External Scholarships 2017-2018 Report

SCHOLARS GO AROUND THE WORLD
Students often reflect on the transformational power of both study abroad and the external scholarship advising and coaching experience. It seems at first like an odd linkage, but the process of clarifying ideals and expectations of self often mirrors the growth curve of study abroad. You will be exploring, but you will explore first your own inner workings, your leadership goals and talents, the holes in your spirit, the dreams not realized. The external scholarship process encourages you to develop a comparative frame of reference and deepen your understanding of the world.

After the challenging application process, Udall Scholar Natalie Stockmann got to participate in an exceptional Udall Scholar Orientation in Tucson where she helped negotiate water policy for California:

“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.”
- Malala Yousafzai

“Our greatest human adventure is the evolution of consciousness. We are in this life to enlarge the soul, liberate the spirit, and light up the brain.”
- Tom Robbins

“[T]he intention of the negotiation exercise was to generate a deeper understanding of natural resource agreements, especially when concerning tribal relations and resources. We were able to confer with actual specialists and professionals about the details and logistics of the negotiation. [T]he most significant part was being able to meet and discuss with professionals who deal with similar cases in their careers and have dedicated decades to such work. Their wisdom and guidance was invaluable.”
- Natalie Stockmann

Featured on the back page of this report are two other star seekers who never met an adventure they didn’t like. Their open, opportunity-embracing, self-challenging model of spirited living extends to their generosity as mentors to current applicants.

“Let’s be unrealistic together.”
- Dallas Clayton

“Go forth and set the world on fire.”
- St. Ignatius Loyola
Fulbright UK Summer Scholar

Nick Hall-Skank
Nick Hall-Skank, a freshman majoring in resource conservation and minoring in wildlife biology, won a Fulbright UK Scholarship to study climate change at the University of Exeter. As part of the program, Hall-Skank will spend four weeks over the summer exploring British culture in addition to the climate change curriculum. Through this all-expenses-paid program, freshman and sophomore students can study at several universities throughout the UK. This will be his first international experience.

Udall Scholar

Natalie Stockmann, Scholar
Junior Natalie Stockmann, majoring in environmental studies and resource conservation with minors in international development and Arabic studies, received a Udall Scholarship. Each scholarship provides up to $7,000 for the scholar’s junior or senior year, and 50 students are selected annually. Awards are based on commitment to careers in the environment, Native health care or tribal public policy; leadership potential; record of public service; and academic achievement. She has also studied in Nicaragua and Morocco.

Alice Boyer, Honorable Mention
Little Shell and Blackfeet tribal member Alice Boyer, a junior majoring in philosophy and completing a Peace Corps Prep certificate, won a Udall Honorable Mention. After graduating from UM next year, Boyer plans to join the Peace Corps and then attend law school.
Andrew Castellanos
Andrew Castellanos, pursuing a Russian degree and on track to graduate in spring 2019, won a Boren scholarship to study in Almaty, Kazakhstan, at the Al-Farabi University during the 2018-2019 academic year. He has a political science degree with a minor in wilderness studies and studied in Irkutsk, Russia, in summer 2017. The Boren Scholarship, funded by the National Security Education Program, provides opportunities for students interested in public service to study critical languages all over the world.

“After graduation, I hope to work in some form of public service and apply to graduate schools, in order to further my knowledge of Russian and Central Asia.”

Brandon Fulbrook
Missoula College student Brandon Fulbrook earned a 2018-19 American Institute of Indian Studies scholarship to study Hindi in India for nine months. He will graduate from a two-year Associate of Arts program through Missoula College, after which he plans to major in political science and minor in South and Southeast Asian Studies at UM. When he returns to the U.S., he wants to pursue a degree in law. Fulbrook said he is an avid enthusiast in all things Indian and enjoys Nepal, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and elsewhere.

“For me, language is about more than phonemes and grammar, it is a way to connect to a culture, a history and ideas intimately. You learn not only a way of speaking, but also a way of thinking”
Margaret Grayson
Margaret Grayson, a senior majoring in journalism, received a Critical Language Scholarship to study Hindi in India from mid-June to mid-August. Grayson is interested in international journalism and sees India as an emerging market for news reporting with similarities to the United States.

Megan Murdoch
Sophomore Megan Murdoch, majoring in Central and Southwest Asia Studies and forensic anthropology with a minor in Arabic, won a CLS for intensive Arabic language study this summer in Meknes, Morocco.

“I am fascinated by the Arab world, including its language, history, culture, religion, and modern politics.”

Joseph Carlson
Junior Joseph S. Carlson, majoring in exercise science with a global public health minor, won a $4500 Gilman Scholarship for a 13-week program in India. For his Gilman program, Carlson will work with the Center for Social Medicine in Loni, Maharashtra, India.

Courtney Bentz
Courtney Bentz, a sophomore double-majoring in Russian and French, won $3000 for 10 weeks of study in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. During her Gilman summer, Bentz will stay with a local host family and study advanced Russian at the London School of Languages and Cultures.
Hillary Gleason, PEO Scholar

Hillary Gleason, a graduate student in clinical psychology at UM, is one of 100 doctoral students in the U.S. and Canada recently selected to receive a $15,000 Scholar Award from the PEO Sisterhood. Gleason earned her undergraduate degree at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. The PEO Scholar Awards provide merit-based awards for women in the U.S. and Canada who are pursuing doctoral-level degrees. Scholars are chosen for their academic achievement and their potential for having a positive impact on society.

Sofia Reis, International Peace Scholar

Sofia Reis (Annasofia Fialhocoelhodosreis), UM graduate student in the International Educational Leadership Program, won an International Peace Scholarship for $12,500 from the PEO. Reis, from Lisbon, Portugal, earned a bachelor’s in international relations from the University of Lisbon and a master’s degree from the New University of Lisbon. For two decades, she served as associate director of the Portuguese Association of Private and Independent Schools and has visited schools in 24 different European countries.

Teaching Assistantships, Austria

Natalia Boise

Natalia Boise will teach German as an English foreign language assistant. She studied German and linguistic anthropology at UM. Boise said her studies helped prepare her to become a private German tutor, and she hopes she can apply the same skills in the alpine town of Gmunden, Austria.
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Fulbright Scholars

**Jedd Sankar-Gorton**
Sankar-Gorton, a geography master’s student completing an option in community and environmental planning, received a Fulbright to conduct research in Slovenia. Jedd’s thesis research focuses on shifting American rivers. In Slovenia, he will research mountain-based environmental education.

**Dillon Sarb**
Dillon Sarb, a UM graduate with a double major in political science and German and a minor in journalism, won a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany. Sarb likely will be placed in Schleswig-Holstein, the northernmost state in Germany.

**Lucy Tompkins**
Lucy Tompkins will spend a year in Germany as part of a Fulbright Young Professional Journalist Program fellowship studying and reporting on the experiences of Syrian women who have become refugees in Berlin. She graduated from UM with majors in anthropology and journalism.

**Sonia McLain**
Sonia McLain graduated from UM in 2017 with a degree in German and a certificate in teaching English. While at UM, Sonia studied abroad in Germany and studied the culture. She will move to Lower Austria to work as a high school English assistant in the towns of Tuernitz and Lilienfeld.

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Alumna Jenny Lind

UM alumna Jenny Lind earned a Science and Technology Policy Fellowship from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She will begin her placement at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in the Office of Translational Alliances and Coordination in August, working to accelerate the translation of scientific discoveries to the marketplace. Lind received a bachelor’s degree in communication studies from UM in 2006.

Lind returned to UM to earn a doctorate in neuroscience, with research focused on molecular pharmacology and drug development. As a student, Lind led UM’s Graduate and Professional Association, participating in national science communication and STEM efforts. After earning her doctorate, she also served as an AmeriCorps VISTA at Blackstone LaunchPad-UM, the university’s resource for innovation and entrepreneurship education, and worked on facilitating research commercialization, establishing campus and community partnerships, and building capacity for the LaunchPad.

“I am thrilled to be taking the skills and knowledge that I have developed working and learning at the University of Montana to the National Institute of Health, one of the world’s foremost medical research centers, to work on developing real solutions to problems that scientists face in getting their discoveries out into the world.”
Alumnus Zach Brown

Zach Brown attended UM as an undergraduate from 2009-2013, where he majored in environmental studies and minored in climate change studies. He served as an ASUM senator and later was elected as ASUM President on a write-in ticket. While at UM, he earned two Udall Scholarships and a Harry S. Truman Scholarship. As an undergraduate student at UM, Brown focused his studies on fisheries management, water policy, and climate change.

Brown first ran for a seat in the Montana House of Representatives in 2014 at age 23. He now serves in the Legislature (House District 63, which includes MSU’s campus and university district), where his committee work focuses on taxation, wildlife management and water policy.

Brown also works a day job at One Montana on a team of community organizers and facilitators who tackle tough issues facing Montanans across the rural-urban divide.

“I can say with certainty that I would not be on the path I am on today without the external scholarship process; it helped me clarify and shape my goals and career path, which by the way have not wavered much from what I first articulated to Laure almost eight years ago.”
I am building mathematical models to represent multi-predator/prey population dynamics to understand what drives populations of large mammals and how to better manage them in the Rockies.

Amber Datta
Amber Datta earned a degree in environmental analysis at Pomona College, and has 3 years of experience with the Michigan chapter of The Nature Conservancy. After completing an MS degree in resource conservation, at UM, her Ph.D. will concentrate on Pacific inshore marine resources.

Tyler James, T.J., Clark
T.J. Clark completed a bachelor’s degree in neuroscience and zoology at Ohio Wesleyan University, followed by an MS in ecology and environmental biology at Scotland’s University of Glasgow. Clark’s current Ph.D. project in wildlife biology, at UM, studies predator-prey population dynamics.

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Mariah McIntosh
Mariah McIntosh graduated from UM with a major in organismal biology, ecology and evolution. She plans to complete an MS degree at UM in resource conservation. McIntosh’s goal is to work at the intersection of science and problem-solving and to contribute to science-based practice and policy.

Kaitlin Perkins
Kaitlin Perkins attended Washington State University-Vancouver, majoring in biology. Now a first-year master’s student in the systems ecology program at UM, she is researching the ecological impacts of nanoparticle contaminants in the Upper Clark Fork River in Montana.

Fellows are granted a three-year $34K stipend, plus a $12k education allowance to their institution of choice.
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Scholarships Advising and Coaching

388 Recorded student sessions

58 Majors used scholarship services

Coach’s Roles
- Encourage curiosity, vision
- Recognize, develop, connect, channel passions
- Offer opportunities for intellectual and professional growth
- Critique and support

Student’s Roles
- Develop curiosity, vision
- Seek experience, clarity, challenge
- Develop relationships in your field
- Respond well to critiques

In the process of applying for scholarships, students:
- Improve writing
- Develop self-awareness
- Hone interview skills
- Practice networking
- Improve independent thinking
- Find a path to use full potential
- Find their voice
- Formulate values
- Exceed expectations
- Identify strengths and weaknesses
- Discover what makes them tick
- Build lifelong relationships
- Develop a sense of purpose

- National Association of Fellowship Advisors Conference, Chicago 2011

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- Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry: Boren Scholarships and Fellowships and Freeman-Asia and Gilman Scholarships
- Kevin Hood: Gilman Scholarships and DAAD and other international internships
Generous and talented alumnae make scholarship opportunities come alive for our students.

As a UM student with majors in physics and music and a minor in math, Hilary Martens won the Goldwater Scholarship to support a science research career, Glamour’s Top 10 College Women award, and the Marshall Scholarship for two years of graduate study in the UK (University College London and Cambridge University), courtesy of the British government. She also won the Gates Cambridge for a PhD at Cambridge but declined in order to accept the NSF GRFP at Caltech. She is now a professor in UM’s geosciences department.

Becca Boslough, a resource conservation major at UM with a wilderness studies minor, won the Truman Scholarship for leadership in public service, the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for a year of study and internship in Germany, and the Marshall Scholarship (based on academic achievements, leadership, and cultural ambassadorship). She completed her first UK MA at the University of Leeds and is currently studying in the Conservation Leadership program at Cambridge University.

Marshall Scholars Hilary Martens (L) and Becca Boslough (R) share their scholarship experience and tips with prospective applicants during “office hours” in LA 144.