



SHARE Fellowship

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History: The idea for this fellowship is to support exceptional students from emerging markets, and disadvantaged students from the developed countries, who would not otherwise choose or have the opportunity to come to Thunderbird. The initial fund was created by Thunderbird alumni and friends who have also agreed to mentor the students during and after their time at Thunderbird.

The fellowships involve Thunderbird alumni and friends, who have serious career accomplishments themselves, in supporting and mentoring students with outstanding potential. As far as we know this program is unique to Thunderbird.

In 2010, the donors to the Mary Kolehmainen Lambert Scholarship Fund agreed to the transfer of remaining funds to the SHARE Fellowship.

Mentors: This fellowship features a mentorship relationship between the student and donors. The students are paired with two or three of the donors, where possible matching areas of experience/expertise with the student's career interests. The students and mentors are introduced through phone conference and maintain contact with at least one phone conference per term. Additional communication occurs as necessary via email and other means. Mentors provide general guidance and encouragement, career planning, assistance with introductions for internships and potential employers, and help with entrepreneurial activities.

Criteria: Scholarships will be available to entering students from emerging countries, as well as disadvantaged American students, who:

- Meet the School's general admission requirements and have been offered admission through the Office of Admissions.
- Meet the School's Entering Merit Scholarship Standards-- For an MBA degree: a minimum of two years of work experience, the nature of which would enable the student to bring input of value to instruction in the program of choice; an undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher, GMAT score of 610 or higher. For an MS or MA degree: an undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher, and the equivalent of a GMAT score of 610 or higher on the GRE scoring protocol.
- Preference will be given to students who plan to return to their region of origin to use their Thunderbird degree to make a difference in the country or region's economy.
- Preference will be given to students who have shown commitment and outstanding performance in other areas of endeavor.

Process: The Thunderbird Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and selects the top candidates

- Top candidates are submitted to a steering committee comprised of some of the donors for review and ranking.
- The steering committee provides ranking selection to the Thunderbird Scholarship Committee, where final approval is made.
- Where possible, mentors will interview candidates as part of the selection process.

Award Amount:

- Initially, two to three awards offered annually.
- The first awards will be made to students entering in Fall of 2008.
- The awards will be offered at the Presidential Scholarship level (100% tuition of the program of study), Trustee's Scholarship level (75% tuition of the program of study) or Founder's Scholarship level (50% tuition of the program of study).



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