Mission

The USCGA Prestigious Scholarships Program cultivates academic excellence across all majors and encourages scholarly achievement.

Second- and first-class cadets may be selected for the USCGA Prestigious Scholarships Program to compete for:

- Scholarships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Truman, Schwarzman, and Gates
- Honors internships, fellowships, and independent studies/research projects
- Travel to present research at academic conferences

The Academy offers opportunities to fourth- and third-class cadets:

- Validation and placement in advanced courses in chemistry, physics, and mathematics

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CGA 2022 SCHOLARS!

2/c Christine Groves (USCGA Class of 2023) has just been selected as a 2022 Truman Scholar.

Truman Scholars demonstrate outstanding leadership potential, a commitment to a career in government or the nonprofit sector, and academic excellence. Each Truman Scholar receives funding for graduate studies, leadership training, career counseling, and special internship and fellowship opportunities within the federal government. The 58 new Truman Scholars were selected from 705 candidates nominated by 275 colleges and universities. They were recommended by seventeen independent selection panels based on the finalists’ academic success and leadership accomplishments, as well as their likelihood of becoming public service leaders. Regional selection panels met virtually and included distinguished civic leaders, elected officials, university presidents, federal judges, and past Truman Scholarship winners.

2/c Christine Groves has just been selected as a 2022 Truman scholar. Christine is also placing her Fulbright application in October 2022. As a Fulbright scholar, she would like to pursue a Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Engineering at the Iceland School of Energy at Reykjavik University (RU) in Reykjavik, Iceland. Her graduate coursework and Fulbright research project, Evaluating Efficiency of Membrane Processes for Direct CO\textsubscript{2} Capture from Air, will enable her to study DACCS technology and contribute to designing membrane processes that will employ the most efficient methods for CO\textsubscript{2} capture. She will use her Truman scholarship to pursue a MPP degree within State and Local Policy Specialization and a Ph.D. in Energy and Resources at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB). Both degrees complement each other and would provide a rigorous curriculum in sustainable energy technologies, public policy, administrative law, environmental law, economics, and political institutions and processes. After her graduate study at UCB, Christine would like to join the Post-Doctoral Research Program in the Office of Research and Development in the Air, Climate and Energy Research Program within the EPA.

ENS Aidan Uvanni (USCGA Class of 2021) has just been selected as a 2022 Fulbright Scholar.

As an ambassador of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, ENS Aidan Uvanni will pursue a Master of Science degree in Water and Environmental Engineering with a specialization in Water Management and conduct a research project, Designing Sustainable Treatment System to Address Stormwater Pollution Due to Climate Change, at the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague (CTU), the Czech Republic. Given the increase in frequency and intensity of rainfall caused by climate change, his proposed research project will contribute to addressing pollution produced by stormwater flooding and its results will be tested and implemented in a selected urban area of Prague municipality. As a Fulbright scholar to Czechia, ENS Uvanni will engage with experts from the environmental agency, The Czech Republic National Conservation Agency as well as build a professional network with the Civil Engineering Faculty at the CTU. Engaging with the historians from the Terezin Concentration Camp will enable him to continue studying the inhumane actions committed by the Third Reich. His goal is to establish the Student Fulbright Association at the CTU and to develop and maintain The Czech-U.S. Fulbright Alumni Newsletter where Fulbright scholars will share their cultural and professional experiences. He also hopes to study the country’s language, history, and arts.

ENS Aidan Uvanni graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and was commissioned as a CG Officer in May of 2021. In June of 2021, he began serving onboard USCGC Polar Star, a heavy icebreaker that operates under the control of the CG Pacific Area and deploys annually to break a resupply channel to McMurdo Station, Antarctica.
THE CGA SCHOLARS STUDYING ABROAD DURING 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

ENS Owen Gibson (Class of 2020 - Civil Engineering Major)
2020-2021 Fulbright U.S. Student Award – Germany (Engineering; 1-year grant)
Research: Predicting the Impact of Climate Change on Soil Erosion in Coastal Areas
Degree: Master of Science in Water Resource Engineering and Management
Institution: University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany

ENS Gregory Gaskel (Class of 2020 - Operations Research and Computer Analysis Major)
2021-2023 Fulbright U.S. Student Award – Hungary (Applied Mathematics; 2-year grant)
Research: Developing Stochastic Models to Enhance Cyber Intrusion Detection via Anomalous Behavior
Degree: Master of Science in Applied Mathematics
Institution: University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary

ENS Salena Bantz (Class of 2021 – Electrical Engineering Major)
2021-2023 Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award – Finland (Engineering; 2-year grant)
Research: Design of Smart Power Grids for Renewable Energy Systems
Degree: Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
Institution: Tampere University, Tampere, Finland

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2/C Christine Groves (Class of 2023) Truman 2022
ENS Aidan Uvanni (Class of 2021) Fulbright 2022
1/c Salena Bantz (Class of 2021) Fulbright 2021 & 2022
ENS Gregory Gaskel (Class of 2020) Fulbright 2021 & 2022
LT Kristopher Thornburg (OCS Class of 2012) Fulbright 2020
Ms. Melissa McCafferty (Class of 2011) Tillman 2020
1/c Owen Gibson (Class of 2020) Fulbright 2020
1/C Erin Wright (Class of 2018) Fulbright 2018
ENS Laura Beck (Class of 2017) Fulbright 2018 & 2019
1/c Patrick Ledzian (Class of 2017) Fulbright 2017 & 2018
1/c Patrick Ledzian (Class of 2017) Justus en Louise van Effen Scholarship, TU Delft
ENS Christian DiBari (Class of 2016) Fulbright 2017
CDR William Woitrya (Class of 1999) Fulbright 2017
1/c Jacquelyn Kubicko (Class of 2016) Fulbright 2016
1/c Jessica Lukasik (Class of 2014) Fulbright 2014
LTG Joe DiRenzo IV (Class of 2010) Fulbright 2012
2/c Allison Murray (Class of 2011) Kinsey 2010
1/c Joe DiRenzo IV (Class of 2010) Fulbright 2010
2/c Melissa McCafferty (Class of 2011) Truman 2010
1/c Alex LeKander (Class of 2010) Truman 2009
1/c Louise Mandour-Brackin (Class of 2009) Fulbright 2009
ENS Sean Dolbow (OCS 2009) Fulbright 2007
1/c Kirsten Ambors (Class of 2007) Fulbright 2007
2/c DeCarol Davis (Class of 2008) Truman 2007
1/c Patrick Pennella (Class of 2007) Fulbright 2007
LT Stephen Elliott (Class of 2005) Fulbright 2005
Dr. Robert Pefferly (Class of 1991) Fulbright 1996
CAPT Mike Christian (Class of 1986) Fulbright 1986
Mr. Peter Seaman (Class of 1986) Fulbright 1986
Mr. David Caron (Class of 1974) Fulbright 1974
Mr. Dan A. Colussy (Class of 53) Fulbright 1956

American Service Academies Program (ASAP)
This is a three-week Holocaust educational initiative that was created by the Auschwitz Jewish Center specifically for a select group of cadets and midshipmen from the four U.S. military academies.

2022 ASAP - USCGA Alumni
3/c Emma Hupp and 3/c Hanna Apelizan