



**"No country can get ahead if it leaves half of its people behind. This is why the United States believes gender equality is critical to our shared goals of prosperity, stability, and peace, and why investing in women and girls worldwide is critical to advancing U.S. foreign policy."**

**– Secretary of State John Kerry**

**Purpose:**

The NeXXt Scholars Program offers young women pursuing undergraduate education in STEM fields at U.S. women’s colleges the opportunity for career advancement via professional development, workshops, leadership, and mentoring support. ***We prepare the next generation of female global leaders to discover the next great idea and solve the next big challenge.***

**Background:**

- The NeXXt Scholars Program was launched in December 2011 by then-Secretary of State Clinton (<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2012/01/180291.htm>).
- The Program enrolls young women from the United States and from countries with Muslim-majority populations who are interested in pursuing STEM careers.
- The double X in the Program’s title symbolizes the X chromosomes of women.
- The inaugural class of NeXXt Scholars started their undergraduate degrees in the Fall of 2012 (<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2012/10/199153.htm>).
- In its second year during 2013, the number of new NeXXt Scholars in the Program has more than doubled (<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2013/218379.htm>).

**Benefits:**

- 5-year membership to the New York Academy of Sciences with access to networks and events (<http://www.nyas.org/WhatWeDo/ScienceEd/NeXXtScholars.aspx>).
- Matching to a successful female STEM mentor for one-on-one career support.
- Each International NeXXt Scholar is paired with an American NeXXt Scholar from the same college for exploring the Program together.
- Opportunities for professional development, live and virtual seminars, internship training, and research so the young women can acquire the skills and confidence needed to become future leaders, problem-solvers, and innovators worldwide.



**Details:**

- For additional information, contact us at [nexxtscholars@state.gov](mailto:nexxtscholars@state.gov).
- The NeXXt Scholars Program guide and other materials are available at <http://www.state.gov/e/stas/nexxt>.

**Focus Countries and Regions:**

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Brunei
- Burkina Faso
- Chad
- Comoros
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Gambia
- Guinea
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kosovo
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palestinian Territories (Gaza & West Bank)
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tajikistan
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- United Arab Emirates
- Uzbekistan
- Yemen

***Participating Women’s Colleges:***

- Agnes Scott College
- Barnard College
- Bay Path University
- Bennett College for Women
- Bryn Mawr College
- Carlow University
- Cedar Crest College
- Chatham University\*
- College of Saint Benedict
- College of Saint Elizabeth
- College of Saint Mary
- Colorado Women’s College at the University of Denver
- Columbia College
- Converse College
- Cottey College
- Douglass Residential College at Rutgers University
- Hollins University
- Mary Baldwin College
- Meredith College
- Mills College
- Mount Holyoke College
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College\*
- Saint Mary’s College
- Salem College
- Scripps College
- Simmons College
- Smith College
- Spelman College
- St. Catherine University
- Stephens College
- Ursuline College
- University of Saint Joseph
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan College
- Wilson College\*
- The Women’s College at Brenau University

\* (Co-ed)