

## Overview

Usona Institute (“Usona”) provides scholarships to qualified postgraduate students and licensed practitioners engaged in study or professional training within the field of psychedelic sciences.

### Postgraduate Students

Individuals engaged in academic study within the field of psychedelic sciences. Postgraduate refers to academic or professional degrees or certificates where a bachelor’s degree equivalent is generally required as a prerequisite for admission.

### Licensed Practitioners

Practitioners engaged in post-licensure training or certification in psychedelic-assisted therapy, including those with valid training licenses. Degree and licensure prerequisites vary based on the certification or training program, and could include, but are not limited to: MD, DO, PsyD, PhD, LMFT, LCSW, MSW, NP.

## Program Goals

Consistent with Usona’s mission to further the understanding of the therapeutic effects of psilocybin and other consciousness-expanding medicines, the goals of the Scholarship Program are:

- 1) To advance knowledge within the field of psychedelic sciences, and
- 2) To promote the accessibility of consciousness-expanding therapies and practices.

## Equity Statement

Recognizing Usona’s position within a diverse system of individuals, communities, spiritual practitioners, researchers, clinicians and institutions, and the associated history and innovation surrounding consciousness-expanding medicines, we acknowledge and honor the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledge ourselves to supporting and uplifting the diverse traditions, heritages, experiences, and perspectives within our field.

The Usona Scholarship Program is open to all people regardless of their race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. We encourage individuals from traditionally underrepresented groups, including individuals who are Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color, LGBTQAI+ and those with disabilities, to apply for funding through this program.

Scholarship applications are evaluated via a process that is fair, equitable, objective, and free of bias and discrimination.

Usona’s directors, trustees, officers, senior managers, or substantial contributors, or the family members of any of these individuals, are not eligible to awards from the Usona Scholarship Program. Family members includes spouses, domestic partners, siblings, children, grandchildren, as well as spouses or domestic partners of siblings, children and grandchildren.

## Award Information

Scholarship awards are restricted to the following expenses: tuition, books and materials, conference fees, study-related travel, and living expenses. There are no geographic restrictions and postgraduate students or practitioners outside of the United States are eligible to apply for funds.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a scholarship:

- Either be enrolled in postgraduate program within the field of psychedelic sciences at an accredited university  
**-OR-**  
Be enrolled in a psychedelic-assisted therapy training or certification program  
**-AND-**
- Not have overlapping scholarship funding.

### Selection Criteria

Recipients of Awards with the Usona Scholarship Program are selected on an objective and non-discriminatory basis.

Factors Considered Include:

- Relevance of Educational Program to the Field of Psychedelics
- Academic Performance/Merit
- Relevant Community Involvement and Extracurricular Activities
- Letters of Recommendation

### Additional Considerations for Scholarship Applicants who are not Citizens of the United States

Usona is required to check the names of scholarship grant recipients who are not US Citizens against the Specially Designated Nationals List maintained by the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control prior to awarding funds. Funds will not be awarded to individuals named in this database.

### 2023 Scholarship Timeline

- November 1 – Fall application period opens
- November 30 – Final Day that applications are accepted
- January 1 – The date by which Scholarship Applicants receive a final decision on their award

### Fund Disbursements

Usona will disburse all scholarship awards directly to the scholarship recipient's institution or training program. For students attending postgraduate, certificate, or training programs outside of the United States, additional information will be solicited from the award recipient prior to the disbursement of funds to ensure the appropriate method of transfer. Students outside of the United States may apply for funding using either the local currency of the institution or certificate program or they may indicate their request in US dollars (USD), however all payments will be made in USD unless the institution requires payment of the equivalent in local currency.

### Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Please note that in the event that you receive an award from the Usona Scholarship Program, you will be required to digitally sign an agreement for the Usona Scholarship Terms and Conditions:

I acknowledge that scholarship funds may only be used for tuition and eligible non-tuition related expenses, including books and materials, conference fees, study-related travel, and living expenses. I agree that I will not utilize funds for any other purposes.

- I understand that scholarship funds will be sent directly to the academic institution or educational organization and not to me directly.
- I understand if the Usona Scholarship Committee determines that I am not in compliance with the conditions set forth in the Usona Scholarship Program documents, my scholarship award may be revoked.
- I understand that a scholarship award granted by Usona is only valid for tuition and related expenses incurred in the specified calendar year only
- I understand that by accepting the terms and conditions of this award, I grant Usona permission to use my likeness and any scholarship-related information from my application materials in any publications, including Usona's websites and newsletters, without payment or other considerations. I agree that these materials will become the property of Usona, and I thereby grant Usona the authority to edit, copy, publish, or distribute scholarship-related information for the purpose of publicizing Usona's programs or for any other lawful purpose. I agree to waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein scholarship information may appear.
- I acknowledge that I am responsible for any liabilities or obligations incurred in connection with any Usona scholarship grant award received, including, but not limited to, U.S. federal, state or local income tax obligations
- I acknowledge that I must provide my legal name and address to Usona due to the United States' Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirement that Usona maintains this information
- Due to the requirement that we check the names of scholarship grant recipients who are not US Citizens against the US Specially Designated List, I acknowledge that I must indicate whether I am a US Citizen prior to the disbursement of any scholarship award
- I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to work with my educational organization to provide the required contact information to Usona regarding where the payment should be directed. Failure to provide this information or delayed responses from the educational organization may result in a delayed award payment.

### Application Checklist

The following documents and materials are required as part of the Usona Scholarship Application:

- Completed Usona Scholarship Application Form
- Completed Usona Scholarship Questionnaire
- Proof of enrollment in an accredited academic institution or certification/training program. Applicants may provide proof of acceptance at the time of application. If selected for an award, proof of enrollment is required prior to the disbursement of funds.
- Undergraduate transcript(s) and any graduate transcript(s). Copies or unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
- Most current CV/Resume, including research, publications, community engagement, or volunteer experiences, if any, within the field of psychedelic sciences.

The following are optional supplements applicants may wish to submit with the required Usona Scholarship Application documents and materials listed above:

- Two letters of recommendation from faculty advisors, research mentors, or others with knowledge of contributions to the field of psychedelic sciences.
- Research Proposal\*

*\*Please note that the Scholarship Program is intended to provide awards for tuition and eligible non-tuition related expenses associated with attending an institution of higher education and/or training or certification program. Research proposals may be considered in the decision-making process but requests for funding to support individual research projects are generally outside the purview of this program.*

### Applicant Information

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Home Street Address	Apt. #	City
State	Zip Code	Country
Phone		Email
Student ID Number		

Eligibility:

Postgraduate Student <input type="checkbox"/>	Licensed Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/>
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### Academic History

Undergraduate Degree(s)		College/University
From	Until	Degree Type

## Postgraduate or Training/Certificate Program

Postgraduate or Training/Certificate Program Name		College/University or Training Organization Name		
Degree/Certificate Type	College/University or Organization Address [to mail scholarship funds, if awarded]			
Start Date	Anticipated End Date	Proof of enrollment or acceptance attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Graduate Degree(s)		College/University		
From	Until	Degree Type		

Other Degree(s)		College/University		
From	Until	Degree Type		

### Scholarship Request

Usona Institute provides a limited number of scholarship awards for each application term. Applicants who have never received funding from the Usona Scholarship Program are encouraged to apply for funding in the range of \$5,000 to \$7,500, depending on program expenses. For applicants outside of the United States, please indicate the currency of your request (local and/or USD).

Please use the following worksheet to detail your funding request. The amount listed for each of the categories should sum to the total request. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books and materials, conference fees, study-related travel, and living expenses.

	Amount	Currency	Additional Notes
Tuition	\$		
Books & Materials	\$		
Conference Fees	\$		
Study-related Travel	\$		
Living Expenses	\$		
Total Request		\$	

Other Scholarships or Awards

Please provide information about any other partial scholarships or awards intended to cover costs of the post-graduate or research program.

Name of Scholarship	Scholarship Amount
Awarding Institution	Award Period

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Relationship to Usona

Provide information regarding any known relationship between yourself and the Usona Scholarship Committee, Board members, or Usona employees:

Applicant Acknowledgment

I certify that I have read through and understand the Usona Institute Scholarship Application requirements in full, and that the information that I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that any false or misleading information that I have provided may result in my release from consideration or participation in the scholarship program.

Applicant Signature	Date
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