

2025-2026 Magnuson Scholar Program

Overview of Magnuson Institute and Purpose of Endowment

The Warren G. Magnuson Institute for Biomedical Research and Health Professions Training was established by the State of Washington in 1992. The primary purpose of the Institute as a whole is to support one or more individuals engaged in biomedical research into the causes of, the treatments for, or the management of diabetes. The secondary purposes of the Institute are:

- To provide financial assistance to students in graduate or postgraduate training programs in the health professions at the university.
- To support biomedical research into the causes of, the treatment for, or the management of Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis, or any other disease or medical disorder where the achievement of a significant result in the near term is especially promising.
- To enhance the training, research, and public service missions of the health sciences schools of the University of Washington.

To fulfill this mission the Institute was separated into three funds, the Magnuson Institute Diabetes Center, the Magnuson Endowed Chair in Neurosciences, and the Magnuson Institute Student Financial Support, now known as the Magnuson Scholar Program.

Magnuson Institute Student Financial Support - The Magnuson Scholar Program

The earnings from this fund will provide financial assistance to students in graduate or postgraduate health professions training programs at the University of Washington. Section 3 (2) of Chapter 282, Washington Laws of 1990, requires that at least one student at all times be in a career pathway preparing for or engaged in research related to diabetes, its antecedents, or complications. To date the Magnuson Scholar Program has awarded over 170 scholarships to UW Health Sciences students.

The Magnuson Scholar Program Process

Each of the six University of Washington Health Sciences Schools is invited to nominate a student for selection as a Magnuson Scholar for the 2025-2026 academic year. A review of the Magnuson Scholar nominations will be completed by the program Advisory Committee, made up of the Health Sciences Associate Deans for Academic Affairs, to ensure that the nominees meet eligibility and selection criteria. After the Advisory Board review, the Board of Health Sciences Deans will provide final approval of the nominations. The Institute's projected total award for each school's scholar in 2025-26 will be approximately \$32,000. The actual amount is determined by the endowment fund performance and will be set in March 2025.

In addition to the typical six scholars, this year there is a special opportunity for a seventh Magnuson Scholar, if a school has multiple nominees who meet the primary criteria.

University of Washington Values:

The University of Washington educates a diverse student body to become responsible global citizens and future leaders through a challenging learning environment informed by cutting-edge scholarship. Discovery is at the heart of our university. We discover timely solutions to the world's most complex problems and enrich the lives of people throughout our community, the state of Washington, the nation and the world. Our values include integrity, diversity, excellence, collaboration, innovation, respect.

Eligibility

- The Magnuson Scholars are selected annually from applicants nominated by each of the six University of Washington Health Sciences Schools: Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Social Work.
- Students must be enrolled in a graduate program in the health professions at the University of Washington and registered for at least one credit at the time of the scholarship disbursements, which are scheduled for summer quarter 2025 and winter quarter 2026, during the 2025-26 academic year.
- Students may be nominated in consecutive years by their respective schools.
- In accordance with Washington State Law, at least one Magnuson Scholar must be in a career pathway preparing for or engaged in research related to diabetes, its antecedents, or complications.

Primary Selection Criteria: Focus on Diabetes Research

- Applicant in a career pathway preparing for or engaged in research related to diabetes, its antecedents, or complications, and is in good academic standing.
- If a school has multiple nominees who meet this primary selection criteria, then the school should select one primary nominee and one secondary nominee. The secondary nominations from all schools will be reviewed by the Associate Deans for Academic Affairs who will then select one secondary nominee to receive the seventh scholarship.
- The school's selection committee may use additional criteria at their discretion if multiple applicants meet the primary criteria in order to select their nominee.
 - GPA
 - Work in healthcare equity
- At least one of the six health science school's nominees must meet the primary selection criteria. If no applicants from your school meet the primary selection criteria, your school may use the secondary selection criteria below to evaluate applicants.

Secondary Selection Criteria: Diabetes and Other Health Research

- Work that supports the prevention of diabetes.
- Applicant's work focuses on issues of health, health care services, healthcare access, health equity or other closely aligned fields.
- Scholars will be selected based upon academic performance and/or promise and the students' potential contributions to research in the health sciences.

Application Procedure

Students interested in applying should follow the application process as outlined by their health sciences school. The school will then undergo a selection process to select a nominee. By March 7, 2025 EOD each school will submit the name of the nominated student and the required application materials to Health Sciences Services:

- Current program transcript (official transcript required)
- One-page statement of career objectives
- One-page letter of recommendation from the supervising faculty member

Health Science Services will arrange for the review by the Academic Associate Deans and the final approval by the Board of Health Sciences Deans in April.

Students interested in a nomination should contact their respective school's dean's office and/or scholarship office.

Health sciences schools should email their selected nominee's materials to Lisa Plancich at Health Sciences Services (planlis@uw.edu).

Receipt of materials will be acknowledged within one business day. Please contact Lisa Plancich at planlis@uw.edu with general program and process questions.

Application Requirements and Process

We are pleased to announce that as of February 3, 2025, the 2025-2026 Magnuson Scholars Program for eligible graduate students enrolled in the six University of Washington Health Sciences Schools is accepting nominations. The nomination deadline is Friday, March 7. To understand the purpose of this endowment please read here. If interested in being considered for the scholarship, students need to follow the directions at the bottom of this page.

The program is funded by a \$2 million endowment from the Warren G. Magnuson Institute for Biomedical Research and Health Professions Training. The late U.S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson, in whose name the program was established, was instrumental in establishing the National Institutes of Health, Medicare, and Medicaid. During his long and dedicated career, Senator Magnuson was committed to improving the nation's health through biomedical research.

The Magnuson Scholars Program allows the Health Science Schools to recognize one graduate student in each of the six schools who demonstrate excellent academic performance and outstanding potential for research in the health sciences. Additionally, if a qualified applicant is received, this is the fourth year of a possible seventh scholarship award.

Please note that per state law, the eligibility requirements decree that one nominee each year must be preparing for, or actively engaged in, a career pathway related to diabetes research. If such a nominee is not submitted, we will contact the schools for additional candidates.

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Students interested in being considered for the Magnuson Scholarship please contact your school's scholarship office or Dean's office.