Office of Distinguished Scholarships (ODS) provides a central location for information about nationally and internationally competitive scholarships, fellowships, and internships and assists Carolina students and alumni in putting their best foot forward when applying for these awards. ODS offers regular information sessions and hands-on workshops. Staff members are available to provide general advising to any applicant for any nationally or internationally competitive award. They will also suggest interviewing strategies and can connect applicants to additional resources, including our library liaison who can assist with researching and writing project statements.

In addition, ODS administers the institutional vetting process called “endorsement” for 18 scholarship and fellowship programs:

- Beinecke (for juniors)
- Boren (all years)
- Churchill (for seniors and alumni)
- Critical Language Scholarship (undergrads and grads)
- Goldwater (for sophomores and juniors)
- Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program (seniors and alumni)
- James C. Gaither (formerly Carnegie) (for seniors and alumni)
- Luce (for seniors and alumni)
- Marshall (for seniors and alumni)
- McCall MacBain (seniors and alumni)
- Michel David-Weill (for seniors)
- Mitchell (for seniors and alumni)
- Rhodes (for seniors and alumni)
- Schwarzman (for seniors and alumni)
- Trudeau Foundation Scholarship (seniors and alumni)
- Truman (for juniors)
- Udall (for sophomores and juniors)
- Yenching (for seniors and alumni)

ODS strongly believes that the preparation required to compete for the prestigious scholarships is an important educational opportunity. In applying for these scholarships, candidates improve their self-awareness and ability to articulate not only their past accomplishments but also their goals and priorities for the future. See ODS’s funding finder STRIVE (http://strive.unc.edu) to search for many more opportunities for students and alumni.