

William and Judith Bollinger International Student Enrichment Fund Criteria for Eligibility and Award Information

The William and Judith Bollinger International Student Enrichment Fund was established to enable international students studying at the LBJ School to pursue educational and cultural interests both at and away from The University of Texas at Austin. The funds are meant to elevate the experiences of international students by expanding their knowledge and inspiring them to share that knowledge with their peers, friends, and families back home.

Criteria

To be considered for funding, requests must show that the award will allow the student to participate in an enriching cultural or educational experience.

Eligibility

All international students currently enrolled in a Master's or PhD program at the LBJ School are eligible to apply. The student must be enrolled at the LBJ School full-time during the semester(s) for which they apply and must be in good academic standing.

Awards

The typical award amount is \$2,500 annually (September 1 through August 31). A limited number of larger awards are also available. A committee meets to review applications on a regular and on-going basis. Awards will be given each year until the budgeted funds are exhausted.

There is a mandatory 14 percent federal tax withheld from fellowship award payments made to nonresident students. Please keep this in mind when preparing your budget. You may be able to get a tax refund if your home country has a tax treaty with the United States. For more information, visit this link: https://austin-utexas.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/133/

When to Apply

Applications for Bollinger Funds must be completed, submitted, and approved prior to the trip you are seeking funding for. Applicants who wish to apply for smaller or less expensive activities are encouraged to aggregate them into an overall plan for the entire academic year.

The payment process may take several weeks, so students should keep that in mind when applying.

How to Apply

Complete and print the Bollinger Enrichment Fund Application Form. Attach supporting documentation such as a copy of the airfare from a travel website, a printout of the hotel rate, and all necessary receipts.

Submit the signed application, including supporting documentation, to the Fellowship specialist located in the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs at SRH 3.104 lobby in-box. Students should expect notification regarding the committee's decision of the request for funds no earlier than two weeks after the application is submitted.