



**THE HARRY S. TRUMAN GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD FOUNDATION
Robert N. Epsten Scholarship in International Studies**

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

President Harry S. Truman was a firm supporter of higher education and, in particular, international educational exchange programs. He believed that such activities would not only enhance the knowledge and abilities of students engaged in these pursuits but would help people from different nations to better understand each other and promote the cause of world peace.

On August 1, 1946 President Truman signed Public Law 79-584, an amendment to the Surplus Property Act of 1944 known popularly as the Fulbright Act, which established an international exchange program for students, teachers, college professors, and research scholars. During the remainder of his administration and after leaving public office, Harry Truman continued to be a strong supporter of higher education and the international student exchange movement as a means to achieve better understanding among all people.

To honor President Truman and perpetuate his support of higher education on a domestic and international basis, the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation sponsors scholarships to support students pursuing studies of an international or public service nature, including foreign literature and languages, and related studies in the humanities. Each of the scholarships have been established in honor of individuals who were strong supporters of Harry S. Truman and of the Truman Foundation.

Robert N. Epsten Scholarship for International Studies

The University of Missouri Robert N. Epsten Scholarship consists of a \$10,000 award given to one exceptional graduate student on our campus who is majoring in the fields of international relations, public service, political science, diplomacy, history, or the humanities, reflecting President Truman's interest and involvement in those areas.

Student applications for this scholarship are due by 5pm on February 15, 2023.

Students should submit their completed application via email as a single pdf document to:
mugradfellowshipnom@missouri.edu

Questions about the scholarship should be directed to Dr. Lissa Behm-Morawitz, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, behmmorawitze@missouri.edu.

Eligibility:

Eligible applicants are current MU graduate students:

- ✓ in good standing and making good progress in their degree program,

- ✓ majoring in the fields of international relations, public service, political science, diplomacy, history or the humanities, reflecting President Truman's interest and involvement in those areas,
- ✓ and who will be enrolled as a full-time student in Fall 2022.

Application Materials:

Only complete applications will be considered. A complete application includes the following:

- Application Cover Sheet** (available on Grad School website)
- Current CV or Resume**
- Application Letter:** Letter of application (maximum of 3 pages single-spaced), written by the student applicant describing their eligibility for the award and why they are a strong candidate for the award.
- Two Letters of Recommendation:** Letters of recommendation from current MU faculty. One of the letters should be from the student's faculty advisor. Letter writers should submit their letters to the student directly so that they can include them in their application file. If they would prefer to submit them to the Graduate School, then they can email their letters to mugradfellowshipnom@missouri.edu with the subject "Epsten Scholarship Recommendation Letter"

Please submit materials as a single pdf document to: mugradfellowshipnom@missouri.edu
Save the pdf as: student last name_Epsten scholarship.pdf