



Luce Scholars Program

Launched by the Henry Luce Foundation in 1974, the Luce Scholars Program seeks to enhance understanding of Asia among potential leaders in American society. The program provides *stipends, language training, and individualized professional placement in Asia* for up to 18 Luce Scholars each year. **Seniors, graduate school students, professional school students, and alums** in a variety of fields who have had limited exposure to Asia are eligible to apply.

Luce Scholars have backgrounds in virtually every field other than Asian studies, including, but not limited to, the arts, journalism, law, medicine, science, public health, environmental studies, and international relations. Luce Scholars gain new perspectives and cultural insights on their host countries through immersive living and working experiences in Asia. A professional placement is arranged for each scholar on the basis of his or her professional interest, background, and qualifications. Placements can be made in the following countries or regions: *Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam*. The fellowship begins in June with orientation in New York and San Francisco. Luce Scholars engage in intensive language study in Asia in July and August. Placements begin in September, and conclude with a wrap-up meeting in July of the following year.

Eligibility Criteria

- Seniors, graduate students, professional school students and alums are welcome to apply. Northwestern students and alums must apply through Northwestern. The Luce Foundation will not accept individual applications submitted directly to the foundation.
- Those who have had significant experience in Asia or in Asian studies are *not* eligible for the Luce Scholars Program. Candidates may have taken Asian language or Asia-focused courses on a US campus, but Asian studies majors are not eligible. Applicants may have spent up to a total of *eighteen weeks* in one or more countries where Luce Scholars are placed *since graduating from high school*.
- Candidates must be US citizens.
- Candidates must have received at least a bachelor's degree by July 1, 2019.
- Candidates must be under 30 years of age by July 1, 2019.

Application Deadline

Northwestern's campus deadline is **Monday, October 15, 2018**. As a participating university, Northwestern may nominate three applicants, which requires an internal review process, and possibly an interview. Therefore, **late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted. Reference letters must also be submitted by the campus deadline of Monday, October 15, 2018.** The internal competition prohibits Office of Fellowships staff from providing feedback on essays before the nomination process is complete. Conversations are encouraged, however. If you are interested in applying, set up an appointment with Amy Kehoe by sending her an email with your availability. (Note: the three nominees will have until **Monday, October 29**, to submit their final, polished applications.)

Application Submission

The following materials should be sent electronically to Amy Kehoe:

- one signed PDF application [form](#) that includes a Personal Statement;
- four signed confidential letters of recommendation sent electronically from the letter writer to Amy Kehoe as attached PDFs;
- official academic transcript/s of all undergraduate and graduate work; and
- two passport-sized color photos.

Campus Contact

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Recent Winners!

[Rachel Stamler-Jonas](#), Thailand
[Jessie Moravek](#), Nepal
[Christina Cilento](#), Laos