

Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program

Purpose	<i>To cultivate a diverse, multidisciplinary community of emerging leaders from around the world and guide them to collaborate, innovate, and communicate as they prepare to address the complex challenges facing society.</i>
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	At Stanford University. May be applied to any Stanford graduate program. This includes but is not limited to the JD, MA, MBA, MD, MS and PhD.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	About 100 awards per year. About one third for U.S. citizens and about two thirds for citizens of other countries. Full funding: living stipend plus tuition/fees. Leadership development, mentoring and experiential learning opportunities are also program benefits.
<i>Duration</i>	Funds three years of graduate study with a guarantee that your Stanford home department will fund additional years if necessary (for example if PhD is five years).
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	No citizenship restrictions. Any major.
<i>When</i>	Seniors in final year or recent graduates. Must apply within five years (and enroll within six years) of earning your first/undergraduate degree. Two additional years added to that eligibility window for veterans.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Excellence in your field of study. Independence of thought. Purposeful leadership. Civic mindset.
Campus Deadline	No campus deadline prior to the national deadline. There is an option for universities to submit an additional institutional endorsement, but K-State does not plan to supply this (98% of applications nationally were submitted without in 2020).
Deadline	October. You must <i>also</i> meet program-specific application deadlines for applying to Stanford OR Knight-Hennessy also imposes a December deadline for all program-specific applications to submitted, whichever one comes first.
Application	Apply online. Unofficial transcripts. Test scores. One-page résumé. Two letters of reference. One personal essay – <i>How have the influences in your life shaped you</i> – and several short-answer responses. A two-minute video for finalists that ask you to teach something to your future cohort. An “Immersion Weekend” for finalist. Must also apply (and ultimately be accepted) to your graduate program.
Contact	Beth Powers is the Knight-Hennessy Faculty Representative. Contact her at 207 Leadership Studies or (785) 532-3422.
Other	2017 was inaugural year. Funded by a 750 million dollar endowment. Claims to be largest program of its kind. Read more at https://knight-hennessy.stanford.edu .

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