Luce Scholars Program 2019-2020

Keywords:
Asia
Leadership
Career
Begun in 1974, this program is intended for young leaders in a variety of professional fields who have had limited experience of Asia and who might not otherwise have an opportunity to come to know Asia.

This program is experiential in nature and provides professional placements for roughly 9-12 months in one of the specified Asian countries.

Cultural immersion along with a relevant job
The Luce Year

• One year commitment that includes:
  • June: orientations in New York & San Francisco
  • July & August: intensive language study
  • September – June: country placement

• Immersion in a different culture and a chance to gain knowledge and appreciation of the culture

• Work in a professional situation for ten months

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What Is It Not?

• An opportunity to do your own research

• An opportunity to do academic study

  • Placements are of a professional nature

• A time to tour around Asia

  • Scholars are expected to stay in their assigned country during their placement, though the program provides some travel for scholar gatherings

• A chance to find out what you want to do for a living

  • Scholars are expected to have well-defined career goals
You Are Eligible If:

• You are a US citizen or Permanent Resident

• You have at least a Bachelor’s degree (or will have by the time of participation). [Graduate students and alumni are eligible.]

• You have no significant experience in Asia or Asian Studies (18 week limit since graduating high school)

• You are not yet 30 (prior to July 1, 2019)

• You are in good health
Other Qualities of a Luce Scholar

- Strong leadership abilities
- Outstanding academic achievement, especially in his/her specialty
- Strong motivation and potential for accomplishment in his/her chosen field
- Maturity, humility
- Flexibility, openness to new ideas and sensitivity to cultural differences
Scholar Benefits

• Monthly stipend (for room, board, incidental costs)
• Air transportation for all travel required by the program
• Shipping of 100 pounds of personal effects
• Medical and travel insurance provided
Placements may be made in any of the following countries/regions:

- Cambodia
- China
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam
How do I find a professional placement?

- You don’t!

- If you are selected, a representative of the Luce Foundation will locate a placement after consulting with you about your interests, experience, etc.

- You may express an interest in a specific country, but there is no guarantee you will be placed there.

- You must be willing to consider any of the listed countries.
How Do I Apply?

• Candidates must be nominated by UW—you cannot apply individually to the Luce Foundation

• To apply for nomination, submit the UW application materials by **5:00 pm, September 5, 2018**.

• Online application is open now at [https://expo.uw.edu/expo/apply/516](https://expo.uw.edu/expo/apply/516)

• Use the UW application, NOT the application found on the Luce website.
A selection committee will review the applications and choose finalists for interviews.

Finalists will be interviewed 1st week of fall quarter. After these interviews the 3 nominees will be chosen.

The 3 nominees will then work with the Office of Merit Scholarships (undergraduates) or the Office of Fellowships and Awards (graduates) to finalize the application.

Nominations will be submitted by the UW to the Luce Foundation.
Application Materials Include:

• UW Application Form
• Personal Statement (2 pages)
  • Long range career interests & how they have developed
  • Understanding of leadership
  • Reasons for applying to the Luce Scholars Program
• Resume/CV
• Unofficial transcripts from all colleges (undergraduate and graduate)
• Four letters of recommendation

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Luce Foundation national selection process

• Nominees are interviewed in November and December 2018 by Luce Foundation representatives and 45 finalists are chosen.

• Finalists are interviewed by one of three selection committees in early February 2019.

• Finalists are notified of the results by the middle-to end of February 2019.
Information about the program

- Luce Scholars Program
  http://www.hluce.org/lsprogram.aspx

- University of Washington:
  - http://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships/luce
  - http://grad.uw.edu/graduate-student-funding/for-students/fellowships/list-of-fellowships/luce-scholars-program/
Additional Programs

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program** - [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/)
  - worldwide, self-designed research or study, or English Teaching Assistantship placements (no age limit)

- **Schwarzman Scholars Program** - [http://schwarzmanscholars.org/](http://schwarzmanscholars.org/)
  - Tsinghua University, 1-year master’s program for young leaders, bridges academic and professional worlds to educate students about leadership and China's expanding role in the world (max age: 29)

- **Yenching Academy** - [http://yenchingacademy.org/](http://yenchingacademy.org/)
  - Peking University, 1-year master’s program for young leaders, interdisciplinary classroom & field study of Chinese history, culture, real-time issues in China’s development (preference for those under age 25)
UW Contacts

• **Undergraduate** students or those who have *recently graduated* with a bachelors degree, contact:
  
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