

Fellowships and Undergraduate Research

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Preparing to Apply for Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships

- 1. Investigate the different types of scholarships and fellowships that exist. Read the criteria for and decide if any of the awards match your academic and/or professional interests.**
- 2. Meet with the Center for Civic Leadership to find out how you should prepare and when you should apply.**
- 3. Pursue academic excellence in challenging courses. Be a strong student and engage your professors in the classroom.**
- 4. Establish relationships with your professors, your academic advisors, and others who can help you on campus. If they do not know you, they cannot write effective letters of recommendation for you, nor will they be able to discuss their interactions and experiences with you.**
- 5. Get involved in extra-curricular activities and leadership opportunities both on and off campus. Select activities that seem like fun and are interesting to you. Don not pad your resume by just joining clubs; be an active participant and contribute to the organization or activity.**
 - Visit the Student Activities Website at <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~stact/> to get ideas or groups to consider joining.
 - Visit the Center for Civic Leadership website at <http://ccl.rice.edu/> to get ideas regarding community based activities involving research, as well as leadership mentoring.
- 6. Get hands on experience in your field or area of interest via community service, internships, or undergraduate research.**
 - Visit the Center for Career Development Website at <http://ccd.rice.edu> to find out more information regarding internship and other professional opportunities.
 - Visit the National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduate (NSF REUs) site at http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm
- 7. Expand your knowledge of the world.**
 - Read news and editorials in order to understand domestic and global issues from a variety of perspectives.