

# OFFICE OF NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

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## 2023 CELEBRATION



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# 2023 ONCS CELEBRATION

April 21, 2023  
6-8 pm

## Arrive and Mingle

6:00-7:15

- Mingle with nationally competitive scholarship endorsees, semi-finalists, alternates, and recipients, faculty members, Deans, Department Chairs and others!
- Get a headshot photo taken
- Sign the ONCS scholarship tablecloth

## Scholarship Speeches

7:15-7:45

### INTRODUCTION

Ginger Smoak, Jeff Badger, and Alison Shimko

### STUDENT SPEECHES

Hear from a variety of students about their experiences applying for nationally competitive scholarships

## Mingle More

7:45-8:00

Chat more with faculty, staff, and students!

# A WORD FROM ONCS



We are beyond excited to welcome you all to the second annual ONCS Scholarship Celebration. The University of Utah's Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships was created in 2020 to centralize the work across campus over the past 75 years.

ONCS is comprised of Ginger Smoak, Jeff Badger, and Alison Shimko. We work together to help students navigate the application process for nationally competitive scholarships, where undergraduate or graduate students compete on a national or international level.

ONCS informs and advises students about scholarships for which they are eligible, assists them in the application process, organizes endorsement committees and arranges interviews, endorses candidates, and acts a liaison between students and their recommenders, as well as scholarship programs.

Knowledge of nationally competitive scholarships has increased by over 400% in the past 3 years. This year, we have over 125 students who won over 150 scholarships totaling over an estimated \$2.6 billion.

Our students have had amazing success becoming semi-finalists, alternates, and recipients of nationally competitive scholarships. We are privileged to honor them tonight. We will highlight some specific scholarships and students tonight, but there are plenty of other scholarships we encourage you to research (found at the end of this program).

We excited to celebrate our students and we are happy you are here with us tonight!

**Ginger Smoak**  
**Jeff Badger**  
**Alison Shimko**  
**ONCS**

# Endorseees, Semi-Finalists, Alternates, and Recipients\*

\*an asterisk next to a student's name  
signifies that they are or were a  
member of the University of Utah  
Honors College



# BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

Funding for undergraduate students to travel abroad to study less commonly taught languages and cultures

## ENDORSEE

**\*results not yet announced  
by the foundation\***

- Daniel Tanner

# CHURCHILL

1-year Master's degree in math, science or engineering (STEM) at Churchill College at the University of Cambridge

## ENDORSEE

- Emil Geisler\*

# CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP (CLS)

8-10 week study abroad for cultural immersion and study of a language critical to U.S. national security and economic prosperity for undergraduate and graduate students

## ALTERNATES

- Deseret Crane\*
- Max Courval

# CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP (CLS) SPARK

8 week virtual cultural and language immersion program to help students learn languages essential to the U.S.' engagement with the world

## SEMI-FINALIST

- Jaime Gomez

# DAAD RISE

Summer research internship at a German institution for undergraduate STEM students

## RECIPIENT

- Victoria Chiou

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP (FLAS)

Funding for one academic year or one summer for study of underrepresented languages for undergraduate and graduate students

## 2022 SUMMER RECIPIENTS

- Alberta Madrid
- Angel Najera
- Attean Mills
- Brecken Carmen
- Clayton Szczech
- David Young
- Diyan Durovic
- Drew Ruble
- Eden Ewing
- Evan Clouse
- Felicity Good
- Isaac Kendell\*
- Josh Anthony
- Katherine Chipman
- Luke Baldwin\*
- Max Courval
- Michaela Tanne
- Moira Garcia
- Muskan Walia\*
- Nidal Arain
- Owen Benson
- Ray Kenney
- Rebecca Smith
- Risa Puleo
- Ryan Jannoud



# FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP (FLAS)

Funding for one academic year or one summer for study of underrepresented languages for undergraduate and graduate students

## 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR RECIPIENTS

- Alberta Madrid
- Anna Fairbanks
- Anna Hunt
- Austin Meline
- Bailey Warren\*
- Buran de Melo
- Christian Furness
- Corinne Clarkson
- Dillan Burnett
- Diyan Durovic
- Drew Ruble
- Elle Bowlby
- Ema Valverde
- Giacomo Liggera
- Isaac Kendell\*
- Jake Rigby
- Jay Jindeel
- Joe Vasquez
- Katie Ahern
- Kayle Buckley
- Luna Esmerode
- Lyndsay Ricks
- Max Courval
- Natalie Bond
- Nate Hooper\*
- Nathan Hunsaker
- Nick Manwaring
- Ray Kenney
- Sandra Del Rio Madrigal
- Travis Martinez\*
- Wilson Wosnjuk

# FULBRIGHT

Funding for 1 postgraduate year abroad for either 1) research, 2) a master's degree OR 3) an English Teaching Assistantship in 1 of over 140 different countries

## RECIPIENTS

- Anna Tang\*
- Corinne Clarkson
- Nolan Phan\*
- Rilie Atkinson\*

## ALTERNATES

- Evie Atkinson
- Leila Tatarevic\*

## SEMI-FINALISTS

- Jens Nilson\*
- Kiki Karahalios\*
- Nina Zavala Gonzalez\*
- Susan Burnap\*
- Sarthak Tiwari

## APPLICANTS

- Alyssa Lee\*
- Amy Ellsworth
- Jared Ottley
- Lauren Christian\*
- Luna Esmerode\*

# GATES CAMBRIDGE

Master's degree or Ph.D. in any field at the University of Cambridge

## SEMI-FINALISTS

- Ana Rowe Bruns\*
- Steven Marz

# GILMAN

Funding for a study abroad or internship abroad for undergraduate students

## FALL RECIPIENTS

- Ally Ridge
- Illise Ellsworth
- Lydia Brooks
- Sabrina Darger

## SPRING ENDORSEES

**\*results not yet announced  
by the foundation\***

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| • Alana Alley              | • Lizzie Winstead  |
| • Angela Rauf              | • Monica Weglinski |
| • Autumn Lucas             | • Nayla Rodriguez* |
| • Bailey Young*            | • Noa Rodriguez    |
| • Daisy Hernandez Vazquez  | • Olivia Pax*      |
| • Daphne Rosales-Castaneda | • Rejoice Potja    |
| • Emily Jessop             | • Ross Bello       |
| • Emma Diaxmontes          | • Sally Logue*     |
| • Eva Rauf                 | • Sally Tran       |
| • Evelyn Cervantes         | • Skye Kearns      |
| • Faith Smart              | • Spencer Bischoff |
| • Hannah Donovan           | • Sydney Myers     |
| • Hayley Vargas            | • Thor Folsom      |
| • Italia Perez*            | • Tony Peralta     |
| • Jonathan Soriano         | • Yoselin Rivera   |
| • Kirby Rickett            | • Yovanni Valdez   |
| • Lana Kelmenson*          | • Zoe Wuthrich     |

# GOLDWATER

Funding for 1-2 years for undergraduate juniors or seniors in STEM, intending to pursue a research Ph.D.

## RECIPIENTS

- Audrey Glende\*
- Daniel Koizumi\*
- Eliza Diggins\*
- Nichols Crawford Taylor\*

# MARSHALL

1 or 2 year Master's degree(s) in any field at any university in the United Kingdom

## ENDORSEES

- Benvin Lozada\*
- Luis Ramirez\*
- Luna Esmerode\*
- Peyton Kosman\*
- Rory Weeks\*

# MITCHELL

1-year Master's degree in any field at any university in Ireland or Northern Ireland

## ENDORSEES

- Malea Bauer\*

# NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (GRFP)

Funding for 3 years for a research graduate study (Master's or Ph.D.) in a STEM field at any university in the U.S.

## RECIPIENTS

- Adriana Payan-Medina
- Amy Bradford
- Anahi Yerman
- Audrey Brown\*
- Brooklynn Scott\*
- Carina Imburgia
- Carter Cocke\*
- Clayton Szczech
- Connor Olsen
- Elaine Wong\*
- Estephani Torres Villanueva
- Henry Crandall
- Ishmael Medina
- James Mineau
- Justin Krier
- Kathryn Sokolowski
- Katya Podkovyroff Lewis
- Sarthak Tiwari\*
- Thien Lam Ngoc Nguyen\*
- Tuan Cassim

## SEMI-FINALISTS

- Abigail Cocker
- Ana Sjoblom\*
- Annapurna Post-Leon
- Emily Carroll
- Ihsan Elnunu
- Kylie Beach
- Monika Buczak
- Samuel Adams-Tew
- Tyler Bodily
- Veronica Zarr

# RHODES

2-year Master's degree in any field at the University of Oxford

## SEMI-FINALIST

- Benvin Lozada\*

## ENDORSEES

- Luis Ramirez\*
- Luna Esmerode\*
- Malea Bauer\*
- Peyton Kosman\*

# RANGEL

Funding for a 2-year Master's degree at any U.S. university in international affairs or a related area to the Foreign Service

## SEMI-FINALIST

- King Mwesige

# SCHWARZMAN

1-year Master's Degree in Global Affairs at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China

## SEMI-FINALIST

- Tiffany Chan\*

# TRUMAN

Funding for 3 years for postgraduate study at any U.S. university in any field leading to a career in public service

## RECIPIENT

- Malea Bauer\*

## SEMI-FINALIST

- Benvin Lozada\*

## ENDORSEES

- Mason Moore
- Muskan Walia\*

# UDALL

Funding for 3 years for postgraduate study at any U.S. university in any field leading to a career in public service

## RECIPIENT

- Muskan Walia\*



# Other Scholarships

- BOREN FELLOWSHIP
- DAAD
- HERTZ FELLOWSHIP
- JUNIOR FELLOWS  
PROGRAM
- KNIGHT-HENNESSY  
SCHOLARSHIP
- LUCE SCHOLARSHIP
- PAYNE SCHOLARSHIP
- PICKERING SCHOLARSHIP
- SOROS SCHOLARSHIP
- YENCHING ACADEMY

THANK  
YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS!

THANK  
YOU!