The Luce Scholars Program – UW Application

UW Campus Application Deadline: 11:59pm, Sept. 8, 2020
UW Application: https://expo.uw.edu/expo/apply/588
Luce Scholars Website: https://www.hluce.org/programs/luce-scholars/

The Luce Scholars Program represents a major effort by the Henry Luce Foundation to provide an awareness of Asia among potential leaders in American society.

Launched in 1974, the Luce Scholars Program is aimed at a group of highly qualified young Americans in a variety of professional fields. It is unique among American-Asian exchanges in that it is intended for young leaders who have had limited experience of Asia and who might not otherwise have an opportunity in the normal course of their careers to come to know Asia. The Program provides stipends, language training and individualized professional placement in Asia for fifteen to eighteen young Americans each year. The Luce Scholars Program coordinates scholars' professional placements within a variety of organizations, institutions, agencies, etc. Language training takes place July - August. Professional placements are Sept. - July.

Placements can be made in the following countries or regions in East and Southeast Asia: Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Applicants cannot apply directly to the Luce Foundation; they must be nominated by their university to compete for this national program. UW is able to nominate up to 3 applicants per year. To be considered for UW nomination, please complete the UW application. Additional information, along with the online application form, is available at http://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships/luce.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents who have not reached their 30th birthday by June 20 of the year they enter the program.
- Applicants must have earned at least a bachelor's degree or reasonably expect to receive that degree by June 20 of the year they enter the program.
- Applicants must be in physical health that will not restrict them from working in a foreign environment.
- Applicants should have a record of high achievement, outstanding leadership ability, and a clearly defined career interest with evidence of potential for professional accomplishment.
- Those who already have significant experience in Asia or Asian studies are not eligible for the Luce Scholars Program. Applicants in any other major or degree program are welcome. Candidates may have taken Asian language or Asia-focused courses (without majoring in Asian Studies). They may have spent up to a total of 18 weeks since graduating high school in one or more of the participating countries.
- Rising seniors (who will earn their bachelor's degrees by June 20, 2021), graduating seniors, recent alums, and current graduate or professional students, who meet the above criteria are welcome to apply.
**SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Strong, mature, and clearly defined career interests in a specific field. Any professional field will be considered, EXCEPT Asian Studies.
- Demonstrated and strong motivation and potential for accomplishment within your chosen field.
- A record of outstanding academic achievement, particularly within your specialty.
- Evidence of an outstanding capacity for leadership.
- The single most important consideration is that the applicant gives evidence of potential for leadership and accomplishment, both within a chosen profession and as a member of the broader community.
- How well the nominee will function in an Asian setting, including qualities such as flexibility, adaptability, humility, sensitivity to cultural differences, openness to new ideas, and personal initiative.
- Applicants will not be judged on whether or not they have developed specific plans for the Asian experience, or language skills. An applicant may have general ideas about the kind of placement preferred. Language training is part of the benefits of the program.

**UW APPLICATION COMPONENTS**

- Completed and submitted [online UW application form](#), which will include:
  - Two-page, single-spaced, Personal Statement discussing: (a) your personal journey; (b) your long-range professional interests and how they have developed; (c) how you have embodied your own kind of leadership; and (c) how a year in Asia with Luce might be transformative.
  - Curriculum Vitae (CV)
  - Unofficial UW transcripts
  - 4 letters of recommendation - letters should represent a range of academic and professional references
- Finalists will be interviewed by the campus selection committee.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

**Graduate and professional students** or recent alums of those programs:
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[http://grad.uw.edu/funding](http://grad.uw.edu/funding)

**Graduating seniors and alums** who recently earned bachelors' degrees:
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