Powell Scholars Program
The University’s Premier Academic Merit Scholarship
Creating the Leaders of Tomorrow
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.
Powell Scholars receive a $15,000 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.
“Powell Scholars are encouraged to open the gateway to achieve their academic goals. It is because of this special opportunity that I will continue to maximize my academic journey.” — Joe Styers ’11, International Studies Fulbright Award Winner
Powell Scholars are encouraged to pursue their interests in a variety of ways. As a Pacific student, Brianna Juhrend ’13 has 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. In summer 2011, 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
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, and have been initiated into national honor societies such as Phi Beta Kappa.

$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 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative high school GPA; For the past two years, the average GPA for Powell Scholars recipients has been 3.9

• Combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of at least 1250 or ACT composite score of at least 28. For the past two years, the average combined SAT score for Powell Scholars recipients has been 1400 (Note: The SAT or ACT Writing score may be used as part of our comprehensive admission review process, but no minimum score has been set)

• Demonstrate a rigorous academic curriculum (such as Honors, AP, and/or IB courses)

• Demonstrate superior leadership skills in different settings (including, but not limited to, student government or other student organizations; cultural groups; performance; and community service)

• Strong interpersonal skills

$2,500
FOR STUDY ABROAD
Application Information

Applicants for the Powell Scholars Program must also apply for University admission. Apply online today:

- University admission www.Pacific.edu/Apply
- Powell Scholars Program www.Pacific.edu/Powell
  (includes a 500-word essay on leadership)

Application Deadline – November 15

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

In February, students selected as semi-finalists will be invited to campus to interview with the Powell Scholarship selection committee. Scholarship winners are announced March 15.

Check the status of University admission and your Powell Scholarship application at www.Pacific.edu/Checklist. Allow up to two weeks for processing your Powell Scholar Application and Recommendation Form.