

WIIT Trust

2020 Scholarship Program:

Overview:

Our merit-based scholarships are awarded twice per year to support and encourage women studying all aspects of International Trade including commercial relations, trade policy and negotiations, economic development, women's economic empowerment, and more.

- Applicants must *identify* as female and be currently enrolled at an accredited U.S. university or college, either full-time or part-time. Applicants must be undergraduate Juniors or Seniors or enrolled in graduate studies.
- Awards will be based on the quality of the assigned essay and the applicant's demonstrated interest in international trade, and are made without regard to race, religion, age, national origin, ability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Selected winners will receive \$1,500 and:

- One full year of personal mentorship by a WIIT Trust or a WIIT member.
- One full year of WIIT membership.
- One WIIT program based on the topic of the winning essay with knowledgeable professionals from the WIIT community. Scholarship winner will have a visible opportunity to engage in a role in the panel discussion.

Application Requirements:

Essays must be on a relevant international trade topic (see suggestions below) and can either be a bespoke essay submission or an appropriately formatted existing academic paper from current class works. Submissions must be:

- Minimum of 5 pages, Maximum of 10 pages, not including endnotes, bibliography (if used)
- Essays must be typed, double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman font with page numbers
- Final submissions should be in PDF format
- Application deadlines are April 1st and November 1st of each calendar year
- Winners will be notified by May 15th and December 15th of each calendar year.
- Essays should be submitted to info@wiittrust.org

Suggested Essay Topics:

- Trade & Development – trade policy impact on Sustainable Development Goals

- Trade & Empowerment – trade policy impact on gender diversity and economic empowerment
- Trade Agreements – select a current agreement and discuss trade impact on a specific industry and/or specific labor/workforce impact.
- US Trade policy – analyze current US trade agreement against defined US trade policy goals

A completed application includes the essay, accurate and complete applicant information, and proof of current enrollment in an accredited U.S. college or university. All applicants will be notified by **May 15 and November 15 each year.**

