

Downloads: “Soros Fellowship”

Purpose of the Award: The Soros Fellowship is intended to support graduate study for New Americans, defined as immigrants or children of immigrants.

Nature of the Award: The Soros Fellowship provides funding for up to two years of graduate study in the United States. Thirty Fellowships are awarded annually, and they include a maintenance grant of \$20,000 per year and a tuition grant of one-half the tuition cost of the U.S. graduate program attended by the Fellow.

Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must be a resident alien, a naturalized U.S. citizen, or the child of two parents who are both naturalized citizens. The applicant must either have a bachelor's degree or be in his/her final year of undergraduate study. Finally, the applicant must be under thirty years of age.

Selection Criteria: Soros Fellows are selected according to three criteria: creativity, originality, and initiative, demonstrated in any area of his/her life; a commitment to and capacity for accomplishment, demonstrated through activity that has required drive and sustained effort; and a commitment to the values expressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Additionally, candidates must demonstrate a solid academic record and the relevance of graduate education on their long-term goals and capacity to contribute to society.

Application Procedures: UA applicants must secure the endorsement of the University of Arizona, so they must meet two deadlines: the UA deadline and the Soros deadline (see important dates). Application materials should be submitted to Dr. Karna Walter, Assistant Director of International Studies and Scholarships by the UA deadline. Students will have time to strengthen their applications before they are submitted to the Soros Fellows Program.

Important Dates:

- October 2: Soros applications due to Dr. Karna Walter
- November 1: Application materials due to Soros Fellowship program

Contact Information: Potential applicants should consult www.pdsoros.org to obtain specific details related to the Soros Fellowship. UA students considering applying for the Soros should contact Dr. Karna Walter, Assistant Director of International Studies and Scholarships (621-6546; karna@u.arizona.edu) for assistance with the scholarship application process.