

## **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, within the United States (excluding United States Territories), 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 program at the LBJ School are eligible to apply. The student must be enrolled at the LBJ School full-time during the semester(s) they apply for and use these funds and must be in good academic standing.

#### **Awards**

The maximum award amount is \$2,500 annually (September 1 through August 31). 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/](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.

Students should expect notification regarding the committee's decision of the request for funds no earlier than two weeks after the application is submitted. The payment process may take several weeks, so students should keep that in mind when applying.

#### **How to Apply**

Complete the Current Student Endowed Fellowship Application including the required narrative and budget components. Attach supporting documentation such as a copy of the airfare from a travel website, a printout of the hotel rate and company/agency name, contact information for the interviewer, and all receipts or basis for estimates of expenses. Submit the completed application to [lbjfellows@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:lbjfellows@austin.utexas.edu).

Incomplete applications will be returned for completion and will not be considered until resubmitted. Students should expect notification regarding the committee's decision of their request of funds no earlier than two weeks after the submission of the completed application.

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**Receiving Your Fellowship Award**

You must set up a direct deposit account to receive your award. This should be done prior to submitting your application to ensure the transaction is processed properly.

You may sign up for direct deposit online at [https://utdirect.utexas.edu/acct/rec/weft/webEFT\\_info.WBX](https://utdirect.utexas.edu/acct/rec/weft/webEFT_info.WBX).