### Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program

**Purpose**

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.

**Award**

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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.

*Number & Amount*

About 100 awards per year. About one third for U.S. citizens and about two thirds for citizens of other countries. Full funding: about $40,000 per year plus tuition/fees. Leadership development, mentoring and experiential learning opportunities are also program benefits.

*Duration*

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**

*Who*

No citizenship restrictions. Any major.

*When*

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.

*Selection Criteria*


*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 (97% of applications nationally were submitted without in 2019).

*Deadline*

October. You must also meet program-specific application deadlines for applying to Stanford OR Knight-Hennessy also imposes a December deadline for all program-specific applications to submitted. You must meet whichever one comes first.

*Application*

Apply online. Unofficial transcripts. Test scores. One-page résumé. Two letters of reference. One personal essay – *How have the influences in your life shaped you* – and four short-answer responses. A two-minute video. An “Immersion Weekend” for finalist. Must also apply (and ultimately be accepted) to your graduate program.

*Contact*

Jim Hohenbary is the Knight-Hennessy Faculty Representative. Contact him at 215 Fairchild or (785) 532-3422.

*Other*

2017 was inaugural year. Funded by a 750 million dollar endowment. Claims to be the largest program of its kind.


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