

Developing a Competitive Profile
Nationally Competitive Fellowships and Scholarships
<http://honors.buffalo.edu/scholarships/index.php>

By achieving strong **academic credentials** (i.e. of 3.5 or higher), you may be eligible for one or more prestigious fellowships and scholarships for either undergraduate or graduate study. In addition to an outstanding academic record, prestigious fellowship and scholarship applicants should have made their mark in other ways. Substantial **intellectual or creative projects, evidence of leadership or social responsibility**, and strong, detailed faculty **letters of recommendation** are essential to compete for these awards. Several of these fellowships and scholarships require nomination from the University at Buffalo, which may entail an additional on-campus selection process.

Academic credentials

- Maintain a high grade point average.
- Challenge yourself and make your transcripts stand out; create breadth and depth in your program.
- Be well-informed by reading newspapers such as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Buffalo News, etc.
- Become familiar with journals in your academic area of study. Visit the UB Libraries (<http://ublib.buffalo.edu>).

Intellectual or creative projects

- **WebGURU** (<http://www.webguru.neu.edu>) – defines “Research” and explains the Nuts & Bolts of research
- Involve yourself at UB in Research or Creative Activities contact **CURCA** (www.curca.buffalo.edu).
- **Participate in summer learning experiences:**
 - Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm
 - Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) <http://www.igert.org/programs.asp>
- Study Abroad (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/studyabroad>)
- Internships (<http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/stufind.shtml>)
- Students Conserving America (SCA) (http://www.thesca.org/environmental_internships)
- Present your research findings or creative works through on/off campus conferences and performances.
- Give yourself outstanding experiences to write about in your personal statements.
- **Funding your Research:**
 - Honors Program Research and Creative Activities Fund <http://honors.buffalo.edu/enrolled/research.php>
 - Community of Science (COS) – Resources for Research, worldwide (<http://fundingopps.cos.com>)

Evidence of leadership or social responsibility

- UB Student Involvement Directory (<http://www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/directory/>)
- Participate in meaningful co-curricular activities and take leadership roles within activities (<http://www.leadership.buffalo.edu>)
- Involve yourself in the community through Community Service (<http://www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/leadership/service.php>)
- Teaching experience.

Faculty mentors and letters of recommendation

- Develop relationships with faculty members.

The University Honors College
National Fellowship and Scholarship Advisement

To help students prepare competitive applications, The University Honors College offers individual advising assistance to all UB students. Interested students should contact Elizabeth Colucci in the Honors College at (716) 645-3020 or e-mail at colucci3@buffalo.edu.