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**Deadline:** 11/01

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**Deadline:** 12/01

Internships/Research Experiences

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Eligibility: Seniors
**Deadline:** 08/01

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Eligibility: Seniors
**Deadline:** 08/01

**Mitchell Scholarship**
Disciplines: All Fields
Purpose: 1 year study at any Ireland university
Eligibility: Seniors
**Deadline:** 08/01

**Rhodes Scholarship**
Disciplines: All Fields
Purpose: 2-3 years study at Oxford University
Eligibility: Seniors
**Deadline:** 08/01

**Churchill Foundation Scholarship**
Disciplines: Mathematics, science, and engineering
Purpose: 9 - 12 months study at Cambridge University
Eligibility: Seniors
**Deadline:** 08/01

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Purpose: Up to three years of graduate study and leadership training
Eligibility: Juniors
**Deadline:** 11/01

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Disciplines: Mathematics, natural and social sciences, and engineering
Purpose: 3 years of graduate study
Eligibility: Seniors and 1st year graduate students
**Deadline:** Early November

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Eligibility: Juniors
**Deadline:** 12/01

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Disciplines: All
Purpose: Up to 2 years language study/research abroad
Eligibility: All graduate students
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