

The TCU Carl & Teresa Wilkens Award 2020-21

The Carl & Teresa Wilkens Award was started in 2012 after educators from Rwanda approached Texas Christian University (TCU) about their nation's intention to adopt English officially as the language of instruction. That same year TCU was invited by Lewis & Clark College to join in its work through the Roméo Dallaire Scholarship fund, "combating genocide in Rwanda and worldwide." The TCU Wilkens Award, modelled after the L&C Dallaire Scholarship, is offered annually to a qualified individual from Rwanda to study in the Intensive English Program (IEP) at TCU as an active resident of the campus community for one academic year.

Recipients of the Wilkens Award are not only equipped to communicate thoughtfully and actively in English but they also have used their new skills in ethical leadership and responsible citizenship in the global community. In part because of the engagement and influence of the recipients of the Wilkens Award, IIE named TCU itself the recipient of the 2015 Andrew Heiskell Award for internationalizing the campus: <http://www.iie.org/Who-We-Are/IIENetwork-Membership/Heiskell-Awards/Internationalizing-Campus/2015-Texas-Christian-University>. The recipients of the Wilkens Award, furthermore, have encouraged others, by request and by example, to donate to the fund: <http://iep.tcu.edu/rwanda>. More about their ongoing commitment and impact is noted here: <http://iep.tcu.edu/kwibuka>.

Award Terms and Conditions

The TCU Wilkens Award includes the following for one full-time student for one academic year (August-May):

- application fee, semester fees (covering textbooks, field trip expenses, testing, ITP TOEFL, program t-shirt), and full-time tuition (covering classes) for the IEP at TCU
- J1 visa application and SEVIS application fees
- a round-trip airline ticket to Fort Worth, Texas USA from Rwanda and back
- on-campus room (shared room with roommate) and full dining plan with additional Campus Cash and Frog Bucks
- campus room furnishings, personal supplies, and a new cell-phone with refillable data
- guaranteed campus employment
- health insurance
- rights and responsibilities of a TCU student (specified at www.studenthandbook.tcu.edu):
 - > full use of all campus facilities (including computer labs, printing allowance in the labs, libraries, recreation sports facilities, student organizations, student tickets to Horned Frog athletic events, student center, email account, webpage account, computer network drive space)
 - > academic, immigration, personal, and health assistance in the Center for Writing, the Center for Academic Services, the Center for International Services, Career Services, the Counseling Center, and the Health Center

Restrictions

Please note that the Scholarship is for one person; housing is available for one person only. The TCU Wilkens Award **does not** pay for:

- flight insurance (not necessary to fly to the US)
- any costs related to classes or coursework outside the IEP
- salary re-imbursement
- application fees for undergraduate or graduate programs for other institutions
- medical care for pre-existing conditions, dental care, or vision care
- tuberculosis test (or x-ray for test positive)
- a stipend for a spouse or dependent

The Wilkens Award recipient must remain in good standing with Texas Christian University and the Intensive English Program. If the recipient is suspended or put on probation, he or she will not longer be eligible for scholarship support. The Award recipient agrees to return to his or her home country at the completion of the program and agrees to serve on the Selection Committee(s) for the Wilkens Award and Dallaire Scholarship upon return.

The TCU Carl & Teresa Wilkens Committee does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion, disabilities, sexual orientation or marital status.