



NISO Scholarships Week

September 21–24, 2026

*A virtual option is available for students not on the West Lafayette campus—if attending virtually, please note this in your RSVP

Monday, September 21

10 AM–Noon <i>HCRS 1060</i> RSVP	NISO Open House All undergraduate and graduate students: Meet and mingle with the NISO staff. Learn about the 14 NISO-coordinated awards and our student services. Leave knowing which NISO Week sessions are the best fit for you.
5:30–6:15 PM <i>HCRS 1076</i> RSVP	Goldwater & Astronaut Scholarships – Info Session & Call Out* First-years through juniors: Learn how undergraduate STEM research can be nationally recognized as you plan for research-focused careers. Leave with next steps for applying during your sophomore or junior year.
6:30–7:15 PM <i>HCRS 1076</i> RSVP	Rhodes, Marshall, Churchill, Gates Cambridge, & Knight-Hennessy – Info Session & Call Out* Undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni: Learn how your persistent pursuit of leadership to address global challenges can translate to earning fully funded UK and US graduate degrees. Leave with next steps for applying as early as your junior year.

Tuesday, September 22

5:00–5:45 PM <i>HCRS 1066</i> RSVP	Truman & Udall Scholarships – Info Session & Call Out* First-years through juniors: Learn how your commitment to the environment, Tribal healthcare/policy, or public service can be nationally recognized by the Udall or Truman Foundations. Leave with next steps for applying for the Udall Scholarship your sophomore or junior year and the Truman Scholarship your junior year.
6:00–6:45 PM <i>HCRS 1066</i> RSVP	Beinecke Scholarship – Info Session & Call Out* First-years through juniors: Learn how your studies in the arts, humanities, or social sciences can lead to significant funding for graduate school. Leave with next steps for applying your junior year.

Wednesday, September 23

4:45–5:30 PM <i>HCRS 1076</i> RSVP	Peace Corps Prep Certificate – Info Session & Call Out* Undergraduate students: Learn how to develop your leadership skills and intercultural competencies through the self-paced undergraduate certificate program. Leave with next steps for getting started as early as your first year.
5:45–6:30 PM <i>HCRS 1076</i> RSVP	Boren Awards, Gilman Scholarship, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Critical Language Scholarship – Info Session & Call Out* Undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni: Learn how your interest in language learning, cultural immersion, teaching, and/or research can translate to nationally recognized awards to go abroad as an undergraduate and beyond. Leave with next steps for applying.

Thursday, September 24

6:00–6:45 PM <i>Virtual</i> RSVP	NISO Alumni Panel – Info Session Undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni: Learn from the experience of NISO-coordinated award recipients who received life-changing, career-making opportunities. Leave breakout sessions with a clear picture of a day in the life of awardees.
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Full descriptions on the following pages

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Session & Award Details

NISO Open House

Who should attend: All Purdue students, undergraduate and graduate.

Information: Learn about the National and International Scholarships Office. Staff will be there to chat and share information about NISO's mission and how the office serves as an important resource for Purdue students.

Benefits: Meet the NISO staff and get an overview of what the office offers.

Beinecke Scholarship Info Session and 2026–27 Call-Out

Who should attend: First- and second-year students who are U.S. citizens charting a path toward the scholarship, and current juniors (those graduating between December 2026 and August 2027) preparing for this year's application process.

Information: The Beinecke Scholarship awards \$35,000 toward graduate studies in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. The scholarship is merit and need based.

Benefits: First- and second-year students will learn how to chart a path toward this scholarship. Juniors will be prepared for this year's application process. Anyone in a relevant field of study who is unsure about pursuing graduate school can discuss if, how, and why the Beinecke Scholarship could inform their plans.

Goldwater and Astronaut Scholarships Info Session and 2026–27 Call-Out

Who should attend: First-year students through current juniors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, defined as an undergraduate with a minimum of one but not more than two semesters of full-time study left as of September 2027.

Information: This session covers both scholarships, as their missions are similar: to keep the U.S. at the forefront of scientific and technological discovery by funding academically excellent STEM students interested in a doctoral-level research career.

The Goldwater Scholarship provides up to \$7,500 per year for up to two years.

The Astronaut Scholarship provides up to \$15,000; plus, mentorship and networking with astronauts, alumni, and industry leaders as well as a fully funded trip to ASF's Innovators Symposium & Gala.

Benefits: First-year students will learn what it takes to be a qualified candidate during their sophomore or junior year. Sophomores will explore whether they are ready to apply and what that entails. Juniors will prepare to start the application process this fall.

Peace Corps Prep Certificate Program Info Session

Who should attend: Undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens; especially valuable for first- and second-year students to learn about early in their undergraduate education.

Information: NISO is the coordinating entity at Purdue for this certificate program, which helps undergraduates build leadership skills and intercultural competencies.

Benefits: Valuable for anyone interested in working in community transformation, humanitarian aid, international development, and similar fields, whether or not they are considering serving in the Peace Corps.

Rhodes, Marshall, Gates Cambridge, Churchill, & Knight-Hennessy

Who should attend: Juniors, seniors, graduate students, and alumni may apply; students of all years are encouraged to attend.

Information: These international programs are defined by leadership and a commitment to fighting the good fight. They offer life-changing graduate study experiences in the UK and at Stanford, with **most covering the full cost of graduate school.**

Benefits: Learn how U.S. and international students can chart a path to these prestigious opportunities, and why you might consider an international study option.

Boren Awards, Gilman Scholarship, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, & Critical Language Scholarship

Who should attend: Undergraduates, graduate students, and recent alumni who are U.S. citizens.

Information: These awards fund language learning, cultural immersion, teaching, and research abroad during and after undergraduate studies.

Benefits: Learn which of these programs fit your interests in language, culture, teaching, or research abroad.

Truman & Udall Scholarships Info Session and 2026–27 Call-Out

Who should attend: First-year students through juniors who are U.S. citizens. The Udall Scholarship application is open to current sophomores and juniors; the Truman Scholarship application is open to juniors, defined as the penultimate year for those graduating in four years or more, or the final year for those graduating in three years or fewer.

Information: The Udall Scholarship provides up to \$7,000 to support undergraduates seeking to jump-start a career in the environment or Native American healthcare/policy. It honors the legacies of Morris Udall and Stewart Udall, whose careers had a significant impact on the stewardship of public lands and natural resources and on Native American self-governance and health care. The Truman Foundation awards the premier graduate fellowship for those pursuing careers as public service leaders, providing \$30,000 in graduate school funding, along with far more over the course of a Truman Scholar's career. Truman selection criteria focus on leadership and a record of public and community service, and the scholarship is open to any major likely to lead to a public service career.

Benefits: General information about both scholarships, guidance on becoming a strong candidate, a closer look at selection criteria, and getting-started information for those ready to apply now for the 2026–27 scholarships.

NISO Week 2026 Alumni Panel

Who should attend: Undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni.

Information: This panel features current students and alumni who have worked with NISO to apply for life-changing, career-making opportunities. The format is a moderated Q&A followed by questions from the audience.

Benefits: Hear directly from award recipients about the impact these opportunities have had on their paths, plus get their tips for applying.