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- non-proliferation
- democracy building
- Middle East political reform
- trade & environment
- economics international security
- South Asian politics
- China-related issues
- Russian and Eurasian affairs.

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Applicants must, of course, possess advanced language skills corresponding to the geographic area of interest, along with a history of course work and research that qualifies the student to conduct advanced research within the Senior Fellow’s area of specialization.

How to apply

Although there is a January 15 nomination deadline for universities, all applications, for purposes of campus-level nomination, are due in The Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships by November 20th. Universities may nominate no more than two students per year.

The application will encompass the following:

- Application form, including an essay (one page or less) explaining why the student would like to become a Junior Fellow
- 1-2 page resume (including telephone number, email address, address, extra-curricular activities and work experience)
- Two recommendations, at least one of which should be from a professor in the student's major department.
- An official undergraduate transcript.
- An essay of no more than three (3) typewritten, double-spaced pages on any one of the topics listed for that year’s application. As publicized by the Carnegie Endowment, the essays “test skills in analysis, logic, and written expression. The essays should be thought pieces, not research papers.” Past topics have included the following:

“A central tenet of the war on terrorism, enjoying significant bipartisan support, is the idea that promoting democracy is crucial to undercutting terrorism originating from the Middle East and elsewhere. Do you agree with this idea? Why or why not?”

“In your opinion, what are the two biggest obstacles to preventing nuclear proliferation in today’s world?”

“Discuss the importance of oil and gas on Russian foreign policy.”

“Both China and India are growing very rapidly. Which country has the more robust economic and political institutions for sustainable long-term growth? Explain why.”

Questions concerning the above requirements and the Junior Fellows Program should be addressed to staff at (202)939-2308.

Now, a profile of past winners:

- had GPA’s of 3.8-4.0
- had majors in International Affairs, Economics, Political Science, or Anthropology, with an interest in developing countries. Some applicants have double majors ranging from Chemical Engineering to International Relations
- have been devoted to the formulation of U.S. foreign policy and world remediation
- were able to write policy statements that resembled concise and comprehensive introductions to masters’ theses
- had proficiency in one or more of the following: Mandarin Chinese, Czech, Arabic, French, Spanish, Russian, Japanese—with language skills often garnered, beyond the classroom, through first-hand travel and interaction with host families. Some applicants also spoke of having conducted field research abroad or of having spent “wintersessions” or an entire year studying abroad (for example, in Tbilisi Republic of Georgia)
- had been U.N. Interns or U.S. Legislative Interns
- had already demonstrated their advanced literacy skills in Senior Honors Theses (for example, “Chinese Reactions to the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance in the Post-Cold-War Era”), as co-authors of journal articles, as research assistants for professors, or as the editors of journals.
- had impressive records of public service;
- had an interest in “developing countries”;
- were able to reference the research of the Senior Associate with whom they aspired to work;
- had published op-eds pertinent to the Carnegie areas of engagement;
- were able to identify national symposia they had attended (or where they had “presented”), relative to their interests in foreign policy.

Please refer likely applicants to Dr. James Duban, Director Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships, Sage Hall 228 (jduban@unt.edu)

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As articulated in the [film](#), proposed research must be innovative, contributive, and pertinent to world needs. This is summarized as “the Gates Factor,” implying that Gates-Cambridge scholars will eventually take on significant leadership positions to help improve the lives of others. Nor does the Gates Foundation simply theorize about such potential; they look at past achievement as an index to future success and global impact.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate that the academic department to which they seek entry is highly suited to their research needs, and that a specific faculty member is uniquely qualified to oversee such study and research. Applicants should also bear in mind that, in the British educational system, graduate students are fairly autonomous in their research, surfacing periodically to benefit from highly specialized “conversation” with faculty. For that reason, the scholarship seeks out students who are exceedingly advanced, as college seniors, in their fields of study and who stand to benefit, through “reading” and conversation, from study at Cambridge.

How and when to apply:

Applications for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship open on September 1. The application deadline for U.S. Citizens is October 15. They will apply for direct admission to the academic department of their choice—but on the same form that allows them to be recommended, by the department to which you have applied, for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship. Those departments will likely shortlist the most outstanding of their applicants for recommendation to the Gates-Cambridge Trust. See [How to Apply](#) for more details. To apply to the University of Cambridge, visit [Apply to Cambridge](#).

Dr. James Duban, Director of the Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships, will review application essays of UNT students prior to submission. Although no UNT Institutional Endorsement is required for this opportunity, students are still advised to work with Dr. Duban (jduban@unt.edu).

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The Graduate Arts Award has a two-part application process, with a deadline for Phase I in late November. Phase I finalists continue to compete, in Phase II of the application process, by submitting all further materials, by January 7, to the UNT Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships (Sage 228).

Only if the Foundation certifies a student as eligible (on the basis of the Phase I November upload submission) may that person proceed to Phase II. Students approved by the Cooke Foundation for Phase II competition must, by January 7, supply the UNT Nominating Committee with hard copy (as opposed to uploaded copy on the Cooke Webpage) of all materials, including application forms, essays, transcripts, CD's and/or manuscripts, and letters of recommendation. Applicants must deliver those to the Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships, Sage Hall, 228. The UNT internal nominating committee will then decide which two of the Phase-II candidates to endorse.

Students should keep in mind that the January 7 deadline for shortlisted Phase- II applicants (that is, for those whom the Foundation authorizes to move forward on the basis of late-November initial submissions) is earlier than the Feb. 12 national "upload" deadline for both nominees and for the University nominating committee. They should not confuse the two dates (January 7 vs. February 12), as the UNT Faculty Nominating Committee (with representation from the College of Music, the College of Visual Arts, the Department of Dance and Theatre, and the Department of English) uses those intervening weeks to review hard copy of all applications.

To qualify for UNT Phase-II nomination, students must be seniors or recent graduates, must plan on enrolling in full-time graduate study in one of the scholarship's designated fields, and, for purposes of internal UNT nomination, must have an extremely impressive GPA. In past scholarship competitions, the Cooke website has noted that "Competitive candidates exceed the Foundation and campus eligibility requirements." Barring special circumstances, a GPA of 3.70 to 4.0, in addition to excellence in other areas of the application, is prerequisite for UNT campus nomination. Such were the standards that led to our successful Cooke application in 2013.

Phase- II applicants should bring hard copy of the following materials to Sage Hall 228 by January 7 (or the Monday following that, should the 7th fall on a weekend):

- sealed, unfolded, and unstapled letters of recommendation, in a manila envelope that the professor should sign across the seal. If your student becomes a UNT nominee, you will then receive a prompt to upload your letter online

- original, official transcripts for ALL undergraduate course work, including transcripts from other universities. Students should ask the UNT Registrar's Office NOT to staple or fold the UNT transcript
- if possible, a copy of an acceptance letter to graduate school
- or, in lieu of an acceptance letter, a list of the graduate programs to which the student has applied. We strongly urge you to have the student apply to a broad array of graduate programs (13-15)
- accompanying CD-ROMS, etc., if those will be part of the students' application materials. (The Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships will need 5 copies of those—one for each member of the nominating committee.)

See [How to Apply](#) for more details on applying for the Jack Cooke Graduate Arts Award.

Students will forego UNT nomination review if they upload their Phase- II materials directly to the Cooke Website without (by January 7) turning in paper copy—along with CDs, etc.—to The Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships (Sage Hall 228).

Students wishing to receive feedback on November 28 upload materials for Phase-I competition may request editorial suggestions from Dr. James Duban (jduban@unt.edu), as long as he receives those essay drafts by November 16.

Should the Cooke Foundation shortlist a student, and should the UNT Nominating Committee decide to endorse that student, the Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships will offer further editorial feedback on the several essays required for Phase II competition. These essays are vital to the application process; the writing needs to be lucid and exhilarating. The Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships stands ready to join faculty mentors in offering students editorial advice.

Faculty who would like to nominate students may do so by urging them to apply for Phase I competition, and by supplying Dr. James Duban (jduban@unt.edu) with the names and email addresses of those students or recent alumni.

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Whereas the “old” Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship culminated in Rotary’s placing a student in a specified program of study abroad (and after a year’s delay), applicants for Future Visions Grant now apply directly to an international university during the application process and study there the following year if they win the grant.

Fall-semester application to an international university must therefore be the student’s first step; applying for a Rotary Future Visions Grant (through a local Rotary Club and district) will be the second step. Students must be able to demonstrate how they are committed to having their studies lead to “sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more of the areas of focus.”

The prospective scholar must also speak the language of the host country and be prepared to engage in community service while studying there. If your students are still working on a second language, they may apply to any English-speaking country in the world.

Applicants should be encouraged by the fact that different Rotary districts have their own sources of funding. Thus, a UNT student whose permanent address is in Dallas (District 5810) would not necessarily compete against a UNT student whose permanent address is in Denton (District 5790) or elsewhere. The more exotic a student’s home zip code, the better the chance he or she would not experience considerable UNT competition for the same grant. International students may apply through the Denton-area Rotary 5790 district or, if they plan to visit their home country during the academic year, through a local Rotary Club in their city of origin.

UNT students, collectively, won close to a million dollars in Ambassadorial Scholarships during the years in which Rotary offered that scholarship. This past year, a UNT alumnus won one of the first two Future Visions Grants offered through Rotary District 5790. Dr. James Duban will offer prospective applicants a thorough orientation, introduce them to area Rotary clubs, and offer editorial feedback on the several application essays.

UNT seniors, graduate students, or recent alumni should apply for this scholarship—to pursue a postgraduate master’s degree abroad or to travel to another country to conduct dissertation research in one of the six requisite areas listed above.

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To gain campus nomination, students must

- have a strong GPA (3.75-4.0)
- have worked in a city, state, or federal office, OR have worked on a political campaign
- have an immensely impressive record of volunteerism
- have a significant leadership endeavor (usually off campus) to which their supervisor can attest in a letter of recommendation
- plan to graduate between December or August of the *NEXT (not the current)* academic year (that makes a student a “junior,” according to Truman Scholarship rules, no matter how many credit hours he or she possesses).

The deadline for completing the Truman Scholarship application and submitting it to the internal UNT nominating committee (via Sage Hall 228) is November 15. Students should not confuse this internal nominating deadline with institutional endorsement deadlines that occur in January of the next calendar year.

To be eligible for a UNT nomination, students should, before November 1, research their prospective master’s and/or Ph.D. programs and explore whether they are a good fit for that graduate program.

Competition for the Truman is stiff; it doesn’t get much tougher, even for a Rhodes or Marshall Scholarship, neither of which, like the Truman Scholarship, demands a “policy statement” that is consistent with public-sector career goals. Nonetheless, UNT can boast three Truman Scholars and eight Truman Scholarship finalists. Still, we wish to build on that foundation with your and your students’ enthusiasm.

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