SEARCHING FOR EXTERNAL, NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Dear UNT Students (undergraduate and graduate):

Nationally competitive scholarships can help fund your education and bring added distinction to you, your résumé, and UNT. Thanks to the Internet and to the public availability of websites, highly advanced search engines bring the information about these scholarships to your disposal. Still, finding an opportunity is just the beginning.

The UNT Office for Nationally Competitive Scholarships stands ready to work with you and your faculty mentors by offering feedback on style, tone, and organization on any essay you plan to submit for competition. You will enhance your writing skills and arrive at a better sense of your future plans and commitments. Moreover, undergraduates will find that they can adapt national-scholarship narratives to graduate-school admissions essays, with better chances of garnering internal fellowship support. Graduate students, in turn, end up transforming their scholarship proposals into the theoretical introductions to their master’s theses or doctoral dissertations. Stated otherwise, the process of applying for a nationally competitive scholarship is a “no lose” scenario, relative to the writing you will undertake and refine.

You may proceed, as follows to learn the opportunities available to you. You may access those through the following internet sites. (While you are at liberty to visit these sites, including those of other universities, kindly address any questions you have about these awards to me, at james.duban@unt.edu. Other universities must attend to their own students.) This search may well take several days; don’t let that deter you. In days before the Internet, the search would have taken several months or years.

2—Graduate students should start with https://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/. Both graduate students and undergraduates should then consult https://spin.infoedglobal.com and http://guides.library.unt.edu/grants.

3—The following website (U. Maryland) allows you to search by multiple categories, with hypertext links to the scholarship sponsors: http://www.scholarships.umd.edu. Click on the categories to the right, and then click on the optimal sub-category. Study those opportunities, scholarship-by-scholarship, before moving on to any of the sites below. If you try to do too much at once, the search will appear overwhelming.

4—Then visit http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/fellowships
   a. Search by field of study, etc., clicking on the hypertext of each fellowship
   b. Click on each hypertext to view a description of the award, the amount of award, and deadlines.
   c. Copy the title of the award
   d. Paste the title into a Google that title to obtain application forms or upload instructions.
   e. If applicable, also search, in the category box, for scholarships for “International Students,” “Scholarships for Women”—or “Scholarships for Minorities.”

For more scholarships for women and minorities, please check:

http://scholarships.fatomei.com/scholarships-for-minorities.html
http://www.awis.org/ (awards for women in science)
http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3specpop.htm

Additional resources for International Students include the following:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UE9Bjw51x_7A76XayExT52uYAM-FmMDyUTEqU8WaVhs/edit

http://www.grinnell.edu/about/offices-services/social-commitment/scholarships/international-students

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/graduate/overs-master/index

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/graduate/overs-res/index

http://media.wix.com/uqd/dc0736_56179b5b42ad48b7a4307f4144941e0e.pdf
4. Visit, as well, the following links, where you can search for opportunities under multiple categories:

University of Illinois:  
https://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/?action=main.search&q=
Florida International University:  
https://ugrad.fiu.edu/scholarships/Pages/National.aspx
Kansas State  
www.k-state.edu/artsci/scholarship  
U. Arkansas  
http://fellowships.uark.edu/634.php
Yale University:  
http://www.yale.edu/yalecollege/academics/fellowships/start/other/index.html
Vanderbilt  
http://ohs.vanderbilt.edu/
U. Illinois, Chicago  
http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaa/ssp/award.htm
Or:  
https://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowship/
Williamette.  
http://willamette.edu/search/index1.html?cx=011125815161069797886%3Agrzk
hoi3q9s&cof=FORID%3A10&ie=UTF-8&qallwu=scholarships
Notre Dame  
http://fellows.nd.edu/:  
University of Chicago:  
http://ccsa.uchicago.edu/
Smith College:  
http://www.smith.edu/fellowships/alternate_sites.php
North Dakota:  
http://fellows.nd.edu/
Michigan State Univ.:  
http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3subject.htm
Stanford:  
https://haas.stanford.edu/students/cardinal-quarter/fellowships
Northern Arizona State:  
http://nau.edu/National-International-Scholarships-Fellowships/Other-Major-Scholarships/Postgraduate-Opportunities/
Columbia:  
http://www.college.columbia.edu/students/fellowships/catalog

5. Note, as well (on my web page  
https://honors.unt.edu/office-nationally-competitive-scholarships  
the link “UNT Scholarships and Financial Aid Resources.”  It will lead you to numerous hard-copy and many more Internet library resources that will prove helpful in searching for scholarships.

6. For graduate students applying for a highly specific grant (to fund a special project) rather than for a general scholarship or fellowship: SPIN (Sponsored Programs Information Network):

https://pivot.cos.com/funding_main?news_type=pivotnews  
Grants, fellowships, prizes, and other types of funding in multiple disciplines. For assistance with this site, please contact Ms. Naomi Wood at Naomi.Wood@unt.edu
7. Make sure, as well, to check out the following:

http://fundingopps.cos.com
http://www.library.unt.edu/research-tools-guides/financial-aid-scholarships

Scholarships for Women and minorities:
http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/womens-guide-paying-for-college/
http://www.newjersey.gov/education/bilingual/resources/scholarship.htm

For undergraduates and Graduate Students in Music:
http://graduate.music.unt.edu/grant-scholarship-and-fellowship-opportunities

For students in Music Composition:
http://bmifoundation.org/program/bmi_student_composer_awaars

For students in psychology:
http://www.bestcolleges.com/financial-aid/psychology-scholarships/
http://www.apa.org/about/awards/index.aspx
http://psychologicalscience.org/apssc/ofd.cfm

For students in political science:
http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/student-opportunities/scholarships/
http://www.gwu.edu/~psc/grad/fellowships.htm
For Scholarships in Music:
https://music.unt.edu/graduate/grant-scholarship-and-fellowship-opportunities

For Scholarships in the theater arts:

American Conservatory Theatre Fellowships
http://www.act-sf.org/home/about/opportunities/fellowships.html

Hedgerow Theatre Fellowships
http://hedgerowtheatre.org/about/the-hedgerow-fellowship/

Steppenwolf Multicultural Fellowship
https://www.steppenwolf.org/education/professional-leadership-programs/multicultural-fellowship/

TCG Resident Actor Fellowships
http://www.tcg.org/Grants/GrantsAtAGlance/FoxFoundationResidentActorFellowship.aspx

Childrens' Theatre Foundation Individual Theatre Artists Fellowship
http://www.childrenstheatrefoundation.org/page9

Shakespeare Theatre Company Fellowships
https://www.shakespearetheatre.org/about/careers-and-casting/professional-fellowships

Manhattan Theater Club Directing Fellowship
https://manhattantheatreclub.com/education/fellowships/

New York Theatre Workshop 2050 Fellowship
http://www.nytw.org/artist_development.asp

Huntington Playwriting Fellows
http://www.huntingtontheatre.org/season/new-work/playwriting-fellows/

Wilma Theatre Production/Stage Management Fellowships
https://www.wilmatheater.org/education/internships-fellowships

Berkeley Rep Professional Fellowships
http://www.berkeleyrep.org/school/fellowships.asp
For seniors or recent graduates interested in a career in radio journalism:
http://www.npr.org/about-npr/183691179/kroc-fellowship-details-and-application

For study-abroad scholarships:

http://www.scholars4dev.com/

http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/

https://www.apistudyabroad.com/students/financial-information/scholarships/

https://studyabroad.unt.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=DD8FF289-0357-2A5B-3BBF71D0C7B28E0D&Link_ID=C64F447B-0926-8B7E-6782ECA04187E8DE

For Scholarships in the Arts:

http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/graduate-arts-award/resources/

For Postgraduate Study in Russia:
http://www.alfafellowship.org/

For graduate study in Germany:
https://www.daad.org/?p=gradstudy

For specifically Japanese Study, in context:

http://www.cgp.org/programs/intellectual-exchange.html
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5284
(the last being for engineering study and research).

Also, to the future, if he decides to enroll in a grad program, the NSF has their East Asian and Pacific Summer Institutes, through which he can apply to go to Japan for engineering study and research.

Teaching English Abroad:
https://english.washington.edu/teaching-english-abroad
For general study-abroad scholarships:

https://studyabroad.asu.edu/_customtags/ct_FileRetrieve.cfm?File_ID=0402717C7A4F067A7600077371031C73OB0D6140300070360E020502757075730E7507760000747B0C

http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/

http://www.fundforeducationabroad.org/

For international research fellowships:

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/graduate/overs-master/index

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/graduate/overs-res/index

For Students with Learning Disabilities
http://nau.edu/National-International-Scholarships-Fellowships/Other-Major-Scholarships/Students-with-Disabilities/

For students interested in public policy (Google the following):

Truman Scholarship
Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship
Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship
Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program
Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Program
Payne International Development Fellowship
The Autry Fellowship
Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs
Emerson National Hunger Fellowship
Humanity in Action Internship
Institute on Philanthropy & Voluntary Service
Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship

For students who have excelled in sports and now intend to attend graduate school:
http://www.ncaa.org/gsearch/scholarships

For students with physical disabilities:


http://us.fulbrightonline.org/index.php?option=com_events&view=event&id=1073

For students in Active Recovery from Mental Illness:

http://www.reintegration.com/scholarship-program

For Paid Summer Internships/ Fellowships in the STEM disciplines (cut and paste the following into your internet search):

http://barudolphfoundation.org/

For other internship possibilities:

http://see.orau.org/ (click on the "Undergrad Students" box; choose "internship" and "summer term" from drop-down boxes).
http://sist.fnal.gov/
http://www.sandia.gov/careers/students_postdocs/internships/index.html
http://www.learnpsychology.org/pre-professional-experience/
https://www.dartmouth.edu/~ugar/undergrad/other_external.html
https://www.zintellect.com/Posting/Details/1468
http://science.energy.gov/wdts/suli/

Scholarships to Teach Overseas Options (other than Fulbright)
U.S. Teaching Assistantships at Austrian Secondary Schools
https://www.usta-austria.at

English Opens Doors Program in Chile
http://www.centrodevoluntarios.cl

Teaching Assistant Program
http://highereducation.frenchculture.org/teach-in-france

Teach and Learn with Georgia
http://www.tlg.gov.ge

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program
http://jetprogramme.org/ja/index-html/

Interac
http://www.interacnetwork.com/recruit/global.html

English Program in Korea
https://www.epik.go.kr:8080/index.do

North American Language and Culture Assistants in Spain

Teach for Thailand
http://www.americanthaifoundation.org/teach-thailand-corps

Princeton in Africa
http://www.princetoninafrica.org/about/about-piaf/

Princeton in Asia
http://piaweb.princeton.edu/

Princeton in Latin America
https://www.pila-princeton.org/

Other Overseas Options

American India Foundation William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in
India
http://aif.org/clinton-fellowship

The American University in Cairo: Presidential Internship Program
http://www.aucegypt.edu/about/leadership/president/internship-program

Catholic Volunteer Network
https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/

CBYX for Young Professionals
https://www.cbyx.info/

Payne International Development Fellowship Program
http://www.paynefellows.org/?areaid=2&contentid=941

Peace Corps
https://www.peacecorps.gov/

Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program
http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/leland/

Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program
http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/emerson/

Public Allies
http://publicallies.org

ONCE YOU HAVE AN APPLICATION FORM IN HAND (the following applies for all national- and international-scholarship opportunities, with the exception of the Rhodes Scholarship, for which you may receive absolutely no feedback on your application essay):

--determine the word or “character” limit for each entry;
--fill out that response in a Word document, adhering to the word or “character” limit;
--place that response beneath a cut-and-paste of the essay prompt (that is, the instructions for that essay), and run that response by your faculty mentor for thematic and stylistic feedback;
--incorporate that feedback into your Word document;
--cut and paste that revised Word document into an email to james.duban@unt.edu. I will provide additional feedback in the areas of style and tone.
--When you, your mentor, and I are satisfied with that Word document, you will undertake the same process for each subsequent entry or essay.
--After completing each entry this way, you will cut and paste those entries into the appropriate boxes or columns of the formal application. I advise you never to work on the Internet site until you have completed the essay(s) in Word.
--Students should complete the application at least three weeks prior to the deadline and show a copy of the completed application to any person from whom they expect a letter of recommendation. The completed application will give recommenders more to say about you and will also allow them to place their recommendations in the context of the specific scholarship and its expectations. Professors will also interpret the three-week buffer as a welcome gesture of courtesy.

I look forward to working with you on these opportunities.

As publicized in my prior Eagle Connect messages, several scholarships require UNT endorsement. To compete for those opportunities, UNT students must complete the application in hard copy and secure hard-copy letters of recommendation before uploading anything online. Students who bypass the hard-copy submission deadlines (for the seven scholarships below) will forego UNT nomination. If you plan to compete for any of the following scholarships, you must do so by the specified campus-level deadline (below), and deliver all application materials to me in hard copy (Sage Hall 228). Please arrange an appointment by emailing jduban@unt.edu. Please do not begin working on these applications unless we have met in advance to discuss your eligibility (nearly all require 3.8-4.0 GPA, along with extensive records of research and leadership):

ENDORSEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND UNT CAMPUS DEADLINES (REGARDLESS OF NATIONAL DEADLINES):


Goldwater Scholarship: October 6 (http://www.act.org/goldwater/)

Truman Scholarship: Nov. 15 (www.truman.gov)

Morris K. Udall Scholarship: January 18 (www.udall.gov)
Please let me know which scholarships you deem appropriate for you. When you send an email to me, kindly place the name of the scholarship at the front of the “subject” line, with the added words, “will apply, need feedback.” For example, your subject line might read as follows: “Rotary Scholarship, will apply.”

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