Powell Scholars Program
The University’s Premier Academic Merit Scholarship
Creating the Leaders of Tomorrow
Powell Scholars receive a $35,000 renewable annual scholarship, up to $5,000 for research and creative activity and up to $2,500 toward study abroad.

Powell Scholars develop their potential through broad experiences inside and outside the classroom, and are eligible to participate in Pacific’s Honors Program.
Become a Powell Scholar

University of the Pacific’s premier academic award is more than just a scholarship; it is a life-changing experience. Powell Scholars explore and discover leadership connections at Pacific and beyond through their studies and experiential learning opportunities. They participate in unique activities that promote leadership and foster a sense of community.

Powell Scholars have opportunities for a wide variety of study abroad programs, creative endeavors, and research with leaders in their field.

The Powell Scholars Program enriches the undergraduate experience for students regardless of the major they choose.
“The Powell Scholars Program surrounds you with the inspiration and confidence exuded by student leaders in every field, naturally compelling you to seek out new and challenging opportunities throughout your time at Pacific.”

— Andrew Mendoza ’13, Business Administration Business Intelligence Analyst, Cisco Systems, Inc.

$35,000

RENEWABLE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
Powell Scholars are encouraged to pursue their interests in a variety of ways. As a Pacific student, Brianna Juhrend researched waste-to-energy projects and was selected as one of 15 college students and environmental professionals from around the world for the highly competitive Tahoe-Baikal Institute Summer Environmental Exchange. She studied watershed protection and sustainable development in the U.S., Russia and Mongolia.

“Being a Powell Scholar has given me the resources and support to push myself beyond what I even thought I was capable of.”

— Brianna Juhrend ’13, Civil Engineering, M.S.E. candidate at University of Michigan
Preparation For Future Achievement

The Powell Scholars Program lays a strong foundation for your success in graduate or professional school. It prepares you to become a leader in your field and a change maker in your community. Powell Scholars have received prestigious scholarships and research fellowships, including the Fulbright Award, the Goldwater Award and the Boren Award, and have been initiated into national honor societies such as Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

$5,000 FOR RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY
Qualification of Candidates

Qualified students are encouraged to apply if they meet the minimum criteria below. Selection will also involve a personal interview.

- Minimum 3.7 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative high school GPA
- Minimum combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1350 or ACT composite of at least 30
- Demonstrates a rigorous academic curriculum (such as Honors, AP and/or IB courses)
- Demonstrates superior leadership skills in different settings (including, but not limited to, student government or other student organizations; cultural groups; performance; research projects; creative endeavors; and community service)
- Strong interpersonal skills

$2,500 FOR STUDY ABROAD
Apply Today!

Pacific.edu/Powell
(application includes a 500-word essay on leadership)

Important Dates

December 1
Powell Scholars Program application deadline

February 15
Priority application date for need-based grants, loans and work-study (FAFSA)

Month of February
Students selected as semi-finalists will be invited to campus to interview with the Powell Scholarship selection committee.

March 15
Scholarship winners are announced by this date.