

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON
GRADUATE SCHOOL

ARCS FELLOWSHIPS



"The UW was far and away the best fit for me in terms of research, outreach opportunities and general atmosphere. . .The ARCS Foundation award allowed me to choose my graduate institution based solely on academic criteria, rather than financial."

Zoe Krauss, Oceanography

*ARCS Donors: Kristin N. Kenefick and
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ARCS FOUNDATION MISSION

> To advance science and technology in the United States by providing financial awards to academically outstanding U.S. citizens studying to complete degrees in science, technology, engineering and medical research.

FELLOWSHIPS TO ADVANCE SCIENCE

The Seattle Chapter of ARCS Foundation (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) provides financial awards to the nation's most outstanding graduate students in the fields of medicine, science and engineering. Recipients of this award join a select group of scholars recognized for their academic contributions and potential. This award is an unrestricted gift of \$17,500, that is disbursed to each scholar at the start of autumn quarter over three years (\$7,500, \$5,000 and \$5,000), while you study at the University of Washington.

ARCS Fellowships are unique in that many scholars are matched with a donor or group of donors and often develop close connections throughout their three-year fellowship and beyond. Scholars meet with their donors - and other ARCS donors - at events such as the yearly luncheon, welcome reception for first-year scholars and donors and social gatherings.

Scholars may take advantage of mentoring and networking opportunities with other ARCS scholars and donors, many of whom are active in the business community. ARCS scholars also present their research to lay audiences and participate in professional development opportunities.

EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOLARS

Upon accepting an ARCS Fellowship, scholars agree to meet a few expectations:

- > Submit a signed contract and completed survey about their background, goals and research, along with a photo and signed release. Student bios and photos will be published online and in a booklet distributed at the yearly luncheon.
- > Attend orientation, welcome reception and luncheon. Second years attend the luncheon, while third years attend the luncheon and convocation in spring.
- > Write thank you letter to their donor, and written updates on their research in years two and three.
- > Maintain full-time enrollment of at least 10 credits each quarter.
- > Provide ARCS with a dissertation summary when the dissertation is complete.



FIRST-YEAR ARCS SCHOLARS MEET EACH OTHER AT THE ORIENTATION (ABOVE), AND THEY MEET THEIR DONORS AT THE WELCOME RECEPTION (RIGHT).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- > Ask your program's graduate program adviser or faculty member.
- > Or, contact Meredith Wisti, UW ARCS Liaison, arcsuw@uw.edu.

OTHER RESOURCES

- > UW Graduate School, grad.uw.edu
- > GO-MAP: Supporting Graduate Students of Color, through professional development, funding, scholarship and research, and social networking events, grad.uw.edu/equity-inclusion-and-diversity/go-map/

ABOUT ARCS FELLOWSHIPS

- > UW ARCS fellows are part of a prestigious cohort of top scholars at 55 research universities across the nation. Incorporated in 1958 to advance science and technology, ARCS has awarded over \$100 million to more than 10,000 scholars.
- > ARCS Foundation continues to address the country's need for new scientists and engineers by providing unrestricted funding to graduate students to create knowledge and innovative technologies.
- > One of 15 ARCS chapters, the Seattle Chapter was founded in 1978. Since then, the chapter has donated more than \$18.2 million in fellowships to nearly 1,300 graduate students at the UW and Washington State University. The UW awards approximately 50 ARCS Fellowships each year.
- > ARCS donors are deeply interested in research in STEM fields, and they are eager to get to know scholars and learn about their work.
- > ARCS Fellowships may be spent in any way a student sees fit, such as covering moving expenses, travel to attend a conference or to purchase a laptop.
- > Nationally, ARCS fellows have gone on to found more than 1,800 new companies and have been awarded more than 3,600 patents.



"This fellowship represents a reassurance that I am on the right path and that there is a community willing to support me through these next few years, something that I think is hard to find when you are moving to a new place."

*Hector Delgado Diaz, Astronomy,
Pictured with ARCS Member Kittie Lile (center),
and his donor and ARCS President Sarah Watts.*