

Fellowships and Scholarships for Public Service & Community Engagement

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Why fellowships & scholarships?

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**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT!**

**ADVANCED
STUDY!**

**LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT!**

**INTERNATIONAL
EXPERIENCE!**

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE!**

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Why **you**?

Take a moment to think about how you spend your time:

- Relevant coursework
- Leadership experiences
- Service work
- Research
- Others?

Truman

The Truman Scholarship is awarded to students aspiring to pursue a career in **public service**, which is defined as:

- “government at any level,
- the uniformed services,
- public interest organizations,
- non-governmental research and/or educational organizations,
- public and private schools,
- and public service oriented non-profit organizations”



The Harry S. Truman Scholarship

- \$30,000 for graduate school
- Apply as a 3rd year
- U.S. citizens

Truman Application Process



CMU can nominate 4 students!

**Campus
deadline
November 9,
2026**

**Interviews &
nomination
decisions
mid-November
2026**

**Final
nominee
deadline
February 1,
2027**

**National
interviews
March-April
2027**

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How to seek a Truman nomination

1. Meet with an OURSD advisor
2. Ask three mentors for letters of recommendation (academic, leadership, commitment to public service career)
3. Submit a complete application* by the campus deadline of **November 9, 2026**

*Recommenders send their letters to oursd-general@andrew.cmu.edu

Udall Undergraduate Scholarship

- For careers in environment, tribal policy, or Native health care
- Apply as a 2nd or 3rd year
- U.S. citizens, nationals, permanent residents

Award Benefits:

- \$7,000 toward undergraduate expenses
- 5 days in Tucson, AZ
 - Udall Scholars Orientation: Professional development, network building
- Access to Udall Scholar Network



Aleena Siddiqui

Materials Science & Engineering
Environmental & Sustainability Studies
2024 Udall Scholar

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Udall Application Process

CMU can nominate 4 students in each category!

**Campus
deadline
February 1,
2027**

**Committee
review &
nominations
mid-February
2027**

**Final
nominee
deadline
March 2,
2027**

**Results
announced
April 21,
2027**

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Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute

- Fully funded summer of graduate-level coursework at:
 - Harvard
 - Princeton
 - University of Michigan
- Build policy skills, prepare for graduate school, grow your network
- Funding toward a Master's degree at a PPIA partner school



Aimee Wang, Senior
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Harvard PPIA 2026

Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute

- Online application via the PPIA website
 - **Deadline November 6th, 11:59 PM EST**
- OURSD will help you with your application!

- PPIA-provided info sessions



**YOUR SUMMER,
YOUR FUTURE**

Discover PPIA and the Junior Summer Institute

September 23, 2026
6:00 - 7:00 PM Eastern | Virtual

Your next step toward public service could start with a fully funded summer. Learn about PPIA and explore what the Junior Summer Institute offers, who can apply, and how its coursework, community, and support can help shape your future.

[EXPLORE JSI - SIGN UP](#)

**INSIDE THE
JUNIOR SUMMER
INSTITUTE**

JSI Fellows Share Their Summer Experience

October 6, 2026
6:00 - 7:00 PM Eastern | Virtual

What's a Junior Summer Institute really like? Hear Fellows' candid stories about classes, friendships, and finding their footing. Bring your questions and get advice from students who have been there.

[MEET FELLOWS - SIGN UP](#)

**PUT YOUR BEST
APPLICATION
FORWARD**

Get Ready to Apply to the Junior Summer Institute

October 19, 2026
4:00 - 5:00 PM Eastern | Virtual

Get clear, practical guidance on the JSI application directly from institute directors. Learn how to communicate your interests, experiences, and goals, understand the application requirements, and avoid common mistakes. Bring your questions and leave with a concrete plan for completing your application before November 6.

[SIGN-UP](#)

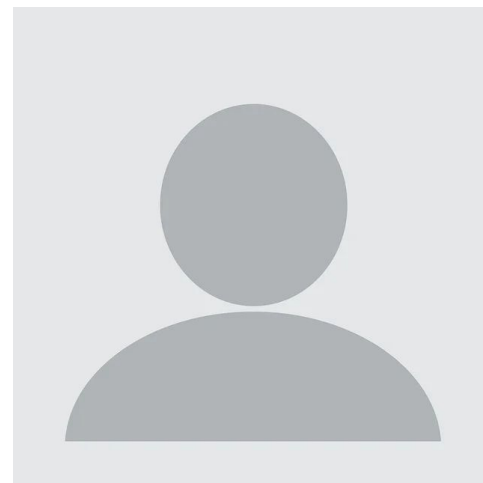
Voyager Scholarship for Public Service

Award benefits

- Up to \$25,000 toward jr. & sr. years
- \$10,000 stipend + free Airbnb housing for summer work-travel “voyage”
- Post-graduation Airbnb travel credit (\$20,000 over 10 years)
- Fall Summit during junior year

Eligibility criteria

- Current sophomores, 3.0+ GPA
- Demonstrated financial need
- Demonstrated commitment to public service
- U.S. citizens, nationals, permanent residents



Future CMU Voyager Recipient
(This could be you!)

Next anticipated
deadline March
2027!

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Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- Fully funded year in 150+ countries abroad!
 - Research
 - Graduate study
 - English teaching



Fulbright Application Process

- CMU applicant registration: **May**
- CMU first draft deadline: **June**
- Required deadline for CMU endorsement: **August**
- Campus review process: **September**
- National deadline: **October**

UK Awards (just a sampling!)



Marshall
Scholarships

The Marshall Scholarship

- Fully funds 1-3 years of graduate studies in any field at any British university
- Apply as a senior or alum (within 2 years of graduation)
 - **University nomination required**
- U.S. citizens

The Rhodes Scholarship

- Fully funds 1-3 years of graduate studies at the University of Oxford
- Apply as a senior or alum (up to age 23, or older if nontraditional students)
 - **University nomination required**
- Citizenship
 - U.S. citizens, permanent residents, DACA
 - Citizens of 20+ other countries



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Featured Alum: Greta Markey



- Civil Engineering; Engineering & Public Policy 2022
- 2022 Marshall Scholar, University of East Anglia & University of Oxford
- 2024 Knight-Hennessy Scholar, Stanford University



Knight-Hennessy Scholars
Stanford University

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Next steps

- Book a 1:1 meeting with OURSD! →
- Plan your application(s)
 - Talk to mentors NOW
 - Give recommenders 4-5 weeks notice ahead of each deadline
 - Leave time for multiple rounds of review with OURSD
- Follow nomination process **carefully**

