The Knight-Hennessy Scholars program is a new graduate-level scholarship aimed at preparing the next generation of global leaders to address the increasingly complex challenges facing the world. Starting in fall 2018, Knight-Hennessy Scholars will annually select up to 100 high-achieving students with demonstrated leadership and civic commitment, who will receive full funding to pursue a graduate education at Stanford. Scholars may pursue studies at any of university’s seven internationally top-ranked graduate schools, and will be educated to navigate across business, government, academia, and the nonprofit sectors.

A Unique Program
The Knight-Hennessy Scholars is the only program of its kind with a distinctly multidisciplinary focus and the only one based at a U.S. institution. In addition to full funding for any degree or combination of degrees at Stanford, scholars will have additional opportunities for leadership training, mentorship, and cohort-based experiential learning. This exceptional community will serve as a lifelong network of change agents eager to confront the numerous grand challenges and opportunities of the future.

A Global Community of Scholars
Knight-Hennessy Scholars will attract students from around the world and a wide range of backgrounds. About two-thirds of participants will come from outside the United States, including rising leaders from the developing world who would otherwise not have a path to this kind of education. Over the course of a generation thousands of scholars will be at various stages of their careers effecting positive change across all sectors.

The Stanford Advantage
Stanford offers world-class expertise in an uncommonly comprehensive range of fields, with over 125 graduate degree programs all within walking distance on a single campus. Surrounded by Silicon Valley, Stanford is located in the epicenter of global innovation and recognized worldwide as a birthplace of breakthrough ideas and technologies. This
remarkable ecosystem is the ideal springboard from which Knight-Hennessy Scholars can translate what they learn to achieve maximum impact over the course of their careers.

The application for the pioneer cohort of Knight-Hennessy Scholars opens in May 2017 and is due September 27, 2017. Applicants to Knight-Hennessy Scholars are also required to apply to the Stanford graduate program in which they seek to enroll. Complete information on the application process is available on our website: knight-hennessy.stanford.edu.