

Callie Ellis

Knox College

A. Montgomery Ward Foundation Scholarship



Callie Ellis' ACI [scholarship](#) inspired her to think about furthering her education. It led to her successful application for a fellowship from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation at [Knox College](#), a summer research project at New Jersey's Rutgers University, and possibly, graduate school. "The ACI scholarship really helped me consider graduate school because it's what gave me the motivation to even apply for the Mellon fellowship," she says. "Because without that, I don't think I would have had the means to support myself. I'm extremely thankful for the investment in my future and how I'm going to pay that forward."

From Belle, Missouri, Ellis is an economics major Knox College focused on topics such as financial risk, probabilities and actuarial science. Professors and mentors have encouraged her to think about a career in public policy or the Fulbright student program, in which graduates conduct research or teach English in host countries.