

Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program Webinar

About the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program

- A new graduate-level scholarship at Stanford University
 - Open to ANY graduate or professional degree program
- Aimed at preparing the next generation of global leader to tackle the increasingly complex challenges facing the world
- Seeking high-achieving students who are independent thinkers, purposeful leaders, and civic-minded individuals
- Currently recruiting for the 2nd cohort
 - 75 awards expected
 - Apply by Fall 2018 and enroll at Stanford in Fall 2019

Award Benefits

- Tuition and fees
- Generous stipend for room & board + associated costs
 - On-campus room and board; books, supplies, and instructional materials; health insurance and associated fees; annual travel to and from Stanford; local ground transportation; and reasonable personal expenses
- Extensive opportunities for leadership training, mentoring, and cohort-based experiential learning
 - Multidisciplinary community of Stanford graduate students dedicated to tackling the world's challenges
 - King Global Leadership Program of personal development opportunities, with coaching and feedback, to enhance your skills and hone your voice
 - Mentoring from leaders across geographic and industry sectors in both formal and informal settings

Eligibility

- All citizens welcome*
 - Over time about one third of KH Scholars will be from the US, about two thirds will be from countries outside the US
 - Numbers will fluctuate from year to year, since their goal is to admit the world's very best students, regardless of location
- Must apply **AND MEET** the minimum eligibility requirements of your intended, full-time graduate degree program at Stanford
 - For example: JD, MA, MBA, MD, MS, PhD, MD+PhD, JD+MA, or MBA+MS
- First bachelor's degree received **in 2014 or later**

**DACA students must check eligibility reqs of their intended graduate program*

Selection Criteria*

- Independence of Thought
 - First-step mental sharpness, Seeks out knowledge and new experiences, Full of original ideas, Makes sense of ambiguous situations, & Can hold a contrarian or dissenting point of view
- Purposeful Leadership
 - Ambitious, in the best sense of the word, Driven to improve self, Willing to take risks, Self-aware, & Persists and bounces back from adversity
- Civic Mindset
 - Personally humble and kind, Inclusive, Respects differences, & Concerned for and helpful to others

** In addition to what your department seeks in candidates*

Application Materials

1. Online application for admission
2. An unofficial transcript
3. Scores on standardized tests for admission, as required by the graduate program that you are pursuing
 - It's helpful & preferred to have the test scores by the time you apply
4. Resume / C.V.
 - KH's guideline is one page for every decade of experience
5. Two letters of recommendation
 - A non-academic reference
 - An institutional assessment from LMU
6. Two personal essays
 - While there are no word limits for these questions, most applicants will find a range of 750 to 1,750 words sufficient
7. Two short-answer responses
8. A video submission of no more than two minutes
9. In-person assessment for finalists, also called the Immersion Weekend

Application Materials Continued...

- Apply separately to your graduate department
 - Don't forget that you still will need to apply separately to the specific Stanford graduate degree program that you want to pursue. This is critical!
 - Some departments may offer fee-waivers to apply
 - Department deadlines will differ from the KH deadline
- KH will receive access to the degree program applications as they are making final decisions on candidates to invite to the Immersion Weekend
 - It's fine if you select the same person(s) to provide recommendations for KH and for your graduate program
 - Ensure that each letter addresses the questions each application requires

Example: KH Applicant Seeks a Law Degree at Stanford

- REMEMBER: They can't select you as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar if the department doesn't admit you*
- For [Fall 2017 Cohort](#), Stanford Law received about 3,952 applications and of those, approximately 392 were admitted
 - 75th percentile LSAT score for admitted students: 173
 - 75th percentile GPA for admitted students: 3.95
- Contact faculty and department administrators with admissions questions

**The department may admit you even if you're not selected as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar*

Initial Cohort Statistics of the 49 Selected for Fall 2018

- Women comprise 57% of the selected scholars, including 67% of doctoral students in Engineering
- 63% of scholars hold non-U.S. passports, from 19 different countries, including Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Colombia, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nigeria, Romania, South Korea, Syria, Tajikistan, and the United Kingdom
- The scholars earned undergraduate degrees at 37 different institution
- First-generation U.S. citizens comprise 23% of those selected
- First-generation college students comprise 12% of those selected

Application Timeline

- May 1: Application for enrollment for Fall 2019 opens
- May- July: Research and select a graduate program at Stanford
- May- July: Request letters of recommendation
- May- July: Prepare for graduate admissions test(s), if applicable
- June- Aug: Draft your application essays
- July 1: **Campus Required Checkpoint-** Submit [Intent to Apply form](#)
- July 10: *Optional* [Applicant Workshop Webinar](#) at 12pm
- July-Sept: Take graduate admissions test(s), if applicable
- August 31: **Campus Deadline-** submit application package to ONIF
- Sept 11-15: TENTATIVE- Campus interviews
- Sept 28: TENTATIVE- Knight-Hennessy national deadline is 1pm PST*

**Check department deadlines for Stanford admissions*

- Knight-Hennessy [website](#)
 - Online [webinars](#)
 - [Meet the Scholars](#)
- ONIF website
 - Schedule a [Fellowship Advisement Appointment](#)
- LMU Faculty
- [Career Professional Development](#)

Questions

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