



# McDonnell International Scholars Academy

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## McDonnell Scholars

Chosen for their potential to emerge as leaders and experts in their fields, McDonnell Scholars are exceptional graduate students, diverse in their academic endeavors and backgrounds, who come to WashU for an extraordinary educational experience. The McDonnell Academy unites these talented students, fostering a dynamic and vibrant community enriched by their experiences and perspectives.

Through mentorship, professional development, and unique engagement opportunities, McDonnell Scholars embark on a transformative journey that enhances their global outlook, capacity to drive positive change, and inspires them to emerge as leaders who foster growth in their communities and beyond.

**Educating a community of scholars from around the globe and across disciplines, preparing them to address global challenges as leaders in their professions and communities**

## McDonnell Academy Facts



**93 Scholars in Residence** Scholars come from varied degree programs and different countries in order to maximize the diversity of the program and create unique experience and rich dialogue.



**242 Alumni Scholars** McDonnell Academy alumni have careers in industry, government, and academia and comprise a network spread across the globe.



**30+ Partners in 24 Cities on 6 Continents** A select group of research universities around the world partner with WashU and the McDonnell Academy, sharing a commitment to excellence in research and international collaboration.

**The McDonnell Academy enhances leadership capacity through mentorship, professional development, and unique engagement opportunities.**

It is this foundation that builds the character and conviction to lead with a global mindset and social responsibility.

Selected McDonnell Scholars pursue doctoral and professional master's degrees at WashU receive financial and programmatic support, including:

- Full Tuition Scholarship
- Travel Allowance
- Monthly Living Stipend
- Leadership Education

**Provides a platform of excellence in leadership and professional development,** empowering Scholars to have a positive impact in their fields and in the world.

**Strengthens relationships** among WashU, the St. Louis community, alumni, friends, organizations, and our global network.

**Leverages the Academy's international partnership network** to incubate groundbreaking ideas and foster collaborative research across countries and disciplines.





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# GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Expanding Global Perspectives. Cultivating Community. Preparing Leaders.

The McDonnell Academy provides exceptional leadership training, enriching the WashU graduate experience and preparing future leaders to address the world's most complex challenges. Our program promotes collaborative interdisciplinary research with our global partners, further enhancing the educational experience.

## WHAT ARE WE SEEKING IN A SCHOLAR?

McDonnell Scholars are chosen for their potential to become future leaders and are supported in developing their leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills. In selecting our Scholars, we consider:

- **Academic distinction:** Scholars are selected on the basis of their academic talent, and ambition to become leaders in their chosen profession or community.
- **Global mindset:** Scholars share a global outlook, embrace difference, and are interested in broader social and cultural issues.
- **Leadership:** Scholars demonstrate a desire and potential to generate positive change in their communities and around the world.
- **Community:** Scholars are part of a diverse, close-knit community. They engage in the Academy's academic, professional, and social activities.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be a graduate or professional degree candidate who has applied to an [eligible WashU doctoral or master's degree program](#).

Applicants from all countries and institutions are welcome to apply, whether you are a graduate of one of our esteemed [partner universities](#) or from other domestic and international institutions outside our partner network.

## HOW TO APPLY

The McDonnell Academy application is a separate application in the WashU graduate application portal. After you submit your application to an [eligible WashU doctoral or master's degree program](#), a link to apply for the McDonnell Academy fellowship will become available on your WashU graduate application status portal. For programs *not* included the WashU graduate application portal, you will be provided with specific instructions on how to apply for the McDonnell Academy fellowship following the submission of your program application.

### Follow these steps for success:

1. Apply to an [eligible doctoral or master's degree](#) at [WashU](#). Submit the required materials for the WashU graduate program by the program deadline.

2. After completing your degree program application, you can access the McDonnell Academy application online via your WashU graduate application status portal. The McDonnell Academy application consists of the following components: a personal essay and a short video.

3. Submit the required materials for the McDonnell Academy application before **January 31, 2026, 11:59 PM EST**.

Visit our [Admissions](#) webpage to learn more about the program and requirements! Our comprehensive guide will provide you with all the information you need to determine if this esteemed program aligns with your academic and professional goals.