

Knight-Hennessy Scholars Stanford University

Program Overview

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Welcome

A sense of optimism and possibility permeates Stanford University, in the heart of California's Silicon Valley. In thinking and in action, it is the university that points forward.

We attract students and faculty who see things differently. This community inspires a belief that you can have an impact. The entire university is open to you.

The strengths of the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program begin with our home at Stanford University. This program is comprehensive in approach, multidisciplinary in scope, and global in perspective. This is a calling, not a credential. And we will empower you to transform your ideas into reality.

We look forward to meeting you in person and helping you understand the abundant resources, wonderful people, and irrepressible spirit of Stanford.



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At a Glance

Knight-Hennessy Scholars is a graduate-level scholarship at Stanford University aimed at preparing the next generation of global leaders to tackle the increasingly complex challenges facing the world.

We are calling for high-achieving students who will out-think, out-work, and out-care. The next cohort of up to 75 Knight-Hennessy Scholars (up to 100 in subsequent years) will apply in fall 2018 and enroll at Stanford in fall 2019.

As a Knight-Hennessy Scholar, you will receive extensive opportunities for leadership training, mentoring, and cohort-based experiential learning. This will supplement your core Stanford degree program.

We believe the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program will come to be known among the world's most prestigious graduate education programs. We invite you to be a part of it.



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In Detail

Who is Knight-Hennessy?

Knight and Hennessy are

- Phil Knight, Stanford MBA '62; co-founder and chairman emeritus of Nike
- John Hennessy, tenth president of Stanford University; director of Knight-Hennessy Scholars

What are the benefits of being a scholar?

- Multidisciplinary community of Stanford graduate students dedicated to tackling the world's challenges
- King Global Leadership Program of personal development opportunities, with coaching and feedback, to enhance your skills and hone your voice
- Mentoring from leaders across geographic and industry sectors in both formal and informal settings

Where is the program located?

Denning House, under construction, will open in fall 2018 as the convening hub for Knight-Hennessy Scholars

What does the scholarship cover?

- Tuition and fees through standard program funding commitment
- A stipend for room and board, associated academic expenses, and personal expenses

When will the scholars enroll?

Fall 2019 is when the upcoming cohort of up to 75 scholars will enroll at Stanford



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What We Offer

As a Knight-Hennessy Scholar, you will develop both the depth and range of subject expertise to confront the numerous grand challenges and opportunities of the future. You will be part of a unique community of change agents that will empower you to realize your dreams.

You will benefit from hands-on workshops and mentorship to hone your capacity for collaborative leadership.

You will spend time with established leaders, both as intimate conversations exclusively within the Knight-Hennessy Scholars community, as well as meetings with experts in your areas of interest.

You will confront real-world problems in practical group exercises that require you to reflect on your self-knowledge and sharpen your ability to inspire and motivate others.



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Funding

The Knight-Hennessy Scholars program will fund up to three years of your graduate education. Any program extending beyond three years will be funded by the program.

As a Knight-Hennessy Scholar, you will receive

- a fellowship applied directly to cover tuition (commensurate with standard departmental level of enrollment) and associated fees, and
- a stipend for living and academic expenses (such as room and board, books, academic supplies, instructional materials, local transportation, and reasonable personal expenses), and
- an economy-class ticket for one annual trip to and from Stanford.
- NOTE: Knight-Hennessy Scholars also may apply for supplemental funds to support academic endeavors (e.g. conference travel).



[Learn more about funding
kh.stanford.edu/funding](https://kh.stanford.edu/funding)

Denning House

Denning House will be the home of the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program. It is not a residence, but it will feel like home. It will comprise a classroom, a dining hall, lounge (with piano!), and several conference and meeting/study rooms. Coffee and snacks will be available throughout the day.

The building, located in the heart of campus overlooking Lake Lagunita, will also feature a dining space for when we gather for regular meals.



[Learn more about Denning House](https://kh.stanford.edu/denning-house)
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Meet the Scholars

In its first year, the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program received 3,601 applications from around the world.

The inaugural group of 49 students is 57 percent women and includes citizens of 20 countries.

Scholars will pursue graduate degrees in 28 departments across the university at all seven of Stanford's schools: Business; Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences; Education; Engineering; Humanities and Sciences; Law; and Medicine.



[Learn more about the 2018 cohort](https://kh.stanford.edu/scholars)
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Am I Eligible?

You are eligible to enroll as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar in 2019 if you earned your undergraduate degree in 2014 or later. If you have already earned a graduate degree, you are still eligible if you earned your undergraduate degree in 2014 or later.

Beyond that, you need to meet the requirements of the Stanford graduate degree program in which you seek to enroll. Review that program's website for more information.

There are no quotas or formulae based on citizenship, field of study, etc. We will build the cohort of Knight-Hennessy Scholars person by person, not group by group.

No two Stanford students are the same. Neither are any two Stanford applicants. We pay careful attention to the experiences and aspirations of each applicant. We ask you to have confidence in yourself and faith in us.



[Learn more about eligibility
kh.stanford.edu/eligibility](https://kh.stanford.edu/eligibility)

How Do I Apply?

You must complete two separate applications to be selected as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar

Apply to the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program by September 12, 2018. Apply directly to the Stanford graduate degree program of your choice by its respective deadline.

Most graduate degree program applications (with all application materials complete) will be due in early November 2018. There are exceptions, though.

- For the MD program at the School of Medicine, meet its standard deadline
- For master's programs at the Graduate School of Business, apply in Round One
- When in doubt, feel free to contact us with any questions.

Even if we think you're wonderful, we can't select you as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar unless you also are admitted to one of Stanford's graduate degree programs.



[Learn more about how to apply
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When Do I Apply?

These are the important dates in the Knight-Hennessy Scholars admission process for entry in fall 2019*.

Application Deadlines

Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program

Mid-September 2018

Stanford Graduate Program (with all application materials complete)

Early November*

In-Person Assessments

Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program

**Local Interview
(if offered)**

December 2018

Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program Immersion Weekend

January 25-26, 2019**

Decision Notification

Stanford Graduate Program (dates will vary, but no later than)

February 2019*

Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program

February 2019

* The MBA and MD program applications are due by September 2018. Please see the respective websites for more information about deadlines.

** Tentative; taking place at Stanford University.



[Learn more about when to apply](https://kh.stanford.edu/timeline)
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Who Are You Looking For?

We look primarily at three areas in selecting Knight-Hennessy Scholars:

Independence of Thought

- Seek out new knowledge and experiences
- Full of original ideas
- Can make sense of ambiguity
- Can hold a contrarian or dissenting point of view
- Clever

Purposeful Leader

- Ambitious, in the best sense of the word
- Driven to improve
- Willing to take risks
- Able to rebound from adversity
- Self-aware
- Able to engage with others

Civic Mindset

- Personally humble and kind
- Inclusive
- Open to differences
- Concerned for, and helpful to, others
- Conscientious
- Willing to share with others



[Learn more about criteria
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What's in the Application?

We ask you for data...

Transcript(s)

- Copy of transcript; no official transcript needed
- Report using your school's grading scale: do not convert grades to 4.0 scale
- No preferred fields of study
- No minimum score

Standardized Test Scores

- Take the test required by your department by its application deadline. Unofficial scores are acceptable
- English proficiency required
 - Waived if you have a degree with English instruction*
- No minimum score for tests

One-Page Résumé

- A summary of your education, work experience, activities and interests, skills, abilities, credentials, honors, and accomplishments
- Rule of thumb: keep your résumé to one page for every decade of post-college experience.

*See the Stanford University Graduate Admissions website for more information.



[Learn more about application requirements
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What's in the Application?

...and we ask you for context

Letters of Reference

- Insights from people who know you well and who can provide anecdotes and examples that speak to your experiences and potential
 - Trust your instincts in selecting
 - If you're a college student, consult your fellowship advisor

Essays and Short Answers

- One essay to explain who you are, not what you've done
- One essay to lay out your interests at Stanford and beyond
- Two short-answer responses

Video Story

- Your brief (less than two minutes) response to a question
- A chance to bring to life every applicant
- Focus is getting to know you, not "production value"



[Learn more about application requirements](https://kh.stanford.edu/requirements)
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Immersion Weekend

We will select up to 150 finalists for the 2019 cohort of 75 Knight-Hennessy Scholars. Finalists will visit Stanford (at our expense) on January 25-26, 2019, to preview life in the community here.

We'll select these finalists after reviewing your Knight-Hennessy Scholars application, in consultation with your graduate degree program.

We are designing an experience that is both evaluative and informative. Immersion Weekend will give you the opportunity to learn more about Stanford, your specific graduate degree program, the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program, your fellow applicants, and (we hope) yourself.



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Campus Life at Stanford

Stanford University encompasses a 1,200-acre (486 hectare) open, park-like campus within its total 8,100 acres (3,310 hectares) of rolling foothills. With seven schools on one contiguous campus, there is a constant buzz of energy from the activities, speakers, and events. Most graduate students live on-campus, and all Knight-Hennessy Scholars are guaranteed on-campus housing for your first year.

When you venture off-campus, you are in the heart of Silicon Valley. San Francisco, with its culture, arts, and renowned restaurants, is just to the north. Easy day-trips include the famous wine regions of Napa Valley and Sonoma, the beautiful beaches of California's central coast, stunning scenery and hiking in Yosemite, and world-class skiing at Lake Tahoe. Our Mediterranean climate enables year-round outdoor activity.



[Learn more about campus life](https://kh.stanford.edu/campus-life)
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Graduate School of Business

Stanford Graduate School of Business (GSB) creates ideas that deepen and advance our understanding of management and, with those ideas, develops innovative, principled, and insightful students who change the world.

Stanford GSB, established in 1925, offers the two-year MBA Program with about 850 students (~420 per intake); a one-year MSx in management with about 90 students; the PhD Program with about 125 students; the six-week residential Stanford Executive Program for senior executives; more than 50 Executive Education courses; Stanford Ignite, a part-time program in innovation and entrepreneurship in Brazil, China, India, and the United Kingdom; and second-degrees with computer science (MS), education (MA), electrical engineering (MS), environment and resources (MS), international policy studies (MA), law (JD), medicine (MD), and public policy (MPP).

The 120 faculty members include three Nobel laureates and five John Bates Clark medal winners. There are more than 33,000 GSB alumni worldwide.



[Learn more about the GSB](https://kh.stanford.edu/gsb)
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School of Earth, Energy, & Environmental Sciences

Stanford School of Earth, Energy, and Environmental Sciences (also known as SE3 and Stanford Earth) is committed to develop the knowledge, talent, and leadership to understand the changing Earth and to help solve the enormous resource and environmental challenges facing the world.

Research and teaching at SE3 focus on meeting the needs of a growing global population while protecting the planet's long-term life support systems. SE3 addresses critical sustainability challenges, including energy, fresh water, food, climate change, and natural hazards such as earthquakes and volcanoes. Scholars seek a greater understanding of the Earth in areas including geology, continental dynamics, and oceans and biogeochemical cycles.

SE3 has 65 faculty, 125 undergraduates, and 423 graduate students. SE3 offers BS, Engineer, PhD, and MS degrees.



[Learn more about SE3
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Graduate School of Education

Stanford Graduate School of Education (GSE) is a leader in pioneering new and better ways to achieve high-quality education for all. Faculty and students engage in groundbreaking and creative interdisciplinary scholarship that informs how people learn and shapes the practice and understanding of education.

Stanford GSE enrolls about 400 graduate students and is preparing the next generation of education scholars, policymakers, entrepreneurs, executives, and school leaders. The GSE's 61 faculty draw from a variety of disciplines to produce scholarship that shapes teaching and learning worldwide. They translate research into practice through partnerships with schools, nonprofits, and governments.

GSE offers the PhD, MA, and MA with teaching credential, as well as three joint degrees with business, law, and public policy. It has ten nationally renowned research centers. GSE also offers an undergraduate program.



[Learn more about the GSE](https://kh.stanford.edu/gse)
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School of Engineering

The mission of Stanford School of Engineering (Stanford Engineering) is to make the world a better place by using the power of engineering principles, techniques, and systems.

Stanford Engineering has been at the forefront of innovation for nearly a century, creating pivotal technologies that have transformed the worlds of information technology, communications, health care, energy, business, and beyond. Stanford Engineering believes it is essential to educate engineers who possess not only deep technical excellence, but also the creativity, cultural awareness, and entrepreneurial skills that come from exposure to the liberal arts, business, medicine, and other disciplines that are an integral part of the Stanford experience.

More than 5,000 graduate and undergraduate students are enrolled at Stanford Engineering. The school has nine departments, more than 280 faculty members, and more than 85 laboratories, centers, institutes, and programs. Stanford Engineering's hub, the Jen-Hsun Huang Engineering Center, was built in 2010.



[Learn more about SoE
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School of Humanities & Sciences

Stanford School of Humanities & Sciences (H&S) represents the heart of Stanford University.

H&S is Stanford's largest school, and offers graduate students the opportunity to work alongside world-renowned faculty to pursue and shape foundational research that sheds new light on the past, influence the present, and shape the future. H&S enrolls more than 2,300 graduate students and about 2,900 undergraduate students in more than 45 departments and interdisciplinary degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, languages and literatures, life- and physical- sciences, mathematics, and social sciences. This critical mass of great minds is advantageous for everyone. H&S's location on one campus promotes unprecedented research partnerships. Interdisciplinary research across H&S addresses the most urgent challenges facing society today – problems too complex to be tackled by any single discipline. An emphasis on solutions is balanced by a commitment to contribute to basic research that forms the foundation for all future discoveries.

H&S has more than 570 faculty members. Its graduate programs lead to DMA, MA, MFA, MPP, MS, and PhD degrees.



[Learn more about H&S](https://kh.stanford.edu/hs)
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School of Law

Stanford Law School (SLS) offers unmatched opportunities. Our approach is distinctly student-centric, defined by the needs and ambitions of future graduates and customizable to each student.

In a crowded law school landscape, SLS stands apart. SLS is known for our collegial culture, intimate and egalitarian. In this close-knit community, collaboration and the open exchange of ideas are essential to life and learning. Classes are small. Seminars in faculty homes, reading groups, and team-driven clinics make for an experience that is intense, supportive, and challenging.

SLS combines classic and innovative legal education, with about 70 faculty members and 180 new JD students annually. The student-to-faculty ratio is 7.3 to 1.

SLS offers 21 joint-degree programs in areas ranging from bioengineering to business to public policy. Eleven clinics allow students to undertake the roles of practicing lawyers, and 25 academic programs and centers and about 20 policy practicums offer opportunities for research and policy work.



[Learn more about SLS
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School of Medicine

Stanford School of Medicine is a leader in the biomedical revolution, with a long tradition of leadership in pioneering research, creative teaching protocols, and effective clinical therapies.

The close proximity of the School of Medicine to the resources of the University – including Stanford Engineering, GSB, SLS, and H&S – our seamless relationship with our affiliated adult and children’s hospitals, and our ongoing associations with the entrepreneurial endeavors of Silicon Valley uniquely position us to accelerate the pace at which new knowledge is translated into tangible health benefits. We encourage intellectual diversity in students interested in developing a scholarly, investigative approach to problems in medicine and science, and in using discoveries to transform patient care.

The School of Medicine has 1,058 full-time faculty, including seven Nobel laureates; 1,216 postdoctoral scholars; 497 MD students, 1,094 PhD and MS candidates; and 1,257 residents and clinical fellows. Faculty deliver care at Stanford Health Care and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, where medical students also gain experience. In 2017, faculty received more than \$648 million for sponsored research.



[Learn more about SoM
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See You Soon

If you remember only one thing from all this information, it should be this: you must apply separately to both Knight-Hennessy Scholars and the Stanford graduate degree program of your choice. Our application is due September 12, 2018. You must submit your MBA or MD program applications in September too. For any other graduate program, you must apply by November 1; this is true regardless of the standard deadline if you wish to be considered for the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program. As always, feel free to ask us a question anytime.

We hope you've found this information helpful in setting the stage for your upcoming Knight-Hennessy Scholars event. We look forward to meeting you.



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