

## COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS COORDINATED BY SCIENCE CENTER

Competitive candidates usually have very high GPAs, put together very demanding course plans, do undergraduate research, & have strong co-curricular achievements. These fellowship programs support future scientists who will be leaders in their fields. Talk with your mentors and advisors before you complete an application! Look, too, at the advice & many other opportunities coordinated by the [Fellowships Program](#).

### CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP (Smith College may nominate up to 2 candidates)

- Internal application deadline for Smith Fall 2017 nomination: **October 28, 2016** (for evaluation by Science Center Fellowships and Scholarships Committee). Those seeking 2017 nomination should complete the internal application below.
- **Anyone seeking 2016 nominations, see Margaret Lamb in early September**
- External scholarship 2016 deadline: **November 10, 2016** (You also must apply separately to the University of Cambridge by **October 12, 2016**, coinciding with the deadline for Gates Cambridge Scholarship funding)
- Outline: The Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States awards scholarships of approximately \$45,000-\$50,000 to fund one year of graduate study in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics at the University of Cambridge. Smith seniors or recent graduates who are US citizens may apply.
- More information: <http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/> or contact Dr. Margaret Lamb, Burton 115, [mlamb@smith.edu](mailto:mlamb@smith.edu)

### GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP (Smith College may nominate up to 4 candidates)

- Internal application deadline for Smith nomination: **October 28, 2016** (for evaluation by Science Center Fellowships and Scholarships Committee) (See internal application below)
- Nominees only: Internal application deadline for formal application and references: **January 12, 2017**
- External deadline: **January 27, 2017**
- Outline: The Goldwater Scholarship awards up to \$7,500 p.a. to college sophomores and juniors majoring in math, natural science, and engineering. Students who are competitive for the award have had significant research experience and have plans for graduate study (aspire to a PhD or MD/PhD) and a career in research. (Candidates planning research careers primarily in clinical or practice settings are excluded). Applicants must be US citizens, US nationals, or US permanent residents.
- More information: <https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/> or contact Dr. Margaret Lamb, Burton 115, [mlamb@smith.edu](mailto:mlamb@smith.edu)
- NB Interested students are encouraged to begin the online Goldwater pre-application and incorporate relevant information in your internal application for Smith nomination.

### UDALL SCHOLARSHIP (Smith College may nominate up to 6 candidates)

- Internal application deadline for Science Center support: **November 29, 2016** (for evaluation by Science Center Distinguished Fellowships and Scholarships Committee) (See internal application below)
- Nominees only: Internal application deadline: **Early February 2017** (date to be confirmed)
- External deadline: **March 15, 2017**
- Outline: The Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation is committed to increasing awareness of the importance of the nation's natural resources. The Udall Scholarship awards \$7,000 and access to the Udall Scholars network to sophomores and juniors who are passionate about the environment (in any field), OR who are Native American and intend to pursue careers in Native health care or tribal public policy. Applicants can come from any relevant academic field. Applicants must be US citizens, US nationals, or US permanent residents.
- More information: <http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx> or contact Dr. Margaret Lamb, Burton 115, [mlamb@smith.edu](mailto:mlamb@smith.edu)

### INTERNAL APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION (CHURCHILL, GOLDWATER, UDALL)

- We will use a Qualtrics application process in 2016-2017: [https://smithcollege.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_bQ56o6zCvNcgMC9](https://smithcollege.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bQ56o6zCvNcgMC9)
- In any writing for distinguished scholarships – both internal and external applications – it is advisable to follow the advice of the Churchill Scholarship:

*"It is not possible to overemphasize the importance of the quality of your prose for the ... application. Clarity and precision are not adornments, they are requirements."*

### ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY: NSF GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP 2017

- External deadline: Depending on field of graduate study, a particular date in between October 24 – October 28, 2016; deadline for reference letters, November 3, 2016 [Note: The 2017 application is available online]
- Outline: The National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based masters and doctoral degrees at accredited US institutions. The award provides three years of stipend (\$34,000 p.a.), an allowance for tuition and fees (\$12,000 p.a.), opportunities for international research and professional development, and the freedom to conduct their own research at any accredited U.S. institution of graduate education they choose. No formal institutional nomination required.
- Applications can be made by college seniors, recent graduates, and students within the first two years of graduate study. The NSF encourages women, under-represented racial and ethnic minorities, and persons with disabilities to apply for this fellowship. Applicants must be US citizens, US nationals, or US permanent residents.
- More information: <http://www.nsfgrfp.org/> and [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=6201](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201)

### START YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OR THINK ABOUT APPLYING NEXT YEAR!

FIND THIS FORM ONLINE: <http://www.science.smith.edu/student-opportunities/scholarships-and-fellowships/scholarships-nominations/>

Let us know if you think that you will be a great candidate NEXT year!

Faculty: What about your students? Email [MLamb@smith.edu](mailto:MLamb@smith.edu)