Knight-Hennessy Scholars (KHS) cultivates and supports a multidisciplinary and multicultural community of graduate students across Stanford University, and delivers engaging experiences that prepare graduates to be visionary, courageous, and collaborative leaders who address complex challenges facing the world.

All scholars are Stanford graduate students, and join Knight-Hennessy Scholars in addition to enrolling in a graduate degree program at any of Stanford’s seven schools.

**Leadership**

Knight-Hennessy scholars participate in up to three years of programming that complements their graduate studies and prepares them to take on leadership roles in academia, industry, government, nonprofits, and the community at large.

**Community**

A new cohort joins each year, adding to a diverse community of scholars across disciplines, nationalities, perspectives, and backgrounds. Scholars learn together, collaborate on impactful projects, and develop lifelong friendships.

**Funding**

Scholars receive a fellowship for up to three years of tuition, depending upon their degree length. In addition, scholars receive a stipend for living and academic expenses, and a travel stipend for one annual trip to and from Stanford.

**AT A GLANCE (2018-2023)**

- **425** Scholars to date
- **68** Countries of citizenship
- **44%** Hold a non-U.S. passport
- **16%** First-generation college graduate
- **94** Stanford degree programs

Among U.S. citizens/residents:

- **51%** identify as a person of color
- **9%** U.S. military

Degree totals unequal to 100% due to dual degrees.
Knight-Hennessy Scholars selects a cohort of up to 100 promising graduate students enrolling at Stanford each autumn quarter.

Eligibility
There are no restrictions based on citizenship, age, college or university, field of study, or career aspiration.

Leadership Program
The King Global Leadership Program (KGLP) builds upon the domain expertise scholars gain in their Stanford graduate programs. KGLP includes workshops, lectures, projects, and experiences that strengthen transformational leadership capabilities.

Core offerings bring together the full KHS community. Examples include tackling bold projects at the KHeystone Project Ideas Festival and Spring Showcase, having candid conversations with experienced leaders at McMurtry Leadership Lectures, practicing communication skills at weekly storytelling sessions, and connecting across cohorts at quarterly KHS Town Hall and weekend retreats.

Elective events focus on specific themes within the KHS community. Examples include exploring thought-provoking prompts at Curiosity Corner, examining real-life leadership challenges at Case Studies, and experiencing different cultures through Global Travel Study.

Scholar-driven events are designed and led by scholars to strengthen community and culture. Examples include learning about other scholars’ journeys and cultures at Deep Dives and KH Geographic.

Admission
Each incoming Knight-Hennessy scholar must also be a newly enrolling student in a full-time Stanford graduate program or a current Stanford PhD student in their second year of enrollment.

Applicants must submit two separate applications:

Knight-Hennessy Scholars application: The KHS application to join the 2024 cohort is due by October 11 at 1:00 pm Pacific Time and includes a resume, transcript, short-answer and essay questions, and recommendations.

Stanford graduate program application: These application deadlines and requirements vary by degree program.

Register for an information session or admission Q&A.