at differing intervals, but in all cases no later than two weeks prior to the interviews. Election announcements are made at the conclusion of the Saturday interviews.
• For those contemplating application, rules and requirements will generally remain similar from year to year.
Truman Scholarship

The Truman is a highly competitive, merit-based award offered to U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals from Pacific Islands who want to go to graduate school in preparation for a career in public service. The scholarship offers:

• Recognition of outstanding potential as a leader in public service;
• Affirmation of values and ideals;
• Enhanced access to highly competitive graduate institutions;
• Access to Scholar programs such as Truman Scholars Leadership Week, the Summer Institute and various Truman Fellows Programs;
• Membership in a community of persons devoted to helping others and to improving the world; and,
• Up to $30,000 to apply toward graduate study in the U.S. or abroad in a wide variety of fields.
Truman Scholarship -- Requirements

Legal Requirements
• At the time of application, the student must be a full-time student pursuing a bachelor's degree with junior-level academic standing; or, have senior-level standing in their third year of college enrollment. Note: Students who are already attending graduate school are not eligible for the Truman Scholarship.
• A U.S. citizen (or a U.S. national) or expect to receive citizenship by the date the Scholarship will be awarded.

Career and Graduate Study Interests
• Hope to be "change agent," in time, improving the ways that government agencies, nonprofit organizations, or educational institutions serve the public.
• There are conditions in society or environment which trouble me.
• Want to work in government, education, the nonprofit sector, or the public interest/advocacy sector to improve conditions.
• Comfortable committing to work in public service for three of the first seven years after completing a Foundation-funded graduate degree.
• Would like to get a master's degree, a doctorate, or a professional degree such as a law degree or a Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Social Work, Master of Education, Master of Public Policy, or Master of International Affairs.
Community Service and Academic Record

- Participated extensively in two or more of the following sets of activities:
  - Student government and/or campus-based extracurricular activities;
  - Community service-related activities that were not organized by my school or by my fraternity/sorority;
  - Government internships, commissions or boards, advocacy or interest groups, nonpartisan political activities, or military/ROTC;
  - Partisan political activities and campaigns.

- Involved with organizations or activities related to my career interests.
- Demonstrated some of my leadership potential.
- Strong grades and coursework to gain admittance to a first-rate graduate institution.
- Read regularly a good national newspaper and a thoughtful periodical.
Truman Scholarship – Important Dates

Please review these dates before applying. These dates are firm; the Foundation will not accommodate requests for changes to these dates.

• Truman Application Deadline: February 4, 2020
• Finalist Confirmation Due: February 20, 2020
• Finalist Posting: February 21, 2020
• Scholar Posting: April 15, 2020
• Please consult Regional Review Panels for a more detailed listing of our interview dates and locations.
Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET)

- The JET Program is a competitive employment opportunity that allows young professionals to live and work in cities, towns, and villages throughout Japan. Being a JET is an opportunity to work and to represent the United States as cultural ambassadors to Japan. Most participants serve as Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) and work in public and private schools throughout Japan; some work as Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs) as interpreters/translator.
JET Eligibility

- Be interested in Japan
- Be both mentally and physically healthy
- Be a citizen of the United States by application deadline
- Hold a Bachelor’s Degree
- Ability to adapt to living and working in Japan
- Have excellent standard pronunciation, rhythm, intonation in English
- Please visit jetprogramusa.org for more criteria
JET – Important Dates

• Application Available: September 25, 2019
• Application Deadline: November 15, 2019 (11:59PM HST)
• Interviews: Jan-Feb* 2020
• Early Departure Interview Results: March 2020
• Early Departure: April-September 2020
• Group A/B Interview Results: April 2020
• Group A/B Departure: September 2020
* Interview dates may vary depending on location
Marshall Scholarship

• Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. Up to forty Scholars are selected each year to study at graduate level at an UK institution in any field of study.

• As future leaders, with a lasting understanding of British society, Marshall Scholars strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions. Marshall Scholars are talented, independent and wide-ranging, and their time as Scholars enhances their intellectual and personal growth. Their direct engagement with Britain through its best academic programmes contributes to their ultimate personal success.
Marshall Requirements

- be **citizens** of the United States of America (at the time they apply for a scholarship);
- (by the time they take up their scholarship ie September 2020) hold their **first** undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States;
- have obtained a grade point average of not less than **3.7** on their undergraduate degree. (Applicants must have a GPA of 3.7 at the time of application). We do not accept rounded GPA's.
- have graduated from their first undergraduate college or university after **April 2017**.
- **not** have studied for, or hold a degree or degree-equivalent qualification from a British University or GCSE or A Levels taken at school in the UK.
Marshall Scholarship Timeline

• Candidate Application Submission: September 30, 2019
• Final Submission, with letters of recommendations: October 3, 2019
More Information

• For more information and a copy of the Power Point presentation, please visit: www.Belmont.edu/provost.
• On the left hand side of the screen there will be a link for Post-Graduation Scholarship Opportunities