

# Scholarship, Fellowship & Grant Application Development Resources

To help you get started with your application development, I pulled together some of the resources I recommend most often to students I work with individually as fellowship applicants and to the students in my weekly writing workshops. *To access the resource listed, click on any bolded title.*

## Getting started with your personal statement

### **Definition of a Personal Statement | Mary Hale Tolar**

Mary Hale Tolar is the Director of the [Mary Lynn and Warren Staley School of Leadership Studies](#) and an Associate professor of leadership studies at Kansas State University. Tolar is a member of the Truman and Rhodes Scholarship communities, and invested talent and energy into the founding of the [National Association of Fellowships Advisors](#) and the evolution of fellowship advising as a catalytic force. She is the co-author and editor of "[The Lucky Few and the Worthy Many: Scholarships and the World's Future Leaders.](#)"

### **Composing A Personal Statement: Invitation to Frustration | Kyle Mox**

Kyle Mox is the [Director of National Scholarship Advisement in the Barrett Honors College](#) at Arizona State University. He has successfully advised hundreds of national scholarship-winning students, including winners of the Rhodes and Marshall Scholarship, Truman Scholarship, Goldwater Scholarship, and Fulbright US Student Program, among others. Mox is a vocal presence in the professional field of competitive fellowships advising and currently serves on the executive board of the [National Association of Fellowships Advisors](#), specializing in ethics, program assessment, and best practices.

### **Writing Personal Statements Online | Joe Schall | John A. Dutton E-Education Institution**

Schall's Writing Personal Statements Online is a genuinely useful resource which offers a wide range of insightful guidance for students applying for scholarships and graduate study.  This guide is generously shared under the Creative Commons license by Joe Schall and Pennsylvania State University.

## Preparing a competitive research proposal

### **On the Art of Writing Proposals | Adam Pzeworski & Frank Saloman | Social Science Research Council**

Pzeworski, Adam and Saloman, Frank, [On the Art of Writing Proposals](#) (Social Science Research Council, 1995 rev., 1988).

### **Why Academics Stink at Writing and How to Fix It | Steven Pinker | Chronicle of Higher Education**

Pinker, Steven. (2014). Why Academics Stink at Writing. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 61(5), B6-B10.

## Keep reading if you...

There is help (and humor!) for everyone in this resource list, but it is especially useful for **students** who want to know **how to win** or **get in** but:

- don't know where to start,**
- what to write about (or how to write it),**
- or what committees DO NOT want to see.**

## Connect with expert advisors & scholar development resources at the **University of Iowa**

### **Scholar Development Resources & Support | UI Undergraduate Fellowships**

Honors at Iowa's Director of Scholar Development assists undergraduate scholars at the University of Iowa in their pursuit of university, national, and international scholarship, fellowship, and grant opportunities. Follow [UIHPFellowships](#) on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for news and updates.

### **BRAIN FORCE DEVELOPMENT | UI Undergraduate Fellowships Opportunity Blog**

### **Resources for Undergraduate Researchers | Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates**

ICRU promotes undergraduate involvement in mentored research and creative projects at the University of Iowa.

### **Undergraduate Research Funding & Experiences | UI Office for Research & Economic Development**

Research involvement is an important part of undergraduate education at the University of Iowa. Students in all disciplines benefit from being a part of the scholarly work of our faculty and staff. These opportunities provide undergraduates with hands on experience as they prepare themselves for graduate or professional training. Outstanding programs and mentors abound at Iowa for students as they begin to sample possible career paths and many undergraduates make research a focal point of their academic training.

### **Student Funding & Support | International Programs at the University of Iowa**

International Programs helps students identify and pursue the many undergraduate and graduate scholarship and funding opportunities that support projects with an international emphasis. Grants and fellowships can provide opportunities for academic and language study, research, and internships.

### **UI Grad Student Success Services | The Graduate College at the University of Iowa**

While the Office of Graduate Student Success is aimed at supporting graduate students at the University of Iowa, many of their online resources and workshop opportunities are relevant for undergrads who are thinking about pursuing masters or doctoral-level work at the UI or elsewhere.

### **The Writing Center | University of Iowa**

The [Writing Center](#) helps all in the University community improve their writing, including attitudes and self-confidence about writing. The Center offers semester-long tutoring programs with weekly meetings. Also available: as-needed single appointments, online tutoring, and online help with specific writing questions.

### **Pomerantz Career Services | University of Iowa**

The Pomerantz Career Center offers centralized and comprehensive services focused on the areas of Career Advising, Leadership and Career-related Academic Courses, Experiential Education, and Campus Recruiting.