



## QUAD

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## OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

On September 24, 2021, Quad partners Australia, India, Japan, and the United States announced the Quad Fellowship: a first-of-its-kind scholarship program designed to build ties among the next generation of scientists and technologists. Schmidt Futures, a philanthropic initiative, will operate and administer the fellowship program in consultation with a non-governmental taskforce, comprised of academic, foreign policy, and private sector leaders from each Quad country.

This program will sponsor 100 exceptional American, Japanese, Australian, and Indian master's and doctoral students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to study in the United States. The fellowship will develop a network of science and technology experts committed to advancing innovation and collaboration in the private, public, and academic sectors, in their own nations and among Quad countries. The program will build a foundational understanding among Quad Scholars of one another's societies and cultures through cohort-wide trips and robust programming with each country's top scientists, technologists, and politicians.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age at the time of application

- Be citizens or legal permanent residents of Australia, India, Japan, or the United States
- Have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in a STEM field by August 2024
- Have a demonstrated record of superior academic achievement at the undergraduate level
- If applicants are currently enrolled in a Master's or PhD program, they may apply if they will be enrolled in a qualified academic program during their time as a Fellow (i.e., August 2024 - May 2025)

## HOW TO APPLY

There are three components of the application process:

1. Online application requesting three essays, background demographic information, and three letters of recommendation. At least two letters of recommendation must come from professors who can speak to the candidate's academic abilities; one may come from either a professional contact or another academic contact.
2. Expert review designed to assess proficiency in the applicant's STEM field
3. Final-round panel interview designed to assess interest in the intersection of STEM and society, capacity to bridge differences, and an orientation towards results

Final decisions will be announced in July 2025

For more details on the application process and required application materials, please see our [Required Application Materials](#) and Rules within the Terms of Use.

## FOR RECOMMENDERS

Applications will be reviewed holistically by a diverse team of reviewers from each Quad country with expertise in STEM subject areas. We are looking for candidates who demonstrate the following qualities:

- Academic excellence in STEM. Competitive applicants will have a record of demonstrated excellence in a STEM field through academic success and original research.
- Passion for the intersection of science, society, and policy: Competitive applicants should demonstrate their interest and engagement not only in the sciences, but also in the impact these fields can have on society and public policy. This could be demonstrated through research conducted, internships held, professional or academic indicators of commitment, or more.
- Capacity to bridge differences: Competitive applicants should demonstrate interest and ability to build connections between individuals with differing cultural, socio-economic, and professional backgrounds.
- Orientation toward results: Competitive applicants should have a demonstrated track record of producing tangible, successful, and positive results on past academic, professional, or extracurricular projects.