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## I. Scholarships and Fellowships

**Undergraduate: Ignatius Scholarships for Undergraduates, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**Program Description:** The Ignatius Scholarship is awarded to qualified new undergraduate students who demonstrate academic excellence in previous studies. The award is to recognize academic achievement considered to be in the top 25 percent of all students. The Scholarship provides partial tuition support and can be used for study in all academic fields, including majors in Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Engineering, Health Sciences and Nursing. Marquette University, established in 1881 by the Catholic Jesuits, is a private university and consistently ranked in the top 100 American universities.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Must meet all requirements for undergraduate admission. The Ignatius Scholarship is based on evidence of academic achievement, not based on financial need.

Grades and class rank are important, and standardized test results are considered when available. Student involvement, character and leadership are also considered.

**Number of Awards:** Available to all students who qualify.

**Award Duration:** Renewable up to 4 years.

**Award Amount:** \$6,000-\$11,000

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

**Application:** No separate financial aid or scholarship application is needed. All international undergraduate applicants are considered for the Ignatius Scholarship and notified at the time of the admission decision. Further details about the international application process are available on the Marquette website.

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**All levels: Iowa State International Scholarships, Iowa State University of Science & Technology, Ames, Iowa**

**Program Description:** Iowa State University of Science and Technology was established in 1858. It has grown into a comprehensive Carnegie Research I research university with an orientation toward science and technology. An Intel survey ranks Iowa State among the nation's top 20 wireless universities, and DesignIntelligence Magazine ranks ISU's interior design and

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architecture programs in the top 13 in the nation. Revolutionary innovations include the world's first electronic digital computer, and Iowa State ranks second among universities in Research and Development 100 awards, given by R&D Magazine for top technologies. In 1991 ISU's picturesque 800-hectare campus was highlighted in the publication *The Campus as a Work of Art* as one of the most beautiful in the U.S. The city of Ames ranked 2nd out of 189 cities that qualified for the book *The New Rating Guide to Life in America's Small Cities* based on its outstanding environment, public safety, education, and transportation

**Eligibility Requirements:** Undergraduate: Must be an incoming freshman or undergraduate transfer student. Graduate: awards are determined by the department. For the International Diversity Scholarship, awardees must serve as Iowa State University International Student Ambassadors for at least one year.

For the ACE: Minimum SAT 1220 (Critical Reading plus Math), minimum high school grade point average 3.3/4.00.

**Levels of Study:** Undergraduate, Graduate, Doctorate, Post Doctorate, Professional

**Award types:** Associateship, Award, Fellowship, Grant, Scholarship, Tuition Reduction

**Number of Awards:** Approx. 50 for undergraduate; graduate varies

**Award Duration:** 4 years undergraduate; graduate varies.

**Award Amount:** Undergrad: \$6,000; Graduate: varies

**Application Deadline:**

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

**Further information:** [www.admissions.iastate.edu/intl/scholarships\\_loans.php](http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/intl/scholarships_loans.php)

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**Graduate, Doctorate and Professional: Kennedy Research Grant and Fellowship Program,**  
**John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, Boston, Massachusetts**

**Program Description:** Fellowships awarded to individuals to help defray costs of research on topics related to the Kennedy period or requiring use of the Kennedy Library. Preference is given to dissertation research by Post doctorate candidates working in newly opened or relatively unused collections, and to the work of recent Post doctorate recipients who are expanding or revising their dissertations for publication, but all proposals are welcome and will receive careful consideration.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Contact the program for further details and requirements. Field of study must be related to holdings of the John F. Kennedy Library.

**Application:** To obtain information about the library's collections, each applicant should contact a member of the research room staff to explain the topic. Download and mail application form along with 3-4 page proposal as well as additional required materials.

**Number of Awards:** Varies

**Award Coverage:** Travel, living expenses, research costs.

**Average award Amount:** \$500-\$5,000

**Application Deadline:** March for spring grants, August for fall grants

**Further information:** [www.cs.umb.edu/~rwhealan/jfk/klrg.htm](http://www.cs.umb.edu/~rwhealan/jfk/klrg.htm)

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**Graduate, Doctorate and Post Doctorate: Lindbergh Grants  
Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation**

**Program Description:** The Foundation is interested in funding a variety of innovative research and educational projects which focus on the Lindbergh's vision of balance between the advance of technology and preservation of the natural and human environment. It is recommended that applicants review the descriptions of previously funded grant projects.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be affiliated with and receive endorsement from an institution.

**Application:** Download or contact to request application materials. Only application written in English are accepted.

**Number of Awards:** 8-10

**Areas of Study:** Agriculture and Related Sciences, Aviation/Aerospace, Education, Health Studies, Natural Resources and Conservation, Waste Minimization and Management

**Award Coverage:** Expenses related to project. Funds may not be used to support tuition or fees.

**Award Duration:** 1 year

**Average award Amount:** \$10,580

**Application Deadline:** June

**Further information:** [www.lindberghfoundation.org/grants/index.html](http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/grants/index.html)

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**Doctorate and Post Doctorate: Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace  
United States Institute of Peace (USIP)  
Washington, D.C.**

**Program Description:** The Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace awards Senior Fellowships to enable outstanding scholars, policymakers, journalists, and other professionals from around the world to conduct research for up to 10 months at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. on important issues concerning international conflict and peace.

Priority is given to proposals that promise to make a timely contribution to the understanding and resolution of ongoing and emerging international conflicts. USIP is especially interested in proposals addressing problems of the Muslim world, post-war reconstruction and peacebuilding and stability operations in Iraq and elsewhere, and responses to terrorism and political violence. However, proposals in all fields are welcome.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States. Must have completed all requirements for the degree except the dissertation by the commencement of the award. Must be active professionals or senior scholars in the field. Must be eligible for J-1 Visa and must return to home country upon completion of the fellowship. Fellowships are open to citizens of any country.

**Number of Awards:** Approximately 12 fellowships per year.

**Areas of Study:** Conflict Management, Peace Studies

**Average Award Amount:** The program attempts to match the recipient's earned income during the year preceding the fellowship, up to a maximum of \$80,000 for ten months.

**Award Coverage:** The Senior Fellowship Award includes living stipend, office, part-time research assistant, travel and partial health insurance coverage. The Dissertation Fellowship award may be used to support writing or field research.

**Award Duration:** 10 months

**Application Deadline:** Senior Fellowship Award: September, Dissertation Fellowship: January

**Further information:** [www.usip.org/fellows](http://www.usip.org/fellows)

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## II. News you can use

### Discussion Paper: Secondary School Student Exchanges in the United States

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State recently released a Discussion Paper on Secondary School Student Exchanges in the United States. This paper provides an overview of the Secondary School Student Exchange Visitor Program and presents data describing the 2006-2007 academic year. It offers observations of the current state of these programs and their participants. It also identifies pitfalls that may lead to unsuccessful programs and seeks feedback on how best to avoid them. The Department intends that this paper be a first step in an industry-wide dialogue that will encourage best practices and the successful programs we all want.

In recent years, Department-designated program sponsors have facilitated the entry of more than 300,000 exchange participants annually under J-1 visas. Of these, approximately ten percent (10%) have been secondary/high school students. Peaking at over 30,000 students per year in the late 1990s, the program experienced a decline in 2000. A welcome reversal in this trend has resulted in approximately 29,6883 participants for the period coinciding with the most recent academic school year.

To read the full paper, please go to: <http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/?p=HighSchoolExchanges>

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### New CD-Rom: IEPassport Study Abroad Funding

IIE is pleased to announce the release of *IIEPassport Study Abroad Funding CD-Rom: A Guide for U.S. Students and Professionals*. The IIEPassport Study Abroad Funding CD-Rom features detailed descriptions of hundreds of study abroad scholarships, fellowships, grants, and paid internships for undergraduate and graduate students, and professionals. This new CD-Rom Directory is searchable by field of study, destination country, and other categories such as race and ethnicity and gender. The IIEPassport products are managed through a partnership between the Institute of International Education (IIE) and Educational Directories Unlimited (EDU).

The CD-ROM will be available for purchase at IIE's booth at NAFSA (#912 and 913), or at [www.iiebooks.org](http://www.iiebooks.org).

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The *Graduate Guide to Grants* is an annual publication prepared by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Harvard University

<http://www-hugsas.harvard.edu/financial/guide.html>

The *Graduate Guide to Grants* is a searchable database. It is specifically designed to assist graduate students in locating grants and fellowships that are applicable to the wide range of fields represented in the arts and sciences. Most of the grants listed are to support specific research projects (usually dissertation research), although some support the earlier stage of graduate study during course work. Still others support further language study.

Note that the Guide is not a comprehensive listing of all existing graduate fellowships. Rather, it takes a practical orientation, listing those fellowships likeliest to be relevant to a critical segment of the GSAS population, and omitting those fellowships whose purpose is very narrow or only tangentially related to the arts and sciences or highly restricted in terms of eligibility. Similarly, fellowships available to international students through their home country are not included, especially those fellowships only intended for students of the home country and not publicized abroad. Also bear in mind that postdoctoral fellowships are presented in a separate guide, the *Harvard Guide to Postdoctoral Fellowships*. For additional databases that you may wish to consult, see the list below.

### Additional online fellowship databases:

[Cornell University Graduate School Fellowship Database](#)

[Notre Dame Graduate Fellowships Database](#)

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[New York University Grants in Graduate Studies](#)

[Simon Fraser University Graduate Awards Database](#)

[UCLA Graduate and Postdoctoral Extramural Support](#)

[Columbia GSAS Fellowship and Grant Database](#)