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UCLA Scholarships for International Students

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Every year, a growing number of international students reach out to the Scholarship Resource Center for their scholarship needs and concerns. Whereas the skyrocketing costs of tuition and fees have caused alarm for the average Joe and Jane Bruin, the financial aid situation is especially challenging for our international student population. For one, international students are not eligible for state-based financial aid in California, nor for most Federal aid. If you're an international student, you will need to be creative, diligent, and persevering in your journey to fund your education. Despite the odds, winning scholarships is possible for international students; just be sure to look for both extramural scholarships (beyond UCLA) as well as UCLA-affiliated ones that are open to international students.

First, as an international student, you can—and should—apply for private scholarships. There is a great deal of information on our website (www.scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu) about how to do this. While you may not be eligible for "need-based" scholarships, there are many scholarships that are "essay-based" or are based on other criteria (interests, religion, parent

involvement in organizations, ethnic affiliation, personal characteristics, etc.). These are the scholarships to which you want to pay special attention. Deadlines for these scholarship typically fall between September (2015) and April-May (2016).

Next, look within the four walls of UCLA for those programs and centers that welcome international applicants. Many academic departments, for instance, have their own scholarships and prizes that do not have a residency stipulations. To give you a starting point, we have listed below some UCLA-based scholarships that are open to international students; each of these centers and organizations have their own eligibility guidelines, so just be sure that you are eligible. And if you are, by all means, apply!



UCLA Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)—The Will Rogers Memorial Scholarship: All enrolled UCLA students with disabilities are eligible to apply. The scholarship is open for applications year-round and is mainly intended to cover disability-related expenses. Applications are available at the OSD main office in Murphy Hall A255. For more information, contact the

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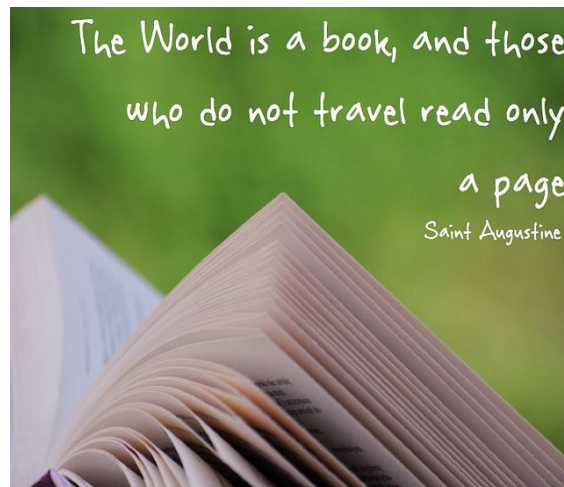
If at first you don't succeed...try and try (and try) again

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The easiest way to lose a scholarship is to not apply for one. The second easiest way is to stop after the first try. But applying for scholarships isn't just about winning. I applied for the Fulbright IIE grant three years in a row to fund a research project in Brazil. Every year I faced an identical application process. The questions I answered didn't change, but my answers did. Crafting multiple scholarship applications over several years has given me confidence, a flexible sense of direction, and a stronger connection to my intellectual communities.

The Personal Statement: Displaying confidence and self-knowledge in a personal statement shows that you are capable of confronting unpredictable challenges and of completing the project your scholarship will support. Sometimes what you think is most obvious about your strengths and motivations just needs to be put into words.

The Statement of Purpose: It is a misconception to think that a statement of purpose communicates only one's clear and unbending research path. This document serves multiple purposes throughout the application process. First, it is a plan that you share with your letter writers and mentors. Second, it is a document that you send to potential host institutions and future collaborators. Through these dialogues, the statement of purpose will eventually evolve to reflect the resources and insights you accumulate.



Letters of Recommendation: By the third year I assembled an application, I had carefully chosen the mentors who would recommend me to the Fulbright committee. I asked each recommender to focus closely on one of the three major fields my project involved: library science, musicology, and Brazilian popular culture. Each recommendation was connected to the research goals my statement of purpose described, and each letter detailed my contributions to a range of fields.

When the Fulbright finally told me yes, I realized I had twenty thank you cards to write. The professors, archivists, staff and colleagues whom I contacted throughout this process are now vital parts of my emotional and intellectual support system. They have watched my project grow with me through failure and reinvention.

At first, the Fulbright application looked like a whole bunch of individual bits and pieces of information. However, every section of written text, even the tiniest blurb, contributes to an application that can hook someone into your project at a glance.

As the applicant to any scholarship, it is your job to make those bits and pieces tell a story. By giving yourself multiple opportunities to learn and share your story, you will gain confidence, a clearer sense of direction, a supportive community, and maybe even a win.

Are you an Engineering major?

Don't forget to check out the HSSEAS Scholarships! Online applications are usually available early October and due in early November.

Visit their website at

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233 Covell Commons, by 6pm.**

Make Your Email Count! A Mini Lesson on the Importance of Your Email Address and Winning Scholarships

By: Hannah Nahm, SRC Staff

Once upon a time, back in the olden days before the ubiquity of the internet and electronic mailboxes (yes, there was such a time for some of you skeptics), your friendly neighborhood mail carrier delivered most of your mail. From your exciting college admissions paperwork to your acceptance letter to all of your scholarship correspondences, this dependable mail carrier dropped off important documents at your doorstep without fail. Even when the sender would make minor mistakes like misspelling your name (Your name is Jane Smith, and the sender miswrote, “Jayne Schmidt”!), or leaving out a number, or adding an extra number in your address, this mail carrier intuited the mistake and managed to sort out the glitches beautifully and delivered the mistake-ridden mail to your mailbox nonetheless. Those days are long gone, especially in the scholarship world.

More and more, scholarship organizations rely on electronic submission as their correspondence of choice. This means that they rely on you to provide an accurate email address so that they can send you the results of your scholarship application—whether or not you’ve won the scholarship and what steps to take next. Unlike your friendly neighborhood mail carrier, your electronic mail carrier is exacting: meaning, if you so much as leave out one letter, digit, or symbol in your email address, your email will NOT be delivered. At the Scholarship Resource Center, we see this happen every scholarship season, where applicants call us in frantic concern saying they have not heard back from us regarding their scholarship application status. Most of these problems can be traced back to the applicants who made errors in their email addresses. Some students misspell their email addresses; some make their email address unreadable or undecipherable; some leave out their email contacts altogether. **Don’t be one of these students.**

Making an error with your email address is the easiest way to be dismissed from the scholarship application

pool (if you’re unreachable, how will you find out if you have won the scholarship?!), and conversely, proofreading your email address is one of the easiest things you can do for your scholarship application.

When choosing an email address for your scholarship correspondence, use some discretion and good common sense. For instance, you don’t want your email address to create a negative image of yourself. An email address such as, I.M.A.Drunk@ucla.edu would be one such negative email address. An email address that is too long, stringy, or difficult to type out is another no-no; let’s say that you are Prince William of the United Kingdom applying for a scholarship. Your full name is William Arthur Philip Louis of Windsor. Let’s say you take cues from your full name and come up with the following email address: williamarthurphiliplouiswindsor@ucla.edu. Do you see the problem with this email address? Yeah, exactly.

Instead, when coming up with your scholarship email address, find an email name that is as sweet as PIE: that is, Professional, Informative, and Easy to remember and transcribe. So for the Joe Bruin with the email address of I.M.A.Drunk@ucla.edu, perhaps you may want to consider an email alternative such as, Scholar.Dionysus@ucla.edu.

If you’re HRH Prince William, perhaps you can scratch your above email address and come up with something a little more wieldy and less intimidating—any ideas?

We’d love to hear from you. If you have further questions about email addresses, email etiquettes, or ideas of your own about this topic as it relates to scholarship applications, please come by the center during our academic year hours of operation 11AM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday,

Are You a Non-Traditional Student: a veteran, a parent, a transfer, a former foster youth, or an AB 540 student? There is an office on campus that is here to help you 1) network with other students like you, and 2) succeed at UCLA! Check out the Bruin Resource Center, located in B-44 Student Activities Center. www.brc.ucla.edu (310) 825-3945

UCLA Resources for Scholarship Seekers

If you want...

You should go to...

→ Proof of enrollment to send to a scholarship organization or outside agency	→ The Registrar's Office to get a free Verification Transcript. The Registrar's Office is in 1113 Murphy Hall.
→ Assistance interpreting the E-Fan or other Financial Aid documents	→ The UCLA Financial Aid Office at A-129 Murphy Hall (www.fao.ucla.edu) or (310) 206-0400.
→ Help with your medical/law school personal statement	→ The Career Center, to learn about their Pre-Professional advising services (www.career.ucla.edu).
→ To find out about scholarships for student research	→ The Undergraduate Research Center in your discipline (either Life/Physical Sciences or Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences) (www.ucla.edu/research/undergraduate-research).
→ To find resources for study abroad	→ The Education Abroad Program office (http://www.ieo.ucla.edu/eap/). The SRC also offers a number of study abroad resources, including books.
→ To learn about scholarships for AB-540 students	→ The IDEAS student group: ideas@ucla.edu . The SRC also has a file of resources for AB-540 students. The Bruin Resource Center is also an excellent resource (http://www.brc.ucla.edu/).
→ Help with your scholarship essay	→ The Scholarship Resource Center office in 233 Covell Commons. The SRC offers individualized counseling and writing assistance (scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu) or (310) 206-2875.
→ To learn about departmental scholarships for students in your major	→ Consult with departmental counselors and look at postings on departmental bulletin boards and email listservs. Also, visit the SRC website and find information about UCLA departmental scholarships on the homepage.
→ To get motivated and learn tools for starting your scholarship search	→ A Secrets for Winning College Cash workshop at the SRC. In a quick introductory workshop plus a follow-up counseling session, you'll jump-start your scholarship search and begin working on some applications!
→ To know where to send your outside scholarship checks	→ The Financial Aid website (fao.ucla.edu), and make note of the fact that the address is: Payment Solutions & Compliance Office, UCLA, Box 957089, 1125 Murphy Hall, 405 Hilgard Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90095-7089
→ To apply for a national/international scholarship (such as the Rhodes, Marshall, or Mitchell Scholarship)	→ Come to the Scholarship Resource Center and we can help you get started on the process of applying for national and international scholarships. Be sure to visit us the spring before you want to apply.

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OSD directly at (310)825-1501 or visit their website at www.osd.ucla.edu.

University of California, Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) Scholarships: For the following scholarships administered by the UCEAP, international students (and other students who cannot or do not receive financial aid) are required to submit a statement describing the level of their financial need. For more information about the following UCEAP scholarships, contact the UCLA International Education Office directly (310) 825-4995 or visit their website at www.ieo.ucla.edu.

UCEAP Promise Awards: Ranging from \$1,000 for summer to \$2,000 for fall- or academic year programs, these scholarships are earmarked for UC students interested in study abroad. Over 500 awards available.

UCLA IEO Travel Study Scholarships: These scholarships are designed for students who want to engage deeply with their travel-study programs and develop projects that will highlight their experience abroad to others. Up to 25 scholarships are available to cover the applicant's full travel study program fee.

Chancellor's Fund for Study Abroad in Germany: The Fund provides three \$2,250 scholarships annually for students studying in Germany - two awards will be provided to students studying through UCEAP and one award for a student attending the UCLA Travel Study program. The scholarships are designed for UCLA students from any academic background.

UCLA IEO - UCEAP Scholarships: The 2015 Global Community Scholarship, enables students who demonstrate strong interest in using their experiences from abroad to contribute positively to the UCLA community. This opportunity is designed for students who

want to engage deeply with their program and develop projects that will highlight their experience abroad to others. Ten \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to UCLA students who commit to promote study abroad upon their return to campus. Additionally, five \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top applicants who commit to document and publish their experiences while abroad as well as promote study abroad upon their return to campus.

UCLA Undergraduate Research Center offers two scholarships for which international students are eligible to apply. For both scholarships, you can complete the application via my.ucla.edu under "Survey." For more information, contact the UCLA Undergraduate Research Center at (310) 825-2935, or visit them at <http://www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/urhass>.

The Undergraduate Research Fellows Program (URFP): This award supports students doing entry-level research for Winter and Spring Quarters with a faculty mentor. Recipients receive a scholarship of \$2,000. The application deadline is November 30th.

The Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP): This award is offered to juniors and seniors who have a strong commitment to research, and who are completing a departmental honors thesis or a comprehensive 199 project during their junior or senior years. Juniors receive a scholarship of \$3,000, and seniors receive \$5,000. The application deadline is June 15th.

If you have questions about other UCLA scholarships beyond the ones featured here, or if you have questions about the private scholarship search and application process, please stop by to talk to us at the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center. We look forward to meeting you!

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Oct 7	Wednesday	4:30-5:00 PM
Oct 15	Thursday	4:30-5:00 PM
Oct 19	Monday	5:00-5:30 PM
Oct 23	Friday	5:00-5:30 PM
Nov 4	Wednesday	5:00-5:30 PM
Nov 12	Thursday	5:30-6:00 PM
Nov 16	Monday	5:00-5:30 PM

How to Win Scholarships

Sept 30	Wednesday	5:00-5:30 PM
Oct 26	Monday	5:00-5:30 PM
Nov 5	Thursday	4:30-5:00 PM

How to Find Scholarships

Oct 1	Thursday	5:30-6:00 PM
Oct 20	Tuesday	5:00-5:30 PM

How to Write Personal Statements

Oct 6	Tuesday	4:30-5:30 PM
Oct 14	Wednesday	5:00-6:00 PM
Nov 2	Monday	5:00-6:00 PM

How to Get Letters of Recommendation

Oct 12	Monday	5:00-5:30 PM
Oct 30	Friday	5:00-5:30 PM
Nov 10	Tuesday	5:00-5:30 PM