



FUNDING YOUR SEMESTER IN DC

American University's School of Professional & Extended Studies offers a limited number of partial scholarships to qualified students to facilitate their participation in our programs. Scholarship opportunities are currently available for students participating in the Washington Semester Program and the Graduate Gateway Program. All students (domestic and international) are encouraged to apply. Scholarship applications are available on the SPEXS Admitted Students portal at <http://www.american.edu/spexs/admissions/admit>.

DEAN'S AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP

To be recognized as a Dean's Ambassador Scholar, students must demonstrate a high level of academic achievement (3.5 GPA or higher) and will be considered based on community engagement, extracurricular activities, honors, and potential contribution to their academic field of study while enrolled in the School of Professional & Extended Studies.

PROGRAM OF STUDY SCHOLARS

To be considered for a Program of Study scholarship, students must have an average to above average GPA (3.0 or higher*). The Program of Study scholarship is a need and merit based scholarship, so students should demonstrate financial need, and leadership/involvement in the community. Students who complete the SPEXS Scholarship application are eligible to receive one or more of the following types of funding:

Tuition Scholarships (Washington Semester and Graduate Gateway)
Room & Board Grant (Washington Semester)

Washington Semester students may select the option to be considered for a **Travel Grant** if they plan on participating in a Washington Semester travel elective. If a student is awarded a travel grant and then later decides not to participate in a travel elective, the student will forfeit the travel grant.

Domestic Washington Semester students may also choose to be considered for a **Work Award**. Work awards are a form of financial assistance, which provides students the opportunity to work part-time within the School of Professional & Extended Studies. Please note: a Work Award is not a Federal Work Study grant.

SPEXS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Leadership Scholarships can be awarded in a variety of financial assistance including in the form of Tuition, Room & Board (including meal plan coverage) scholarships, Travel Grants, and/or Work Awards. The Scholarship Committee expects students to have a 3.0 GPA or higher* and demonstrated leadership experience.

EDUCATION AWARD: Awarded to students that are the first in their immediate family to attend a college or university.

ADVANCEMENT AWARD: Awarded to underrepresented populations. This award is provided to increase diversity and opportunities for students from these populations within the School of Professional & Extended Studies. Students attending specifically designated colleges such as historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Hispanic-serving institutions are encouraged to apply.

SCIENCE, HEALTH, & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to students pursuing study in the areas of Science, Health, and Technology. This is specifically designed for students in the Washington Semester Public Health Program and the Graduate Gateway Biotechnology Program. Special consideration is given to applicants from underrepresented or underserved populations including women, though all students are encouraged to apply.

APPLY THROUGH THE ADMITTED STUDENT PORTAL AT [AMERICAN.EDU/SPEXS/ADMISSIONS/ADMIT](http://www.american.edu/spexs/admissions/admit)

*Exceptions may be made to GPA requirements for students below 3.0 GPA that have demonstrated high financial need.

