



To the Recommender,

Thank you for supporting a candidate for The Wattles Fellowship.

The Wattles Fellowship gives three graduating Vanderbilt women each year the opportunity to launch their careers through paid, one-year positions with leading global companies in London. Fellows work within the Lloyd's of London market—the world's leading marketplace for commercial and specialty risk—gaining highly transferable business skills and joining a lifelong community of Wattles alumnae. Founded in 1969 by Vanderbilt alumnus Walter C. Wattles ('36), the Fellowship welcomes applicants from any academic major; no prior industry experience is required.

The experience is intentionally designed to stretch young women. Fellows move abroad, step into demanding professional roles in an unfamiliar industry and culture, live together, and are expected to contribute meaningfully to their teams and community.

Because our applicants have already demonstrated strong academic achievement, we would especially value your perspective on qualities that may not be evident from a résumé, transcript or application. Rather than focusing primarily on academic performance, honors or activities, please tell us about the candidate's **character, how she works with others, and how she approaches challenge and growth**. Specific examples that speak to qualities such as humility, adaptability, initiative, work ethic and a willingness to contribute to others are particularly helpful.

We know your time is valuable. **A brief, direct letter—one page or less—is more than sufficient**, and there is no need to address each quality individually. Above all, we value your candid perspective on **what distinguishes this candidate** and how you believe she would respond to the challenges and opportunities of living and working abroad.

If helpful, you can learn more about The Wattles Fellowship at www.wattlesfellowship.com.

Please email your letter of recommendation to **walterwattlesfellowship@gmail.com** by **October 30**, with the candidate's name clearly marked in the subject line.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful comments.

Sincerely,

Lauren Hunter, Executive Director

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