Knight-Hennessy Scholars cultivates and supports a multidisciplinary and multicultural community of graduate students from 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 University graduate students, who join Knight-Hennessy Scholars when they begin a new 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. 
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Community
A new cohort of scholars joins each year, adding to a diverse community of scholars from across disciplines, nationalities, perspectives, and backgrounds. Scholars learn together, collaborate on impactful projects, and develop lifelong friendships. 
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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. 
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340 Scholors to date
62 Countries of citizenship
53% Women
45% Hold a non-U.S. passport
23% International undergraduate location
16% First-generation college

Among U.S. citizens/residents
- 48% identifying as a person of color
- 10% U.S. military

91 Stanford degree programs

*totals greater than 100 due to dual degrees

0 years (27%) 1-2 years (31%) 3+ years (42%)
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Criteria

We look for evidence of three criteria: independence of thought, purposeful leadership, and a civic mindset. kh.stanford.edu/admission/criteria

Admission

Admission: Each incoming Knight-Hennessy scholar must also be a newly enrolling student in a full-time Stanford graduate program. Applicants must submit two separate applications:

- Knight-Hennessy Scholars application
  Applications are due in October and include a resume, transcript, short answers and essay, and recommendations. Video statements and Immersion Weekend are by invitation only.
- Stanford graduate program application
  Application deadlines and requirements vary by degree program.

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