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2019 Gates Cambridge Scholar

# ONIF Introduction

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Loyola Marymount University  
National & International  
Fellowships



# What is ONIF?

- ▶ The Office of National & International Fellowships supports ALL LMU students and alumni, in identifying and applying for external awards.



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Director of ONIF

# ONIF Services



Del Smith '18  
2019 Senate Capital Fellow

- ▶ [Fellowship Advisement Appointments](#)
- ▶ [Bimonthly Funding Friday](#)
- ▶ [Info Sessions & Workshops](#)
- ▶ General Application Advice
- ▶ Letter of Rec Advice
- ▶ Student Spotlights
- ▶ Free Thank You Cards
- ▶ Online Resources through ONIF's website, [LEO](#), and social media
- ▶ LinkedIn Group: [ONIF Connections](#)



# What's in a Name?

## Scholarships

- ▶ A monetary amount used towards tuition and fees
- ▶ May fund room & board
- ▶ May fund books or other misc. expenses
- ▶ May fund travel to conferences
- ▶ May fund study abroad costs
- ▶ May fund research
- ▶ Some include internship opportunities
- ▶ Available at all academic levels



Bridget O'Connor '21  
2019 Critical Language  
Scholar to Japan



# What's in a Name?



Alaysia Barker-Vaughn '23  
2020 Newman Civic Fellow

## Fellowships

### A. Similar to scholarships

- ▶ Typically fellowships refer to postgraduate school funding: Master's, PhD, MD, JD, etc....
- ▶ However, there are also undergraduate fellowships
- ▶ **ALWAYS READ THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

### B. Undergraduate hands-on learning or research, or postgraduate career placement

- ▶ Programs range from a few weeks to two years
- ▶ Most include a salary/living stipend and other benefits



# What's in a Name?

## Grants

- ▶ A monetary amount that may be used for:
  - Research
  - Tuition
  - Room & board
  - Books
  - Travel
  - Emergency funding



# What's in a Name?

## Research Experiences for Undergrads (REUs)



Leonardo Gonzalez-Smith '21  
\*2020 DAAD RISE Recipient

- ▶ Paid summer research opportunities in all disciplines!
- ▶ May be domestic OR abroad
- ▶ Also called SURFs or SURPs

*\*Cancelled due to Covid-19*

## Other Fellowship Terms

- ▶ Stipend
- ▶ Service commitment or requirement
- ▶ Semi-Finalist, Finalist status
- ▶ Alternate status
- ▶ Honorable mention status
- ▶ Non-Select status



Hallie Ryan '20  
2021 Fulbright ETA to Spain  
ALTERNATE → FINALIST





Simone Scott '20  
2020 Teaching Assistant Program  
in France (TAPIF)

# Timing is Everything

Start mapping your  
fellowship plans **NOW!**



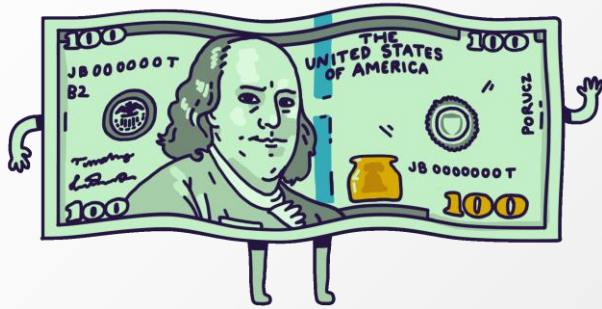
# ONIF Advice

- ▶ Get involved now!
  - Off-campus: Idealist.org, Hertog programs, IHS Seminars, Summer REUs
  - LMU: Student EXP, ORCA, CSA, CPD (The Pride), Centers & Institutes
- ▶ Track and reflect on your accomplishments/experiences
  - LinkedIn, Google doc/Box doc,
- ▶ **You are not alone.** If you don't use ONIF services, use other resources to support your application efforts
- ▶ Take risks! Set a goal to apply for **one** fellowship before you graduate.

*“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.”- Mark Twain*



# ONIF Advice



- ▶ More than just \$\$\$\$
- ▶ Campus deadlines versus national deadlines
- ▶ Request letters of rec 4 to 6 weeks before the deadline
- ▶ Expect to compose multiple drafts of application essays- **ONIF** can help!

# Additional Resources

- ▶ [ONIF website](#)
  - [www.lmu.edu/onif](http://www.lmu.edu/onif)
  - [Fellowships spreadsheet](#)
- ▶ [LMU Faculty](#)
- ▶ [Writing Center](#)
- ▶ [Career Professional Development](#)



Will Lighthart '21  
2021 Schwarzman Scholars Finalist  
2021 Fulbright Study to NZ Semi-Finalist



# Questions

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