

BGLTQ Grant, Fellowship and Scholarship Opportunities

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Grants, Fellowships, and Opportunities

The Open Gate Foundation: The Open Gate Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed in 1987 to provide funding for activities at Harvard University that benefit gay and lesbian students, faculty, staff, and alumni. To learn more about the Open Gate Foundation's application process, [click here](#). **Grants awarded year-round.**

Creating Change Conference: Run by the National LGBTQ Task Force, this political, leadership, and skills-building conference for activists, organizers, and advocates. This year's conference will take place in Dallas, Texas on January 15-19, 2020. Learn more about the conference [here](#). **Early Bird registration ends on October 31, 2019.** Limited income registration rates are also available, or you can apply for an Eric Rofes Scholarship to cover the costs of attendance. More info available [here](#). **Applications for the Eric Rofes Scholarship are due Monday, November 18, 2019.**

LGBTQ Victory Institute Congressional Internship Program: Each summer, the Victory Congressional Internship brings twelve outstanding LGBTQ undergraduate students to Washington, D.C., for an intensive leadership program, including (1) an eight-week Congressional internship with a member of the LGBT Equality Caucus or an LGBTQ-friendly member of U.S. Congress, and (2) an educational and leadership development program to learn about the legislative process and careers in policy-making. Participants then have the opportunity to attend the Victory Institute's annual International LGBTQ Leaders Conference the following November. Learn more [here](#).

The application process will open in November 2019. In past years, the application deadline was in February.

Colin Higgins Foundation Youth Courage Awards: The Colin Higgins Youth Courage Awards are bestowed each year to acknowledge remarkable young people who refuse to be silenced by societal norms and demonstrate profound courage in the face of hardship, intolerance and bigotry based on sexual orientation, gender identity and national origin. To further elevate their advocacy and educational efforts, each Colin Higgins Youth Courage Award winners receive a grant of \$10,000 and are honored during Pride weekend on an all-expenses paid trip to New York or Los Angeles. Also, each winner receives a trip to the Creating Change Conference to network and learn with other outstanding LGBTQ leaders from across the nation. Learn more [here](#).

The nomination process will open in mid-December 2019. Last year's deadline was March 1st.

Out for Undergrad (O4U) Conferences: O4U hosts industry-specific conferences for undergraduate students, allowing students to explore career options and build a network of LGBTQ friends and supporters in their industry of choice. The support of participating employers allows O4U to cover the cost of airfare, lodging, and conference participation for all accepted student attendees. To learn more about the program, visit the [O4U website](#). **The application process for O4U's four 2019 conferences (one each devoted to business, engineering, marketing, and tech) have closed. The application process for the next round of conferences will open in February 2020.**

Scholarships

Point Foundation Scholarship: The Point Foundation is the nation's largest higher education scholarship-granting organization for LGBTQ students. For more information about the scholarship and the application, visit the [Point Foundation website](#). **The application process opens on November 1, 2019. Deadline: Tuesday, January 28, 2020.**



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Dan David Prize for Gender Equality -- Scholarships for Graduate and Post-Graduate Students: This year, the Dan David prize will award twenty (20) \$15,000 scholarships to doctoral and post-doctoral researchers carrying out research in three areas, including Gender Equality. Learn more about the foundation's understanding of this topic [here](#), and learn more about the scholarship application process [here](#). The Dan David Foundation is headquartered at Tel Aviv University, and its mission is to encourage innovative and interdisciplinary research that cuts across traditional boundaries and paradigms. **Deadline: Tuesday, March 10, 2020.**

Gamma Mu Scholarship: The Gamma Mu Scholarships Program provides support to gay men who want to further their education at a college, university, or vocational or professional training program. In addition, effective 2016, the Gamma Mu Scholarship Program will award one scholarship annually ("The Folisi & Goodwin Scholarship in Memory of Ray Williams") to a student from the broader LGBTQ community. These programs support a wide range of educational options, including vocational and technical training, associate, bachelors and graduate degrees. Detailed information regarding these awards, in addition to the online application, can be found on the Gamma Mu [website](#).

Applications will be accepted March 1 – March 31, 2020.

National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Science and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP): NOGLSTP awards two \$5000 Out to Innovate™ Scholarships each year, one to an undergraduate and one to a graduate student pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) programs who are either lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or an active ally of the LGBTQ+ community. The scholarships are designed to promote academic excellence and increased visibility of talented LGBTQ+ students in STEM careers. Learn more [here](#).

Applications will be accepted April 1 – June 6, 2020.

Scholarship Databases

There are many smaller or more specific (to particular academic concentrations, professional aspirations, geographic communities or identity markers) scholarships that you can identify using the following databases. We encourage you to search thoroughly!

Human Resources Campaign (HRC) LGBTQ Scholarship Database (listed by state):

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/scholarship-database> *These undergraduate- and graduate-level scholarships are listed by state. Using the drop-down menu, be sure to narrow by your current state of residence and by "national" (top of the list).

Campus Pride LGBTQ Scholarship Database: <https://www.campuspride.org/national-scholarship-database/>

Scholarships.com LGBTQ Scholarship Database: <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/scholarships-for-gay-or-lesbian-students/>

GoGrad Database for LGBTQ Students Applying to Graduate School: <https://www.gograd.org/financial-aid/scholarships/lgbtq/>