



## OFFICE OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

U-M's Office of National Scholarships and Fellowships (ONSF) was launched in 2017 to increase both the diversity and competitiveness of U-M students applying to major national scholarships and fellowships. ONSF is administered by the LSA Honors Program, but is a service provided to members of all of U-M's 19 schools and colleges. All undergraduate, graduate, professional, and recent alumni from U-M can receive support from ONSF as they develop their plans to challenge the present and transform the future. Through intensive mentorship and coaching, ONSF is here to help all U-M applicants contend for competitive funding opportunities. Regardless of an applicant's ultimate outcome, the skills built under the guidance of ONSF lead to greater success when applying for graduate school, jobs, and other fellowships. ONSF initiatives have paved the way for recent U-M Rhodes Scholars, Goldwater Scholars, Truman Scholars, and many more. Through your contributions, ONSF increases its capacity and reach to support merit-based scholarship participation from all corners of the university, and expand opportunities for U-M's leaders and best.

## U-M STEM RESEARCH CAREER AWARD

The U-M STEM Research Career Award supports highly qualified undergraduate students studying a STEM field who plan to pursue a Ph.D. and research career. The scholarship provides \$5000 for summer research or other academic expenses. Unlike similar national scholarships that are only open to U.S. citizens, the U-M STEM Research Career Award is open to students from all nationalities and backgrounds.

## U-M UK FINALIST SCHOLARSHIP

Top UK scholarships (Rhodes, Marshall, Gates Cambridge, and UK-Fulbright Partnership Awards) are among the most competitive in the world, with selection rates around 1–3%. Each year, U-M has highly qualified applicants who make it to the final round of the application process, but are ultimately not selected for an award. With this scholarship fund, the U-M nominating committee can ensure the success of our strongest candidate, and provide an opportunity to spend a year doing postgraduate study in the UK to one U-M finalist. A gift of \$50,000 annually will support this important, life-changing endeavor.

## INTERVIEW TRAVEL AND ACTIVITIES FUND

ONSF is committed to making sure that no U-M candidate misses a scholarship interview opportunity for financial reasons. Many scholarship programs like the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, and Gates Cambridge, as well as some excellent fellowship programs like Princeton in Asia, do not cover the cost for finalists to travel to in-person interviews. This fund therefore covers the cost of travel for all of U-M's student finalists to interview for supported scholarships. We also provide funding for developmental activities, including academic conferences, which make our students stronger applicants in the future. A contribution of \$10,000 – \$20,000 annually would provide the funding needed to cover these costs.

## WAYS TO FUND YOUR GIFT

Your partnership connects the college's rich past to a boundless and bright future. You can change lives with gifts of cash, pledges, or appreciated securities, and create a meaningful legacy through your bequest, trusts, gift annuities, and other planned gifts. Your generosity makes an impact on what's next, for a better tomorrow.

**"I will always be infinitely grateful for the ONSF and their diligence in recruiting potential candidates. I had never considered applying for the Rhodes Scholarship under the assumption that I was not 'the ideal candidate.' Many first-generation and non-traditional students like me make the mistake of self-disqualifying. It was because of ONSF and their enthusiastic support that I allowed myself to ask, 'what if?' They made this life-changing opportunity possible."**

***—Emmanuel Orozco Castellanos,  
2024 Rhodes Scholar***

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