

## Scholarships

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UCF OIE office encourages students to consider applying for scholarships supporting their education. Several scholarships supporting increased student diversity are coordinated by campus offices including OIE. Applications in early Spring are normally required.

### **Diversity Enhancement Scholarship for Transfers (DEST)**

The DEST is for students preparing to transfer from a Florida community college or state college. Awards may be based solely on merit; based on financial need with an acceptable GPA; or based on a combination of need and merit. Students may apply in May if they completed the A.A. or A.S. the previous December, that May, or expect it that August.

Scholarships are awarded for Fall and Spring semesters only (summer funding is not available). Renewals for up to six semesters are possible, with appropriate academic progress. The award level for the past year was \$1600/year, \$800/semester.

OIE Office posts the information annually in the Spring on [www.oie.ucf.edu](http://www.oie.ucf.edu). Students are encouraged to carefully observe all requirements (including deadlines) and contact this office if needed. The Career Goals Statement and Letters of Recommendation are examined as carefully as the academic record when a decision is made regarding the application as a whole.

The following definitions from the U.S. Census Bureau are used to implement this process:

**Ethnicity:** The first part of the two-part question asks whether or not the respondent is Hispanic/Latino.

**Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

**Race:** The second part asks the respondent to select one or more races from the following five racial groups:

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Asian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**Black or African American:** A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**White:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Look also at the **Student Financial Assistance website**, where other scholarships are listed. Questions about the Diversity Enhancement Scholarship for Transfers? Call (407) 823-1336, UCF OIE.

#### Other Resources

While the following scholarship and fellowship opportunities are not administered by the UCF OIE Office, a hyperlink is provided so that students may access the program information. Students who believe they meet the criteria should contact the department administering the scholarship or fellowship and complete the application requirements in a timely manner. Deadlines differ among all these programs.

#### **Theodore and Vivian Johnson Scholarship Program**

For undergraduate Florida students with disabilities who demonstrate academic ability and financial need. This scholarship was donated by the late Theodore Johnson in memory of his wife. They had a special interest in education for students with disabilities, with emphasis on students with more severe disabling conditions. Students must present complete information to the Office of Student Accessibility Services. Information may be accessed from them by calling (407) 823-2371 or visiting the website [www.sas.sdes.ucf.edu](http://www.sas.sdes.ucf.edu) under Frequently Asked Questions.

#### **UCF McNair Scholars**

The McNair Scholars Program is designed to prepare students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. McNair participants are either first-generation college students with financial need, or members of a group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education and have demonstrated strong academic potential.

#### **RAMP**

The RAMP Mentoring Program is designed to assist students to engage in the research process and to pursue graduate degrees. Purposes include assisting in the retention and recruitment of minority students and giving students first-hand experience with the research process.

#### OTHER RESOURCES

[College of Education](#)  
[College of Engineering and Computer Science](#)  
[Rosen College of Hospitality Management](#)  
[Office of Transfer Services](#)  
[Multicultural Academic and Support Services](#)  
[Florida Education Fund](#)

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