

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Apply for the McDonnell Scholars Graduate Fellowship



APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2022
(For Fall 2022 Enrollment)

About the McDonnell International Scholars Academy

The McDonnell International Scholars Academy fellowship program cultivates a community of culturally and academically diverse leaders who will address the world's most complex challenges by driving positive and lasting change. Through its longstanding international partnerships, the program is an incubator of groundbreaking ideas that advance collaborative interdisciplinary research. A transformational experience, the Academy enhances leadership capacity through mentorship, professional development, and unique engagement opportunities. It is this foundation that builds the character and conviction to lead with a global mindset and social responsibility. McDonnell Scholars are selected based on their ability to emerge as leaders who are experts in their fields with perspectives that reflect cultural competence. Scholars are given a generous financial package to support their graduate and professional degree studies at Washington University in St. Louis.

Graduate Fellowship Benefits

McDonnell Scholars receive both financial and programmatic support, including:

- full tuition;
- a monthly living stipend;
- a relocation expense allowance and travel allowance;
- opportunity to reside in private, modern cohort housing within walking distance to campus;
- multifaceted instruction designed to develop the McDonnell Scholars defining attributes of global mindset, leadership, and community;
- cultural experiences such as cohort trips to Washington D.C. and New York, and participation in international research symposia;
- individual mentorship by dedicated faculty who support the Scholar's academic and professional growth; and
- expansive network of students and alumni from across countries and disciplines.



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Eligibility

The McDonnell Academy fellowship opportunity is open to prospective students applying to pursue an eligible full-time graduate or professional degree program at Washington University in St. Louis.

- Priority is given to international graduate and professional candidates who are graduates of one of the Academy's partner universities.
- U.S. citizens who have earned previous degrees from U.S. institutions are eligible to apply as a U.S. Scholar.
- International graduate and professional degree candidates from other international universities outside the partner network are also considered for a limited number of fellowships.

Application Process & Requirements

The McDonnell Academy accepts applications beginning October 1st through January 31st. The application to the McDonnell Academy is separate from and in addition to an application to an eligible full-time graduate or professional degree program at Washington University in St. Louis. The McDonnell Academy application consists of all of the following components:

- candidate's biographic information and academic history
- a personal essay
- a short video
- recommendation letter

Decisions are typically made by the end of March. Approximately 20 Scholars are admitted to the McDonnell Academy each year.

What We Are Seeking in a Scholar

In selecting our Scholars, we consider the following:

- Academic distinction: Scholars are selected on the basis of their academic talent, and ambition to become leaders in their chosen profession or community.
- Global mindset: Scholars share a global outlook, embrace difference, and are interested in broader social and cultural issues.
- Leadership: Scholars demonstrate a desire and potential to generate positive change in their communities and around the world.
- Community: Scholars are part of a diverse, close-knit community. They engage in the Academy's academic, professional, and social activities.

About Washington University in St. Louis

Washington University in St. Louis, a private research university located in the St. Louis metropolitan area, is among the world's leaders in teaching, research, patient care, and service to society. Founded in 1853, the university has students and faculty from all 50 U.S. states and more than 100 countries. WashU has a long history of pioneering achievements and a reputation for academic excellence. 25 Nobel Laureates have been associated with the university. Through its commitment to learning and exploration, its seven schools provide opportunities for in-depth study in a range of subjects and collaboration across disciplines.



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