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
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 institutions.
- 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*
Resources

- 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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