

Fellowship Advising

FALL 2025 – SUMMER 2026

Mission

Fellowship Advising works with Lehigh students, faculty, staff, and alumni to prepare nationally competitive scholarship and fellowship applications.

Vision

We foster a community of scholarship by aligning faculty, staff, students and alumni with transformative opportunities. We challenge the Lehigh community to think beyond their disciplines and envision themselves as scholars, researchers, linguists, innovators and global changemakers, leading lives of great significance.

Highlights
2016-2026

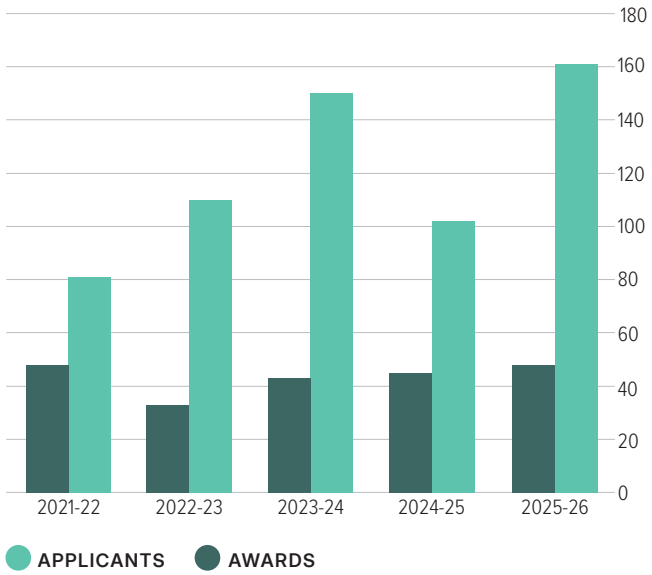
300+
Students, faculty & alumni who won nationally competitive scholarships in the past decade

139
Pell Grant recipients who won Gilman Scholarships ($428k+) since 2016–17

4
Rhodes finalists within three years

2
Goldwater Scholarship winners within two years

Scholarship Award and Application Trends



PROFILE



Lillan Wu ‘27

Lillian, a chemical engineering major, earned the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for her research on antibiotic resistance and bacterial membranes. Her research under Associate Professor Angela Brown investigates how antimicrobial peptides like LL-37 interact with bacterial vesicles and liposomes to neutralize evolving pathogens. A Clare Boothe Luce Program participant, Lillian is also interning with the Population Council in New York City to study preterm birth and maternal reproductive health. She plans to pursue graduate studies in biomedical research and healthcare equity, aiming to reduce maternal mortality and make a meaningful impact on women's health worldwide.

PROFILE



Ivan Gatski ‘27

Ivan, a mechanical engineering major, earned the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the US Department of State to study at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. With support from Lehigh University, he expanded his international experience by serving as a DAAD RISE research intern at Technische Universität Chemnitz in Germany, co-funded through Lehigh's Iacocca International Internship Program (IIIP). Working under the supervision of Professor Andreas Gester, he investigated friction stir welding tool geometries by preparing, testing, and analyzing samples to evaluate the welding process. His international study and research equipped him with advanced technical skills and a broad global perspective in mechanical engineering.

Destination Countries Scholarship Winners

GERMANY



SPAIN



ITALY



UNITED STATES



HONG KONG



JAPAN



ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES WITH 2

- Denmark
- Ireland
- United Kingdom

ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES WITH 1

- Australia
- Austria
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Chile
- China
- Czechia
- Dominican Republic
- France
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Portugal
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Vietnam

Scholarship Award and Applicant Highlights

Record Nine Lehigh Faculty Earn Fulbright Scholar Awards

In a historic year for Lehigh University, nine distinguished faculty members earned prestigious Fulbright Scholar awards to lead international research and academic collaborations across the globe:

- **Santiago Herrera**
  Department of Biological Sciences
- **Himanshu Jain**
  Department of Materials Science and Engineering
- **Johanna Kowalko**
  Department of Biological Sciences
- **Alberto J. Lamadrid**
  Department of Economics
- **Jill McDermott**
  Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- **Nik Nikolov**
  Department of Art, Architecture and Design
- **Jessica Peng**
  Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- **Muhannad T. Suleiman**
  Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- **David Vicic**
  Department of Chemistry

Scholarship Winners by Type

19 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships
US State Department study abroad scholarship for Pell-eligible students.

9 Faculty Fulbright
The US State Department funds US faculty and scholars to teach, research, or pursue projects abroad, fostering global collaboration and mutual understanding.

6 DAAD:Rise
German Academic Exchange Service offers a summer research internship at top German universities and research institutions.

6 RUHR Fellowship, Germany
University Alliance Ruhr provides intercultural and language immersion followed by an internship or research placement with top German companies and UA Ruhr universities.

3 National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduate Students (NSF REU)
National Science Foundation research opportunities for undergraduate students at various REU sites in the United States.

2 The Fulbright US Student Program
Offers graduating college seniors, graduate students, and young professionals opportunities to pursue graduate study, conduct research, or teach English in more than 140 countries worldwide.

1 DAAD Professional
Offers graduate students and eligible RISE Germany alumni opportunities to complete research internships at German companies and non-university research institutions with strong industry connections.

1 Goldwater Foundation Scholarship Program
One of the nation's most prestigious scholarships for undergraduates in science, math, and engineering, supporting sophomores and juniors with exceptional potential to become future research leaders vital to national security and global competitiveness.

1 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI)
Provides undergraduate students with paid, hands-on research opportunities at US Department of Energy national laboratories, working alongside leading scientists and engineers in STEM fields.

ALUMNI PROFILE



Timmy Dillard '25

Timmy, an international relations alumnus, received the prestigious David L. Boren Scholarship in 2024–25 while studying at Lehigh, enabling him to pursue intensive Portuguese language study in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Building on his Boren experience, which includes a commitment to federal service and a previous abroad semester in Argentina, David applied his cross-cultural experiences to a government career. He now serves as an international trade specialist with the Trade Agreements Secretariat at the US Department of Commerce.

In this role, he helps administer dispute settlement proceedings mandated by US free trade agreements across 20 partner countries, contributing to international trade relations.