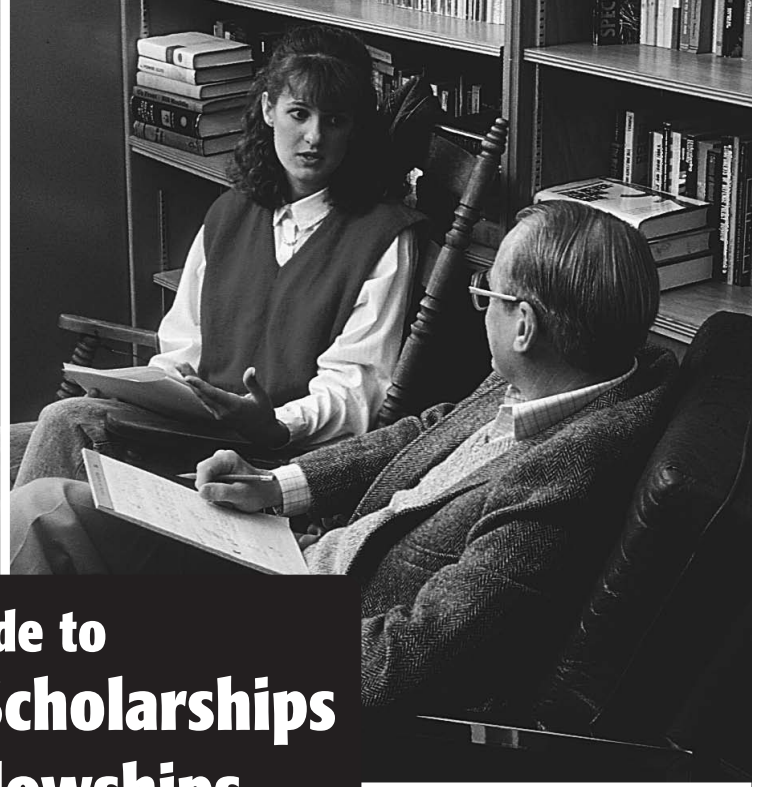
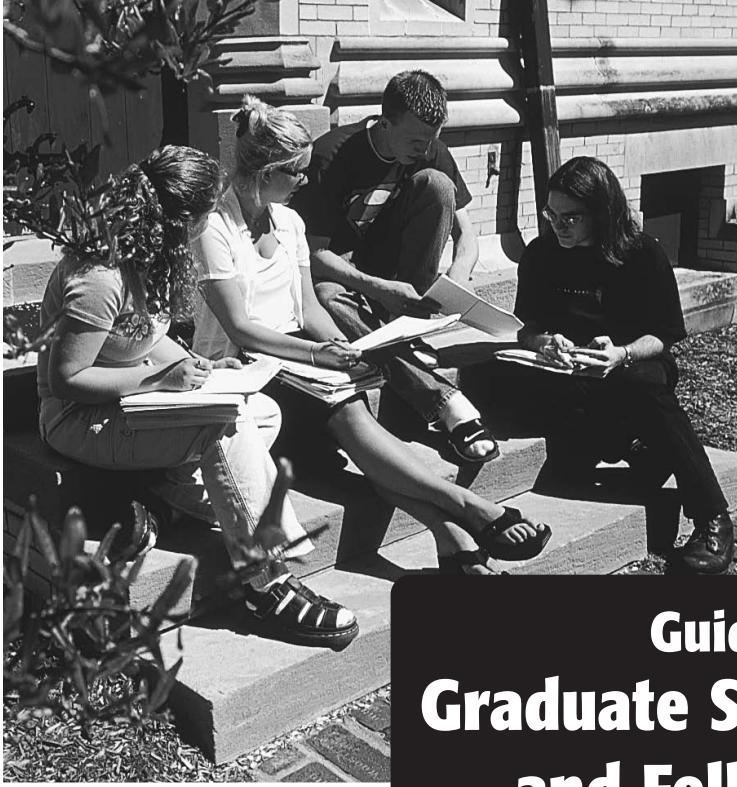


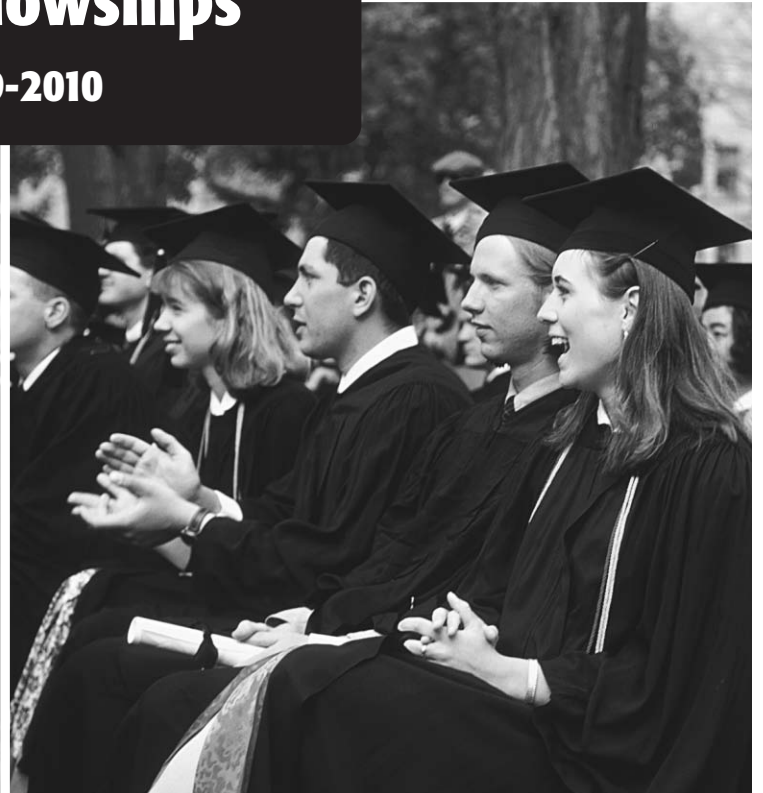
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**Guide to
Graduate Scholarships
and Fellowships**

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Dear Wooster Student,

As an academically strong and successful student at The College of Wooster, you have probably given some thought to your plans after graduation. You may be thinking of applying to graduate or professional school, or considering the prospects for employment. Whatever your plans to date, we ask you to consider applying to and competing for one of the valuable programs that are described in this *Guide to Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships*. There are few academic opportunities that are as rewarding as participation in these programs. And there are few ways in which you and the College can so effectively win regional or national distinction as through these competitions. Wooster has an enviable record of success in many of them, and we encourage you to continue that tradition.

As you peruse the contents of this guidebook you will appreciate the variety of programs represented. Many of them provide substantial assistance with the expenses of graduate or professional school. In some cases this is intended to cover completely the costs involved; in others the award can enhance or supplement awards from a particular institution. Other programs provide for a year of educational and cultural experience that does not involve an academic institution and which can provide an interesting bridge to graduate school or employment. (Indeed, in some cases one can take a temporary “break” from one’s graduate education to participate.) Some of these programs provide for specific kinds of travel and international experience, while others involve your proposing a project of your own design.

Along with the range of programs are considerable differences in the criteria for selection. Some are clearly intended for those who have distinguished themselves academically, while others are appropriate for a broader range of successful students. Many are looking for students who have demonstrated specific kinds of interest or ability—a commitment to public service; strengths in leadership; an interest in international and cross-cultural experience; imagination and creativity.

Apart from the obvious goal of winning one of these awards, there is inherent value in the application process. Considering these programs will help you learn about yourself and reflect on your future. They will help you build your resumé and develop your skills as a writer in ways that will help in graduate school and employment applications.

As you consider these opportunities, please consult with your academic advisers, the faculty representatives of the scholarships and fellowships, and the Career Services Office. We share your excitement and wish you success in your endeavors.

Henry Kreuzman
*Dean for Curriculum and
Academic Engagement*

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

BRITISH MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP (<http://www.marshallscholarship.org/>)

The British Government offers 40 awards each year to men and women for two years of study toward a British degree at any university in the United Kingdom. The award covers substantially all of one's graduate expenses (approximately \$20,000 per year) for tuition and fees, living expenses, air fare, travel and related costs. Competition is regional. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and should have earned at least a 3.7 GPA.

Timeline: Strong candidates are identified from January-August. Applications are completed in September. For more specific information, please refer to the website and contact Hayden Schilling at the extension below.

Faculty Representative: Hayden Schilling, History Department, Ext. 2452



JACK KENT COOKE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

(<http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org>)

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship Program awards approximately 30 scholarships each year to outstanding low-income students. Scholars may use the award to attend any accredited graduate school in the U.S. or abroad in pursuit of a graduate degree or professional degree, including medicine, law, or business. The award provides funding for tuition, living expenses, required fees, and books. Scholarship amounts and length vary by student, depending on the cost of attendance, other scholarships or grants received, and the time needed to complete the graduate degree. The maximum award available per student is \$50,000 per year, and the maximum length is six years. The Foundation renews awards annually, provided the Jack Kent Cooke Scholar has maintained high academic performance, exhibited good conduct, made significant progress toward a degree, and complied with foundation requirements and requests. To be eligible to compete in the Program, a candidate must be a college senior or recent graduate from an accredited college or university in the U.S.; have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent); have unmet financial need; begin a full-time graduate degree program at an accredited university in the fall; and be nominated by his or her undergraduate institution.

Timeline: Application materials are due in mid March.

Faculty Representative: Alison Schmidt, Education Department, Ext. 2303



DAVIES-JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP

http://www.cic.edu/projects_services/grants/daviesjackson/index.asp

The Davies-Jackson Scholarship presents a unique opportunity for students with exceptional academic records who are among the first in their families to graduate from College to participate in a course of study at St. John's College at the University of Cambridge. After two years of study, candidates are awarded a Cambridge B.A. degree, which is the equivalent of a master's degree in the U.S. The Davies-Jackson Scholarship is open to applicants whose undergraduate degree is in any academic discipline and who wish to study in one of the following subjects: Archaeology and Anthropology, Classics, Economics, English, Geography, History, History of Art, Modern and Medieval Languages, Music, Philosophy, or Social and Political Sciences.

Timeline: Applications are due in mid-November.

Faculty Representative: Jeff Roche, History Department, Ext. 2450

FULBRIGHT-HAYS SCHOLARSHIP

http://www.cies.org/about_fulb.htm

The Fulbright Program was created by Congress in 1946, in the wake of World War II, to foster mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchanges. Originally planned for a limited number of years, it proved so successful that it has now continued uninterrupted for more than 50 years. Many Wooster faculty and alumni will attest that the experience of studying or teaching abroad for a year has been one of the most enriching and stimulating experiences of their lives. Recent Wooster applicants have pursued a variety of projects ranging from geology studies in the Netherlands, anthropology in Columbia to teaching English in France, Germany and Austria. Every year, some 1,100 Americans design their own programs for study and research in over 125 nations. The Fulbright Program promotes cross-cultural understanding on a day-to-day basis in an atmosphere of openness and intellectual freedom and interaction. Grantees participate in an orientation program in the host country and receive funds for travel, tuition, and living expenses.

Timeline: Included in the application process are the critical development of a specific project and personal statement and an on-campus interview with the faculty Fulbright committee. Deadline for completion of this process is mid-October.

Faculty Representative: John Siewert, Art History Department, Ext. 2546



LUCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

<http://www.hluce.org/lsprogram.aspx>

Wooster is among a group of select colleges and universities invited each year to nominate recent graduates to compete nationally for one of fifteen to eighteen fellowships awarded by the Henry Luce Foundation. These fellowships are arranged for each Scholar on the basis of her/his specific interest, background, qualifications, and experience. These work assignments run for approximately ten months and are intended primarily as learning opportunities for the Scholars. The Luce Scholar Program offers non-Asian Studies students an unusual opportunity to gain experience in Asia that can broaden both professional perspectives and personal perceptions of Asia and the United States. The program year commences with an orientation designed to give the Scholars an overview of contemporary Asia that will assist them in making the most of their assignments. Wooster will submit to the Luce Foundation two nominees annually from among their graduating seniors and recent alumni. To be eligible, a candidate must be an American citizen and may be no more than 29 years of age on September 1st of the year she/he would enter the program.

Timeline: Two nominees are selected by the College and applications are prepared in October/November. Application materials are due to the Luce Foundation in early December. Screening and interviewing of all applicants happens in December/January. Forty-five finalists are interviewed by regional selection committees in February/March. Fifteen Luce Scholars are named in March. Application consists of a 1000-word personal statement, four letters of recommendation, and a summary of biographical information on forms provided by Luce.

Faculty Representative: Pamela Frese, Anthropology Department, Ext. 2256

JAMES MADISON FELLOWSHIP

<http://www.jamesmadison.com>

The James Madison Fellowship Program is for graduate study leading to a master's degree in one of the following (listed in order of the Foundation's preference): MA in American history or in political science (also referred to as "government and politics" or as "government"); MAT concentrating on either American Constitutional history (in a history department) or American government, political institutions, and political theory (in a political science department); MEd, MA or MS in education with a concentration in American history or American government, political institutions, and political theory. To be eligible you must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national; be a teacher, or plan to become a teacher, of American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary school level, and possess a bachelor's degree or plan to receive a bachelor's degree no later than August 31 of the year in which you are applying. The maximum amount of each award is \$24,000 prorated over the individual period of study.

Timeline: Deadline for applications is March 1, 2010.

Faculty Representative: Karen Taylor, History Department, Ext. 2451



OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

<http://regents.ohio.gov/sgs/fellowship/>

The Ohio Board of Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship Program has been temporarily suspended. Please keep this opportunity in your thoughts and plans, as we await reinstatement of the program. We will notify all qualified seniors, as soon as this scholarship is reinstated.

The Ohio Board of Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship Program awards \$3,200 per year for two years to students with outstanding academic records who plan to pursue graduate or professional degrees in Ohio. Approximately 70 scholars will receive Regents Fellowships each year with at least one fellowship awarded to a senior from each eligible Ohio public and private college or university. Candidates must be U.S. citizens who possess a GPA ranking top in the class or graduate/professional schools entrance exam scores must be in the 90th percentile.

Timeline: Take the appropriate graduate admissions test in October. Applications are available in January. Applications are due and interviews are conducted in mid-February. The State notifies winners in mid-April.

Faculty Representative: Rod Korba, Communication Department, Ext. 2029



RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

<http://www.rhodesscholar.org/>

Rhodes Scholarships provide 32 awards to both men and women for two years of study in all fields at the University of Oxford. Fees at Oxford, travel costs and a maintenance allowance for two years are awarded. Awards may be renewable for a third year. Applicants must be between 18-23 years of age. Although GPA is not specified, the scholarship is highly competitive and most applicants will have a GPA of 3.8 or higher.

Timeline: Strong candidates are notified January-August, applications are completed in September and a final applicant screening is done in mid-October.

Faculty Representative: Hayden Schilling, History Department, Ext. 2452

HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

<http://www.truman.gov>

Truman Scholarships are awarded to full-time college juniors whose GPA ranks in the top twenty-five percent of the class. Scholars receive up to \$30,000 for completion of their senior year and the first two years of post-graduate study. Candidates must be U.S. citizens and must make a commitment to a career in public service. The Truman Foundation defines public services as: employment in government at any level, uniformed services, public service organizations, non-governmental research and/or education organizations, nonprofit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help needy/disadvantaged persons or to protect the environment. Candidates must be nominated by the President of the College through the campus Truman Scholarship Committee. In 1994, College of Wooster student Gina Bombaci won a Truman to support graduate work in political science at the University of Michigan and to prepare herself for a public service career in foreign relations.

Timeline: Applications are due in mid-October for on-campus competition. In January, final applications are completed, sent to the Truman Committee and then to the Foundation.

Faculty Representative: Thomas Tierney, Sociology Department, Ext. 2153

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS TIMELINE

JUNIOR YEAR

Attend the Fellowship Session **Fall**

Start to research fellowships based on your interests and eligibility **September-December**

One fellowship (Truman) is for the senior year, and the application process is carried out during the junior year. Other fellowships (Fulbright & Luce) may apply to graduates several years after college. Check all requirements carefully.

Meet with appropriate Faculty Fellowship Advisors **September-December**

Begin preparing application materials **January-August**

Pay attention to early **FALL DEADLINES**.

SENIOR YEAR

Get feedback on applications and proposals from Faculty Advisors **August-September**
(Secondary feedback is available in Career Services and the Writing Center)

Take the GRE's **August-October**
Some fellowships will require these scores.

Gather References **August-September**
Make sure to give your reference writers plenty of time to complete forms and letters.
Don't wait until the last minute.

Sign up for a Practice Interview in Career Services **September-December**
Yes, interviews may be a required part of the application process. Get help before the big day!

WHERE TO FIND MONEY FOR GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDY

The following resources may help you locate other opportunities for funding. All directories are available in the Career Services Library.

Paying for Graduate School Without Going Broke: Includes tips and strategies to make the most of available resources.

Peterson's Scholarships, Grants, and Prizes: Complete information on deadlines, contacts, and descriptions for 1,000 awards.

Foundation Grants to Individuals: The most comprehensive listing available of private foundations and public charities in the United States that provides financial assistance to individuals.

THE FOLLOWING LINKS WILL GIVE MORE INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL AID:

www.finaid.org

<http://www.gradschools.com/Article/Graduate-Fellowships/1676.html>

THE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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