



Student Fellowships

Watson Fellowship

Eligibility

All graduating seniors at 40 participating institutions (including Carleton) are eligible for nomination by their institutions.

Deadlines

- **5:30 p.m. on May 8, 2018:** Information meeting in Leighton 236
- **12 noon on Friday, September 21, 2018:** On-campus deadline
- **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018:** Final application deadline for nominees

Purpose

The Watson Fellowship Program seeks to give exceptional college graduates the freedom to engage in a year of independent study and travel abroad in order to thoroughly explore a particular interest, test aspirations and abilities, view their lives and American society in greater perspective, and develop a more informed sense of international concern.

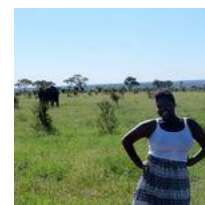
Awards

The Fellowship provides \$30,000 to each recipient (more if traveling with spouse or dependents).

Selection Criteria: The Foundation seeks to identify individuals who demonstrate integrity, strong ethical character, intelligence, the capacity for vision and leadership,



L-R: Noah Randolph-Flagg '11, Rod Oto from Admissions, and Kai Knutson '11



Robin Wonsley '13

and potential for humane and effective participation in the world community. Feasibility of the project and language ability are also taken into account.

Application Process

At Carleton, the Watson application process occurs in **several stages**:

Stage 1

Email Marynel Ryan Van Zee (mryanvanzee@carleton.edu) and let her know you would like to be invited to **access the Watson Portal**, through which you will complete the application components. Marynel will request preliminary information about your Watson proposal ideas, countries you hope to visit, etc., and will offer initial guidance. **She is willing to read drafts and provide feedback throughout the summer and anytime before the draft deadline of September 7 (see below).**

Stage 2

Once you access the Watson Portal, you will be able to prepare your Personal Statement and Project Statement, upload a photo, and complete other required information. **Do not request letters of recommendation until and unless you are selected as a Carleton nominee.**

Stage 3

By Friday, September 21, at 12 Noon, ensure that all components of your application other than the recommendation requests are complete and hit 'SAVE' so that we may view your materials.

NOTE: *Your materials should be as polished as possible; along with any interview, they will form the basis of our evaluation of your candidacy.*

Marynel is willing to read full drafts of your statements if she receives them by September, 7, 2018, 9:00 a.m. (email as Microsoft Word/compatible attachments to fellowships@carleton.edu); she will provide feedback to you by September 14, 2018.

Stage 4

Reading of proposals by Carleton committee, selection of four nominees

- A faculty committee will read all completed application folders, interview *some* of the candidates, and make up to four nominations. Interviews will take place as soon as possible after the September 21 deadline. We expect to choose the Carleton nominees by October 12, at which point we will ask them to request recommendations and begin entering their information in the Watson on-line portal.

Stage 5

Revision of proposals, submission to Watson Foundation

- The nominees will polish their applications and further prepare for the Watson Foundation interviews. Nominees submit their finalized materials via the Watson Foundation website portal no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2018, so that the Office of Student Fellowships can complete the nomination process by the Watson Foundation deadline.

Stage 6

Interviews of nominees by Watson Foundation representatives

- Each of the nominees will be interviewed at Carleton by representative(s) of the Watson Foundation at the end of

Fall Term or beginning of Winter Term.

Example Applications

[Click here](#) to review the applications of past Watson recipients!

Official Website

[Watson website](#)

** Each applicant should *thoroughly* read the materials on the Foundation's website!

On-campus Adviser

[Marynel Ryan Van Zee](#), Director of Student Fellowships, Laird 131, x4300.

Recent Carleton Recipients

2017: Emily Ross '17

2014: Halah Mohammed '14

2013: [Charlie Bentley '13](#), and [Robin Wonsley '13](#)

2012: Niki Tomita '12, and Gracie Ogilby '12

2011: [Kai Knutson '11](#); [Matthew Fink '11](#); [Adam Karas '11](#)

2010: Andrew Terwilliger '10. Check out [Andrew's blog](#).

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| CORO Fellowship in Urban Public Affairs |  |
| Critical Language Scholarship | |
| DAAD | |
| DHS HS-STEM Summer Internship Program |  |
| Davis Projects for Peace | |
| Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Middlebury Language Schools |  |
| Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund |  |
| Department of Energy (DOE) Computational Science Fellowship |  |
| Earhart Fellowship |  |
| Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics | |
| Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship |  |
| Evolving Earth Student Grant Program |  |
| Fulbright | |
| Fulbright Summer Institute | |
| Gates Cambridge Scholarship | |
| German Chancellor Fellowship for Tomorrow's Leaders |  |
| Goldwater | |
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| Hertz Foundation |  |
| Humanity in Action Fellowship | |

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National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship



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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship



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Donald Payne International Development (USAID) Fellowship




Phillips

Princeton in Africa, Asia, and Latin America Programs

Rangel Summer Enrichment Program in International Affairs

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| Schwarzman Scholarship |
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| Scoville Peace Fellowship |
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Internal deadline: October 8, 2018

Internal interviews: (TBA) October 2018

Internal final deadline: (TBA) November 2018 (12 p.m. PST)

National deadline: November 7, 2018 (12 p.m. PST)

Eligibility requirements:

- Seniors only
- International students eligible
- Nomination by Watson internal (Whitman) committee

Award summary and conditions: The Thomas J. Watson Fellowship program offers college graduates of unusual promise a year of independent, purposeful exploration and travel outside of the United States to enhance their capacity for resourcefulness, imagination, openness, and leadership, and to foster humane and effective participation in the world community. The stipend for the fellowship year is \$30,000. The Foundation will reimburse the equivalent of 12 months of payments on outstanding institutional and federally guaranteed (Perkins, Stafford) loans. Fellows are responsible for payments.

Applicants should seriously consider the following questions before beginning the application process:

- Do I want to carry out an independent project entirely on my own for a year?
- Do I want to be away from home and loved ones for a year?
- Do I have the self-reliance and focus to complete this project?

- Am I self-reflective?
- Am I flexible? Am I willing to leave behind familiar structures and cultures?
- Will my project allow me to delve into a culture other than my own?
- How will a Watson year challenge me?
- Is a Watson year realistic for me?

Application process: online

Application materials:

- Application form
- Project proposal
- Personal statement
- Personal photo
- Transcript(s) uploaded by applicant
- Recommendations (2 only). Watson recommendations are not conventional hard-copy letters but rather responses to prompts. Recommendations are due by the internal deadline. At least one recommendation must come from a Whitman faculty member.

Campus liaison: Keith Raether

Internal committee: Yes

Internal interview: Yes

Internal nomination required: Yes, Whitman may nominate up to four nominees.

National committee interview: All nominees are interviewed at Whitman by a member of the Watson selection committee. Interviews are one hour.

Announcement date: March 2019

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