Knight-Hennessy Scholars

Each year, the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program will identify a group of 100 high-achieving students (50 in the inaugural year 2018) from around the world with demonstrated leadership and civic commitment to receive full funding to pursue a wide-ranging graduate education at Stanford, with the goal of developing a new generation of global leaders.

The Knight-Hennessy Scholars program is the largest fully endowed scholars program in the world and is designed to build a multidisciplinary community of Stanford graduate students dedicated to finding creative solutions to the world’s greatest challenges. Building on departmental programs, fellows will learn to communicate, collaborate, and innovate with fellow Knight-Hennessy Scholars from other disciplines; breaking down traditional academic silos will be essential to discovering new solutions that will advance humanity via leadership development, mentorship, and experiential learning. Tailored workshops, individual coaching, and feedback will hone scholars’ capacity for collaborative leadership; particular emphasis will be placed on the art of storytelling and scholars’ ability to find their voices.

Eligibility

- All those who graduated in 2013 or later are eligible to apply.
- All candidates must be planning to apply to enroll in a full-time graduate degree program at Stanford (e.g., JD, MA, MBA, MD, MS, PhD) or plan on pursuing one of Stanford’s many joint- and dual-graduate-degree options (e.g., MD+PhD, JD+MA, MBA+MS).
- The Knight-Hennessy program welcomes applicants with any citizenship from around the world.
- Additionally, candidates must meet the eligibility requirements of the specific Stanford graduate degree program they wish to pursue.

Application Procedures

Northwestern University students and alum applying to the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program do not need to secure an institutional endorsement letter from
Northwestern, but are welcome to request an advising appointment with the campus contact, Amy Kehoe. Email Amy at amy.kehoe@northwestern.edu.

Create an account in the Knight-Hennessy application portal and submit all required application materials by 1:00 PM Pacific Time, on September 27, 2017.

In addition to the required materials for the Knight-Hennessy application, you must arrange for two letters of recommendation to be submitted on your behalf to Knight-Hennessy by the official deadline. The Knight-Hennessy selection committee will gain access to the recommendations submitted as part of your graduate-degree program application, so the letters submitted to Knight-Hennessy should complement those letters.

You must also submit an application to the specific Stanford graduate degree program you wish to pursue. This process includes submitting all requested standardized test scores (GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, an English proficiency test) and complying with any additional requirements of the specific program/department.

Graduate application deadlines vary, but to be considered for the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program you will need to have all application materials complete no later than November 15, 2017, with some exceptions. The MD program will have a September 29, 2017, deadline given the AMCAS timeline. The MBA program likely will have a September 18, 2017, deadline. Please check with your home graduate department for more information.

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