The Luce Scholars Program: Timeline

**The Luce Scholars Program** provides stipends, language training, and individualized professional placement in Asia for 15-18 Luce Scholars each year. The program is unique among American-Asian exchanges in that it is intended for young leaders who have had limited experience of Asia. At the heart of the enterprise is the internship arranged for each Scholar on the basis of his or her specific interest, background, qualifications, and experience. These work assignments run for approximately ten months, from September until July of the following year, and are intended primarily as learning opportunities for Luce Scholars.

When to Apply: either the fall of senior year, as a UNC graduate student, or as a UNC alum.

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<td>Check your eligibility for the Luce Scholars Program prior to beginning this process <a href="#">here</a></td>
<td>Do this before beginning the application process</td>
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<td>Work with ODS on your academic CV. Schedule an appointment with an ODS program assistant: <a href="#">https://calendly.com/ods-1</a></td>
<td>April-June</td>
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<td><em>This is not a required step, but students find this helpful</em></td>
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<td>Request an unofficial transcript(s) showing your completed and current coursework. Wait until your spring courses are finished (This will be included in the materials needed for endorsement)</td>
<td>ASAP</td>
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<td>Start the Luce Application when it opens on their website by registering an online account: <a href="#">https://apply-lucescholars.smapply.io/</a> and complete an Eligibility Form online. If eligible, the applicant will be prompted to complete the application</td>
<td>June-August</td>
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<td><strong>Submit 4 names of recommenders</strong> for endorsement application: <strong>Recommender Name Submission Form</strong>, letters are due by the endorsement deadline.</td>
<td>ASAP, but at least 1 month prior to mid-September endorsement deadline</td>
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<td>Send your recommenders your most current CV/resume. Follow our advice for creating an effective CV. Please also send recommenders our “Advice for letter writers” page and the Luce’s guide to letter writing: <a href="#">https://www.hluce.org/programs/luce-scholars/application-guidelines/</a></td>
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<td>Draft Personal Statement</td>
<td>June-September</td>
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<td>Meet with Program Assistant and/or Director to workshop personal statement: <a href="#">https://calendly.com/ods-1</a></td>
<td>July-September</td>
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<td><strong>Optional non-evaluative meeting with ODS team to talk about post-UNC plans and help frame your applications. Past scholars have found these helpful</strong></td>
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<td>Send reminders to your recommenders that letters are due mid-September.</td>
<td>Suggested 6 &amp; 4 weeks before endorsement deadline in</td>
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<td>Complete Application for UNC Endorsement Form before the endorsement deadline.</td>
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<td>Include all relevant unofficial transcripts, your CV/resume, and the Luce application downloaded from the online portal in one single PDF file.</td>
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<td>Interviews with UNC selection committee.</td>
<td>Mid-October</td>
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<td>UNC endorses named</td>
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<td>Endorsees schedule a meeting to discuss revisions to application with ODS Director: <a href="https://calendly.com/ods-1">https://calendly.com/ods-1</a></td>
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<td>Endorsees send revised application materials to <a href="mailto:ods@unc.edu">ods@unc.edu</a></td>
<td>48 hrs. before meeting</td>
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<td>Revisions of Letters of Recommendation Due</td>
<td>Late October</td>
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<td>Endorsees re-submit applications on Luce portal. Specify availability for interview with Luce Foundation.</td>
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<td>ODS uploads nomination letter and completes application process by final deadline.</td>
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<td>Luce Foundation conducts preliminary interviews.</td>
<td>November/December</td>
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<td>Finalist interviews</td>
<td>February</td>
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<td>Luce Scholars Announced</td>
<td>March</td>
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Exact dates and the official endorsement deadline will be posted on our website, newsletter, and social media.