

Mitchell Scholarship

The George J. Mitchell Scholarship Program is a nationally competitive, highly prestigious, post-graduate award which allows future American leaders to pursue one year of graduate study in Ireland and Northern Ireland. The program is designed to introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland, providing them with an understanding about, an interest in, and an affinity for the island of Ireland. Applicants are judged on academic excellence, a record of outstanding leadership, and a sustained commitment to community and public service. The review committee also seek applicants who demonstrate a strong rationale for studying in Ireland and who have an interest in remaining connected to the US-Ireland Alliance (USIA) and the Mitchell alumni network. The USIA expects Mitchell Scholars to become active members of the non-profit organization, alumni scholar community, and to remain connected to the island of Ireland after their Mitchell Scholarship year.

Update: On 3/13/25, the US-Ireland Alliance announced the George J. Mitchell Scholarship program will remain on pause for the selection of future classes.

Application Materials

- Application
- Personal statement (1,000 words)
- Video Interview

What they're looking for

- You are between 18-30 years old on 1 October in the year in which you are applying
- You have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

Academic Level
Graduate

Field(s) of Study Humanities,
Language
Studies,
STEM,
Art and
Architecture,
Social
Sciences,
Law and
Diplomacy,
Education

Application Deadline
September

Website
[Mitchell Scholarship](#)

Nomination Required
Yes

Citizen Status
U.S. Citizen

The Mitchell Scholarship Program provides tuition, housing, one round trip airline ticket between the US and the island purchased by USIA, and a monthly stipend for living expenses and other travel. The scholarship covers September through May of an academic year, if a Scholar's course of study requires that they stay on the island of Ireland beyond May 31, any additional expenses will be the responsibility of the Scholar.

The Mitchell Scholarship is administered by the US-Ireland Alliance, a proactive, non-partisan, and non-profit organization dedicated to consolidating existing relations between the United States and the island of Ireland and building the relationship for the future. Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars are chosen each year. Please email Hallie Johnson at hjohnson1@wpi.edu for more information.