

## Community Service/Volunteer Programs

CMC Student Community Service Coordinators serve as liaisons between the student body and the community by working with the ASCMC, student groups and organizations, the Dean of Students Office, faculty, local schools and community groups and organizations. Each semester, as part of dorm elections, a community service dorm representative is elected to work with the coordinators to identify community service activities for their dorm as well as advertise upcoming events. The coordinators and dorm representatives help CMC students get connected by providing information and support and by encouraging students to give of their time and skills to worthy causes.

Some of the programs in which CMC students participate/volunteer include:

- **Habitat For Humanity**—groups and individuals donating their time, labor and resources to build homes for low-income families.
- **Shoes That Fit**—CMC students, faculty and staff purchase shoes and school clothing for local needy kids.
- **Tutoring**—CMC students participate in a variety of tutoring programs in local schools:
  - **America Reads**—A federally-funded reading program for 3rd graders.

■ **America Counts**—A federally-funded math program for 4th and 5th graders.

■ **Junior High Tutoring Program**—Multiple subject tutoring and mentoring for at-risk youth at local middle schools.

- **ESL Program**—English language tutoring for CMC staff.
- **On Campus Days**—Children from local, needy schools or organizations are invited to campus to learn about college as well as selected topics such as “Black History Month.”
- **Oxfam**—students, faculty and staff give up their meals for one day and donate the cost of one meal to this international program.
- **Ability First**—students and staff are involved in donating time at this local facility for physically disabled children.
- **Food Drives**—to benefit local organizations that provide food to needy residents.
- **“Clean Your Closets”**—End of the semester drives to collect clothes, housewares, shoes . . . whatever!, to assist the needy.

## National Scholarships & Fellowships

One of the keys to successfully obtain a scholarship or fellowship is preparation!

- Do not wait until your senior year to start researching programs. Many are available prior to your senior year and some require you to apply before your senior year.
- Attend the National Scholarships & Fellowships workshop held at the beginning of both semesters.
- Consult the advisors for these programs for helpful suggestions regarding your application.
- Use the Career Services Center and the Internet to research other programs which may suit your interests and aspirations.

The following programs are just a sampling of the many, many opportunities that are out there. Do not limit yourself to just these programs! Information regarding these and other scholarship/fellowship competitions may be obtained by consulting the Dean of the Faculty's Office or the Career Services Center.

### BEINECKE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Campus Advisor: Professor Jack Pitney*

The Beinecke Scholarship is for students who plan to enter a master's or doctoral program in the arts, humanities or social sciences. Each school invited to participate in the Beinecke Scholarship Program is permitted to make a single nomination each year. Students need to apply in their **junior year**. ([www.beineckescholarship.org](http://www.beineckescholarship.org))

### CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT JUNIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

*Campus Advisor: Professor Edward Haley*

Each year, Carnegie Endowment holds a rigorous national competition to select 11 graduates who serve as junior research fellows. They are matched with senior associates—academics, former government officials, lawyers and journalists from around the world—to work on a variety of international issues. Carnegie junior fellows spend one year at the Endowment in

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Washington, DC. The positions are full time and include a salary and benefits package. ([www.ceip.org/files/about/about\\_junior.asp](http://www.ceip.org/files/about/about_junior.asp))

### JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Andrew Busch*

This program awards scholarships to college seniors or recent graduates to attend graduate programs. Scholars may use the award to attend any accredited graduate school in the U.S. or abroad to pursue any graduate or professional degree, in fields from fine arts to medicine to history. The scholarship awards provide funding for tuition, room and board, books, and other required fees for the length of the graduate degree program, up to six years. The maximum award per student is \$50,000 per year. Applicants must have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and must be nominated by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Faculty Representative at their undergraduate institution. ([www.jackkentcookefoundation.org](http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org))

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (IIE) OPPORTUNITIES

*Campus Advisor: Professor Andrew Busch*

This scholarship is a one-year, post-graduate grant to study in a foreign country. The Fulbright mission is to foster mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchanges. Eligible for **graduating seniors** only. ([www.iie.org/fulbright](http://www.iie.org/fulbright))

### GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

*Campus Advisor: Professor Lisa Forman Cody*

This award is for scholars of outstanding academic merit and leadership potential who are committed to serving their communities, and who gain admission to the University of Cambridge to pursue courses of study as follows: second Bachelor degree as an affiliated student; one-year postgraduate courses; research leading to the degree of PhD. A Gates Cambridge Scholarship can only be taken up by a student who has been admitted to Cambridge through the University's normal application procedures. ([www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/))

### GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIPS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Newton Copp*

This is a financial award for students planning to pursue a career in mathematics, the natural sciences,

or engineering disciplines that contribute significantly to technological advances. It is available for **sophomores and juniors**. ([www.act.org/goldwater/](http://www.act.org/goldwater/))

### MADISON MEMORIAL (JUNIOR) FELLOWSHIPS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Jack Pitney*

The fellowship is awarded for study in constitutional law for students planning to teach American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary school level. Eligible only for **graduating seniors**. ([www.jamesmadison.com](http://www.jamesmadison.com))

### MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Lisa Forman Cody*

The Marshall finances young Americans of high ability and intellectual distinction to study in the United Kingdom. Eligible for **graduating seniors** only. ([www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org))

### GEORGE W. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIPS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Lisa Forman Cody*

These scholarships allow Americans to pursue one year of post-graduate study in any discipline offered at institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland. The Mitchell Scholarship provides tuition and housing for one year along with international travel and a living expenses stipend. ([www.us-irelandalliance.org](http://www.us-irelandalliance.org))

### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Newton Copp*

Graduate research fellowships and minority graduate fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, mathematics or engineering. The award is available to **graduating seniors**. ([www.nsf.gov/](http://www.nsf.gov/))

### RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Lisa Forman Cody*

The Rhodes provides financing for 2–3 years of study at Oxford University to prepare students for leadership in their chosen fields. The scholarship is for eligible **unmarried graduating seniors** between the age of 18 and 24. Start the application as early as the summer before senior year. ([www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org))

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### ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Edward Haley*

The Rotary Fellowship is an award which provides for one year of academic study in any country where a Rotary club is located. Its purpose is to promote understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations. Students with sound academic records who are self-confident, outgoing, articulate, and have strong convictions are eligible for this fellowship. ([www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html))

### THE PAUL & DAISY SOROS FELLOWSHIPS FOR NEW AMERICANS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Edward Haley*

This fellowship is for graduate study in any professional field (e.g. engineering, medicine, law, etc.) or scholarly discipline in the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science. Applicants must either be a Resident alien (hold a Green Card), a naturalized U.S. citizen, or the child of two parents who are both naturalized citizens. Students apply in their **senior year or after graduation.** ([www.pdsoros.org](http://www.pdsoros.org))

### HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

*Campus Advisor: Professor Ward Elliott*

This is a financial scholarship for the senior year of college and graduate studies. The program's purpose is to prepare young people of promise for careers in public service. Students with outstanding leadership potential who plan to attend graduate school in preparation for a career in government or public service **must apply for this scholarship in their JUNIOR year.** ([www.truman.gov/](http://www.truman.gov/))

### UDALL SCHOLARSHIPS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

*Campus Advisor: Professor Newton Copp*

The Foundation will award approximately 75 scholarships to outstanding students, to be known as Morris K. Udall Scholars, in the spring for use during the next academic year. The awards will be made on the basis of merit to two groups of students: 1) those who are **college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year**, have outstanding potential, and intend to pursue careers in environmental public policy; and 2) Native American and Alaska Native students who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and intend to pursue careers in health care or tribal public policy. ([www.udall.gov/](http://www.udall.gov/))

### ADDITIONAL NATIONAL AWARDS TO RESEARCH:

#### California Capital Fellowships

[www.csus.edu/calst/programs](http://www.csus.edu/calst/programs)

Advisor: Professor Kenneth Miller

#### James H. Dunn, Jr. Memorial Fellowship Program Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Diversity Fellowships

[www7.nationalacademies.org/FELLOWSHIPS/fordpre-doc.html/](http://www7.nationalacademies.org/FELLOWSHIPS/fordpre-doc.html/)

Advisor: Ms. Joke Johnson

#### Japanese Government Research Student Scholarships

#### Jacob K. Javits Fellowships

[www.ed.gov/program/jacobjavits/indes.html](http://www.ed.gov/program/jacobjavits/indes.html)

Advisor: Ms. Joke Johnson

#### Kettering Foundation

#### Luce Foundation Scholarships

[www.bluce.org/](http://www.bluce.org/)

Advisor: Professor Kenneth Miller

#### National Security Education Scholarships (NSEP)/Boren

[www.iee.org/programs/nsep/nsephome.htm](http://www.iee.org/programs/nsep/nsephome.htm)

Advisor: Ms. Joke Johnson

#### Thomas Pickering Foreign Affairs (Graduate) Fellowships

[www.woodrow.org/public-policy](http://www.woodrow.org/public-policy)

Advisor: Professor Ed Haley

#### Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowships Program

#### The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowships

#### The Mr. & Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowships for Women in Graduate Study

#### The U.S. Department of Energy Graduate Fellowship Programs

### INTERNET RESOURCES FOR FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Cornell University Graduate School

[www.gradschool.cornell.edu/?p=132](http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/?p=132)

Council of Graduate Schools

[www.cgsnet.org/Default.aspx?tabid=163](http://www.cgsnet.org/Default.aspx?tabid=163)

FinAid

[www.finaid.com/scholarships](http://www.finaid.com/scholarships)

Harvard University Career Services

[www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu/students/fellowships.htm](http://www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu/students/fellowships.htm)

Yale University's Fellowship Page

[www.cs.yale.edu/homes/tap/fellowships.html](http://www.cs.yale.edu/homes/tap/fellowships.html)

## Graduate/Professional School

Thinking about a graduate degree? In Psychology? In Public Policy? In Philosophy? In Literature? How about an MBA? What about a JD? Want to go to medical school? How about a Ph.D.?

The decision to continue your education or to obtain specialized training should mean that you want to be more focused in your chosen career field. It is a decision that will determine not only what you will do professionally, but also how you will choose to live your life. Before deciding, step back and ASSESS and EXPLORE. By doing so, you can make a better DECISION related to your life's PLAN.

### ASSESS

- What are your goals? What do you want the outcome of your graduate college experience to be . . . teaching, writing, researching, working?
- What are your particular strengths? Will they be enhanced by graduate study?
- What are your weaknesses? Will they mitigate against the focus and tenacity needed for graduate study?
- What are your values? Are they consistent with the type of graduate/professional field in which you're interested?
- What are your abilities? Are they consistent with your field of interest?
- Do you like arguing your ideas and points of view? Or, would you rather investigate and research information?
- Is graduate school an escape, continuation, or new and exciting uncharted territory?

### EXPLORE

- Which degree is best for you? A Master's? A Doctorate? A professional degree? A combination degree?
- Which program is best suited for you? Full-time? Part-time? Evening?
- Which school is best for you? One of the top ten? Top 25? Does ranking matter?
- Is geography a crucial factor? Is the school in a location where you want to practice your profession?
- Is financial need a strong determinant in your selection?

### DECIDE

- Which program offers most of what you want?
- Which universities have the program(s) in which you're interested?
- Where will you get the necessary financing?
- When should you apply?
- When should you take the requisite examinations?

### PLAN

- Consult the *Educational Rankings Annual* and *The Directory of Graduate Programs* for information on graduate schools and programs.
- Consult *The Official Guide to MBA Programs* for information on MBA schools.
- Consult *The Official Guide to Law Schools* for information on law schools.
- Prepare for the requisite examination: GRE\*, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT.  
\* *The GRE and a specific subject test may be required for some programs.*

You have decided to continue your education with a graduate degree. What Now?

### START EARLY! START EARLY!! START EARLY!!!

- Decide upon the schools to which you will apply. (Applying can be costly. Application fees range from \$30 to over \$150 per application.)  
\* *Fee waivers may be available from individual schools.*
- Order transcripts early. Find out if you must send an original to each school. Copies save you money.
- Start writing several drafts of your personal statement/essay. Review your statement with a faculty member, friend, or career counselor.
- Visit a couple of the schools to which you'll apply, if possible.
- Sit in on a couple of classes at a local university or school when you're home for the holidays.
- Ask faculty if they will be able to write a positive recommendation for you.
- Apply for financial assistance, early. Check the application dates. **Financial aid deadlines usually precede admission deadlines.**