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Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_  
Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## George J. Mitchell Scholarship Program

### Award Details:

#### *Emphasis:*

Academic

Research

Language

Experiential

International

#### *Brief Description:*

The George J. Mitchell Scholarship Program, named to honor former US Senator George Mitchell's pivotal contribution to the Northern Ireland peace process, is designed to introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland, while recognizing and fostering intellectual achievement, leadership, and a commitment to community and public service. (Please Note: Northern Ireland will not participate in the Mitchell Program during the 2018-2019 academic year.)

The Mitchell Scholarship Program provides full tuition, housing, and a monthly living stipend (currently \$1250 USD) for up to one year (12 months) of post-graduate academic study in Ireland. Most programs run for nine months. Up to three additional months of stipend will be provided, if required by the program (for a maximum of 12 months). One round-trip airline ticket between the United States and Ireland is also provided. Each Mitchell Scholar is responsible for securing and financing his or her own health insurance while abroad.

Can The Award Be Deferred?                      No

Can The Award Be Renewed?                      No

### Scholarship Conditions:

*A Candidate for the Mitchell Scholarship Program must meet all the following criteria:*

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be 18 years of age or older, but not yet 30, on September 29 of the year of application (those who turn 30 on September 30th are not eligible).
- Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholar. Degrees from international accredited universities are acceptable, if all other conditions are met.
- While married applicants or applicants with partners are accepted, no allowance is made for the expenses of an applicant's spouse, partner, or dependents. It is important to note that the relevant government agency may require spouses or partners who are non-EU citizens to enroll full-time and prove financial resources for the year or to obtain a work permit before seeking paid employment in Ireland. Please check with the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ireland for additional information.

### Eligibility:

Applicant Education Level:	Senior Undergraduate or Graduate
Open to (Non-US) International Students:	No
Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:	No
Specified Majors:	No
Age Limit:	29

## Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

*There is no one thing the committee is looking for in a Mitchell Scholar. Successful applicants have documented evidence of significant achievement in:*

- Academic excellence
- Leadership
- Commitment to community and public service

Successful candidates have come from a variety of large and small universities both public and private, as well as the workforce.

## Selection:

Number of Candidates Awarded Each Year:	12
Interview:	Phone and In-Person (Travel costs are not covered)
Approximate Date Selected Candidates Are Notified:	November 19

## Contact Information:

Name:	Ms. Carolina Chavez
Position:	Director, George J. Mitchell scholarship Program
Street Address:	2800 Clarendon Boulevard Suite 305W
City / State / Zip:	Arlington, VZ, 22201
General E-mail:	Chavez@US-IrelandAlliance.org
Phone:	212-752-3200

## Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates:	No
Webinars for Advisors:	Yes, TBD

## Website:

Official Website:	<a href="https://www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchellscholarship">https://www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchellscholarship</a>
Application Website:	<a href="https://www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchellscholarship/application">https://www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchellscholarship/application</a>

## Application:

Date Application is Available:	March
Application Due Date:	September 29, 2017 at 5pm ET
Application Must Be Submitted By:	Candidate
Institutional Endorsement Required:	Yes (for undergraduate students only)
Institutional Cover Letter Required:	No

**Materials and Forms:**

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Register and create online application account <sup>1</sup>	9/29/2017	_____																								
Passport-style Photo (PDF)	9/29/2017	_____																								
All Transcripts in a Single PDF (Unofficial allowed) (Undergraduate and Graduate)	9/29/2017	_____																								
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1. The applicant is solely responsible for ensuring all necessary materials are received and for submitting his or her application on time, including the receipt of recommendations. For all undergraduate students, your campus deadline for an institutional endorsement will be earlier than the Mitchell Scholarship application deadline, and in some cases, may be much earlier. Please seek out the campus fellowship advisor for these details before starting the application process. Graduate students and non-students do not submit institutional endorsements.

One warning: Once an applicant submits the application to the Mitchell Scholarship Program, it cannot be unsubmitted. If a campus official requests that an application be submitted for review, the applicant **SHOULD NOT** use the submit button on our application to submit to the campus official. A fellowship advisor can review the materials online if he/she is designated as the applicant's fellowship advisor in the application. Also, applicants should consider printing a copy of their application before submitting the application to the Mitchell Scholarship Program. Once the application is submitted to us, the fellowship advisors will no longer have read-only access.

2. Personal statement (1,000 words maximum – most applicants find it helpful to write this in advance). The personal statement or essay is your opportunity to share your personality, passion, and drive with the selection committee that cannot be communicated elsewhere in the application materials. You will be required to affirm that this is your original work and that no one has assisted you with the personal statement in any way (see website for specific details).

3. The program recommends that you choose at least three programs at three different universities, and you may list as many as five. Choosing fewer than three can weaken your candidacy. When you evaluate programs, remember that the Mitchell Scholarship Program provides funding for one year only and there is no provision for a second year.

4. Once your application has been received and certified as complete after the initial deadline, you will receive information about the required video interview. You will have approximately 48 hours to submit the video interview. The video portion of the application must be complete and submitted by 5:00 pm Eastern Time on October 2, 2017.

The video interview is simply another way for us to get to know candidates better. Mitchell Scholars will represent their schools, their country, and the Mitchell Scholarship organization when in Ireland and Northern Ireland. The Mitchell Scholarship Program wants to see how well candidates express themselves in a spontaneous manner. There are no right or wrong answers. The program expects that candidates will respect the integrity of this process by not sharing the questions with others.

To complete the video interview you must have a good internet connection, a quiet place in which to record the interview, and a computer equipped with a webcam and microphone. The interview will take less than 10 minutes. You will have the opportunity to do practice interviews. Once you start the real interview, you will not be able to pause or take a break. You will see three questions written in text on your screen, and you will respond orally to them in the time allotted. Your responses will be recorded.