The Knight-Hennessy Scholars program cultivates a diverse, multidisciplinary community of emerging leaders from around the world and guides them to collaborate, innovate, and communicate as they prepare to address the complex challenges facing society. Knight-Hennessy Scholars become part of a supportive family of fellow scholars. Through the King Global Leadership Program, scholars will broaden knowledge, develop skills, and strengthen character. Knight-Hennessy Scholars also receive funding to pursue graduate study at Stanford University.

Eligibility

Citizens of all countries are welcome to apply. You are eligible to apply if you earned your undergraduate or bachelor’s degree in 2014 or later (2012 for US military). You may be selected as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar if you apply to enroll in any full-time graduate degree program at Stanford. (For example, DMA, JD, MA, MBA, MD, MFA, MPP, MS and/or PhD). Stanford dual- and joint-degree programs also are eligible. The program will select a cohort of up to 90 promising graduate students entering Stanford in autumn 2021.

Denning House

As a Stanford graduate student, you will likely live in graduate housing with other Stanford students. In addition to graduate housing, Knight-Hennessy Scholars also have a convening hub on campus, Denning House. As the location of most of the King Global Leadership Program curriculum and experiences, it offers spaces for large meals, quiet study, casual conversations, intimate seminars, and group collaborations.

Profile of All Scholars

- **52%** Women
- **48%** Men
- **38%** Doctoral (PhD)
- **37%** Professional (Law, Business, Medicine)
- **24%** Master’s (MA, MPP, MS)

Countries of origin

- **43** Countries
- Afghanistan, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Singapore, South Korea, Syria, Tajikistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Zimbabwe

Years since graduation from undergraduate institution

- **34%** 3+ years
- **35%** 1-2 years
- **31%** 0 years

Degree programs

- **Business** 15%
- **Earth Sciences** 3%
- **Education** 3%
- **Engineering** 23%
- **Humanities & Sciences** 25%
- **Law** 13%
- **Medicine** 18%

US institutions *

- **65** Institutions

Non-US institutions *

- **36** Institutions

* Full list is on the back
The King Global Leadership Program offers a flexible set of activities for Knight-Hennessy Scholars. Through an intentionally diverse blend of experiences and events, you build on your graduate degree program with leadership development, mentorship, and experiential learning. As a scholar, you have:

- **Conversations** with authors, artists, experts, and global leaders.
- **Collaborative experiences** through off-site weekend impact-a-thons and retreats to learn about each other, share leadership insights, and begin to address complex challenges. You also may participate in culturally and contextually enriching global study trips.
- **Shared meals** that build communication and collaboration skills in different formats such as workshops or seminars.
- **Seminars** that foster critical thinking and analytical skills.
- **Community events** centered around shared experiences and fellowship, such as Town Halls, movie nights, Women in STEM, and deep dives to learn about each other.

### Funding

Your education as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar is funded for any graduate degree(s) at Stanford to which you are admitted at the time of your selection as a scholar. Knight-Hennessy Scholars receive the following for up to three years of graduate study (if your degree program exceeds three years, then your graduate program will fund the remainder of your education to the extent consistent with its standard funding commitment):

- Funding applied directly to cover **tuition** and associated fees.
- A **stipend** for living and academic expenses (such as housing and meals, books, academic supplies, instructional materials, local transportation, and reasonable personal expenses).
- A **travel stipend** intended to cover an economy-class ticket for one annual trip to and from Stanford.
- **Access to a scholar academic enrichment fund** to support academic endeavors (e.g., research, conference travel) or collaborative projects with social impact.

### Admission

We encourage you to view the Knight-Hennessy Scholars application process as a chance for structured reflection – for you to learn about yourself and for us to learn more about you. The byproduct of that reflection is the application that you submit.

In selecting Knight-Hennessy Scholars, we look primarily at three areas: **independence of thought, purposeful leadership, and civic mindset**. The application includes a resume, transcript, short answers and essays, recommendations, and a video statement. Watch our videos for tips from scholars.

You must apply to the **Knight-Hennessy Scholars program and a Stanford graduate degree program(s) separately**. While we review your applications independently, we can select you as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar only if you are admitted to your graduate degree program. Please visit gradadmissions.stanford.edu as a resource, then visit the website of your graduate degree program for information about its specific requirements.

For more information about eligibility, funding, and the application, please visit [kh.stanford.edu](http://kh.stanford.edu).

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