

# Mitchell Scholarships



- Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars between the ages of 18 and 30 are chosen for one academic year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions in Ireland and Northern Ireland
- Applicants should list *at least* three institutions and can list up to five
  - Choose from 9 institutions
  - Currently the 2 in Northern Ireland are not available through Mitchell

# Mitchell Scholarships

- 300 applicants annually
  - 60 Skype interviews for Semi-Finalists
  - 20 Students interview in D.C. for Finalist weekend
  - 12 scholarships are awarded



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## Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be 18 years of age or older, but not yet 30 by the application deadline
- Scholarship
- Leadership
- A sustained commitment to community and public service

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## Lacey Smith- 2017 Scholar

**LMU Class of 2016, BS in Health and Human Sciences**

Lacey studied Immunology and Global Health at Maynooth University during the 2017-18 academic year.



## **Aaishah Kelani- 2018 Semi-Finalist**

**LMU Class of 2018, BS in Mechanical Engineering**

Aaishah proposed to pursue a MSc in Bioengineering at Trinity College Dublin

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## Application Requirements:

- Contact information for Institutional Endorser- [Cassidy Alvarado](#)
- Online application
- All transcripts scanned into a single PDF
- Contact information for 4 Recommenders including email, mailing address, and phone number.
- **\*\*\*Personal statement\*\*\*- SEE NEXT SLIDE**
- Passport-style photo (PDF)
- A scan of your signature (PDF)
- Complete mailing address of your university
- [University choices and field of study options](#) - Choose at least three programs at three different universities, up to five.
- Video interview



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## Personal Statement:

“I attest that this essay is my own work and is wholly truthful. Neither it nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application.”

# Application Timeline

- March 22:** [Researching Postgraduate Programs Abroad Webinar](#)
- April:** Mitchell application opens
- July 1:** ONIF waiver & [Intent to Apply](#) form due
- July 15:** Required Checkpoint- schedule a “check-in” with ONIF
- August 31:** **Campus Deadline\***
- Late Sept:** Mitchell National Deadline

*\*For graduating seniors only. Current graduate students may utilize ONIF for support, but there is not institutional endorsement for current grad students. .*

# Where to Begin?

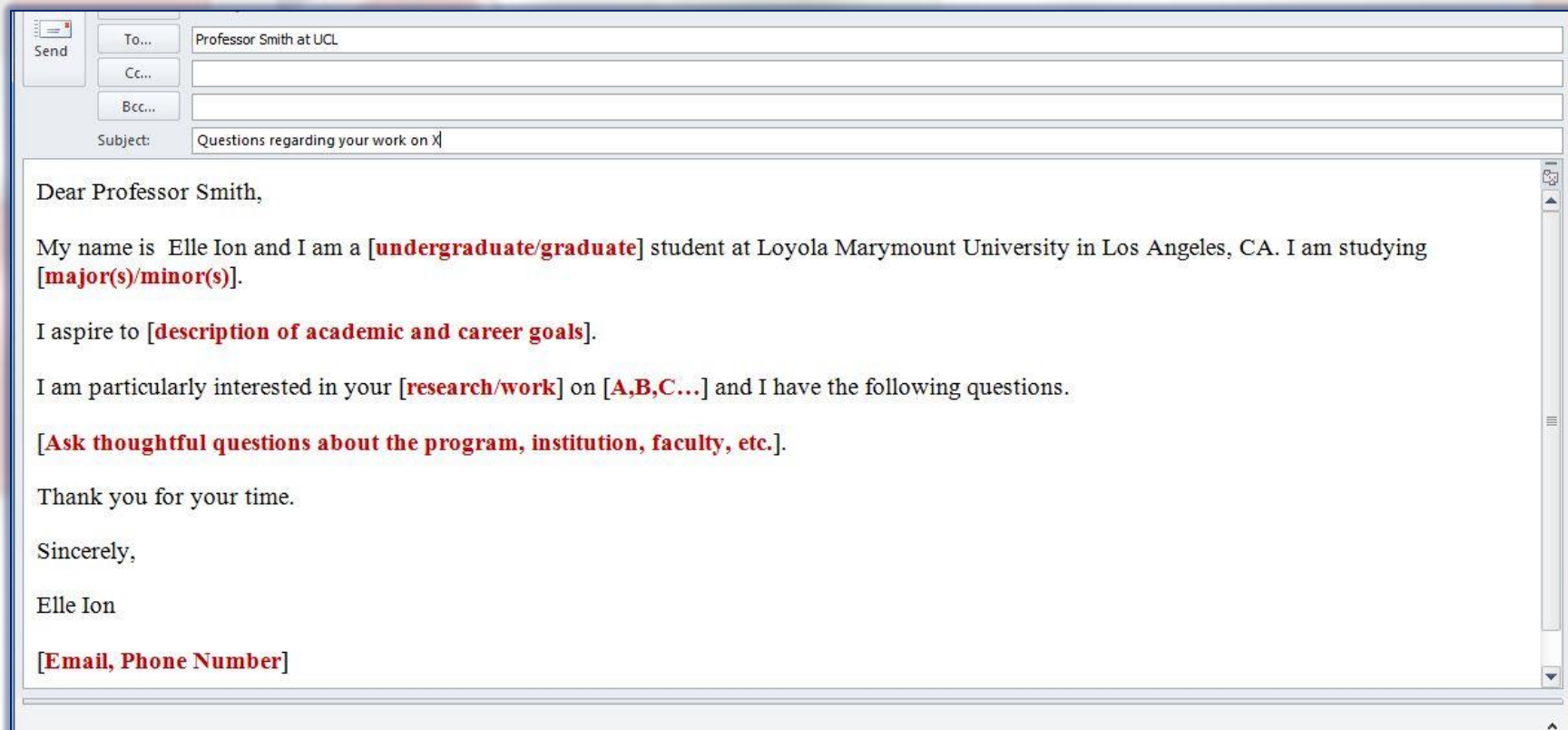
- Research, research, research
  - Find the degree program or programs first!
  - [Researching Postgraduate Programs Abroad Webinar](#) on March 22 at 3:00 p.m.,
  - Postgraduate Program Assessment Sheet
- Keep in contact with ONIF
  - I recommend checking in *at least once a month*, updating me on your progress
  - You are not alone!
- Talk to LMU faculty and mentors
- Send emails to faculty at prospective institutions
- Submit ONIF's waiver form & intent to apply by **July 1, 2019**



# Glossary of Postgraduate Degrees

- **PhD or Dphil = Doctor of Philosophy**
  - Typically at least 3 years
- **MPhil = Master of Philosophy, an advanced postgrad research degree**
  - Can serve as provisional enrollment for a PhD, typically completed in 2 years
- **MBA = Master of Business Administration**
  - Typically a 15 month+ program, depending on the institution
- **MFin = Master of Finance**
  - Typically a 1-year taught Master's
- **MSc = Master of Science**
  - Typically a 1-year taught Master's
- **MASt = Master of Advanced Study**
  - Typically a 1-year taught Master's in Math or Physics
- **MLitt = Master of Letters**
  - Awarded by a select few British & Irish universities
  - Typically a 1-year taught Master's. Subjects include: Arts, Divinity, Fine Art, Humanities, or Social Sciences

# Sample Email to Prospective Institutions



The image shows a screenshot of an email client interface. The header area includes a 'Send' button, 'To...' (Professor Smith at UCL), 'Cc...' (empty), 'Bcc...' (empty), and 'Subject:' (Questions regarding your work on X). The main body of the email contains a sample letter template with several red text placeholders for customization.

Send

To... Professor Smith at UCL

Cc...

Bcc...

Subject: Questions regarding your work on X

Dear Professor Smith,

My name is Elle Ion and I am a [**undergraduate/graduate**] student at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. I am studying [**major(s)/minor(s)**].

I aspire to [**description of academic and career goals**].

I am particularly interested in your [**research/work**] on [**A,B,C...**] and I have the following questions.

[**Ask thoughtful questions about the program, institution, faculty, etc.**].

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Elle Ion

[**Email, Phone Number**]

# Main Takeaways

- It's all about the graduate program, not the scholarship!
- We are recruiting for the 2020-21 academic year.
- Start your research **NOW!**

# Resources

- Mitchell Scholarship website
- ONIF UK Page
  - One-on-one appointments
  - Letter of Rec resources
- Faculty
- Career Professional Development Office

# Additional Funding Opportunities

- External or institution-provided funding
  - [Clarendon Scholarships at Oxford University](#)
  - [Cambridge Trust Scholarships](#)
  - [Fulbright Study Awards](#)
  - [Marshall Scholarship](#)
  - [Chancellor's International Research Scholarship at University of Sussex](#)
  - [University of Warwick Scholarships](#)
- [Chevening Awards](#) (for non-U.S. citizens)- Deadline:  
November
  - Chevening is the UK Government's international awards scheme aimed at developing global leaders.

# Questions

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