



Applicant Workshop for Postgraduate Study Awards to the UK & Ireland

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Review of Scholarships

- ▶ [Gates Cambridge Scholarship](#)- 90 awards to outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree at the University of Cambridge.
- ▶ [Fulbright Study Award to Ireland](#)- 4-5 awards available. Candidates may undertake a graduate degree at the institutions listed in the Ireland grant page, as long their proposal falls within the parameters of the award.
- ▶ [Fulbright Study Award to the UK](#)- 43-45 awards available, 1 award per institution.
- ▶ [Marshall Scholarship](#)- Up to 41 Scholars are selected to study at graduate level at an UK institution in any field of study. Applicants have a minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA to apply.
- ▶ [Mitchell Scholarship](#)- 12 awards available. One academic year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions of higher learning in Ireland.
- ▶ [Rhodes Scholarship](#)- Up to 100 postgraduate awards supporting outstanding all-round students at the University of Oxford, and providing transformative opportunities for exceptional individuals.

Who Can Apply?

Gates	Fulbright	Marshall	Mitchell	Rhodes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens of any country • Minimum 3.5* GPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Citizens only • Minimum 3.5* GPA • Cannot hold a doctorate at the time of application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Citizens only • Minimum 3.7 GPA • Completed your bachelor's in 2016 or later 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Citizens only • Minimum 3.5* GPA • Be at least 18, but not yet 30 at the time of application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens of any country • Minimum 3.5* GPA • Be at least 18, but not yet 24 at the time of application+

- ▶ FOR ALL AWARDS- You must **MEET** the minimum eligibility requirements of your intended, full-time graduate degree program

**Recommended; +Age requirements vary by applicant country*

Selection Criteria

Gates	Fulbright	Marshall	Mitchell	Rhodes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Excellence• Leadership Potential• Commitment to Improving the Lives of Others• A Good Academic Fit at Cambridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality and feasibility of your SOGP• Academic or professional record• Personal qualifications• Promotion of mutual understanding among nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Merit• Leadership Potential• Ambassadorial Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scholarship• Leadership• Sustained Commitment to Community and Public Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding Scholarly Achievement• Character• Commitment to Others and to the Common Good• Leadership Potential

Application Components

Gates	Fulbright	Marshall	Mitchell	Rhodes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 word essay • A non-academic reference • CV/Resume • GRADSAF admissions application • *PhD applicants must also submit a research proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embark application • 2 pg. statement of grant purpose • 1 pg. personal statement • 3 letters of rec • Unofficial transcript(s) • Campus Committee Evaluation (institutional endorsement) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embark application • 5 essays • 4 letters of rec • Official transcript(s) • Institutional Letter of Endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application • 1,000 word personal statement • 4 letters of rec • Unofficial transcript(s) • Passport-style photo (PDF) • PDF scan of signature • Video interview • Institutional Letter of Endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embark application • 1,000 word personal statement • 5-8 letters of rec • Official transcript(s) • Principal list of activities • Passport-style photo (PDF) • Institutional Letter of Endorsement

Essays

1. HAVE YOU CORRESPONDED WITH ANY FACULTY FROM YOUR INTENDED PROGRAM?
2. DO YOU KNOW THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS, CURRICULUM, LEARNING OUTCOMES?
3. EXAMPLE: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POSTGRAD PROGRAMS AT OXFORD
 - ONIF's Postgraduate Study Assessment Form

Gates Cambridge Essay Prompt

- ▶ **A 3,000 character (500 word) statement about their fit with the Gates Cambridge programme**
 - ▶ The statement is used by the shortlisting committees to distinguish between candidates who have been highly ranked by departments on academic grounds. It helps our committees identify those candidates who, as well as being academically outstanding, possess a capacity for leadership and commitment to improving the lives of others. This is the only part of the application form where applicants are specifically asked about their fit with Gates.

- ▶ **GRADSAF Requirements- Example: MPhil in Health, Medicine, and Society**

History and Philosophy of Science - statement of purpose (upload)

The statement of interests, of about 600 words, should indicate which subject areas you would pursue in the MPhil. Please tell us about possible essay and dissertation topics you might pursue on the course, why you are interested in them, and some preliminary ideas about how you might carry them out. We will not treat the statement as a formal proposal but it will help us understand your motivations for taking the MPhil and how well prepared you are for graduate-level research. You may also include a preliminary PhD research proposal if you are planning to continue to the PhD after completing the MPhil course.

Sample of work (max. 5)

You should submit one or more examples of your written work, such as essays or a dissertation, in areas relevant to the graduate study you wish to pursue.

Questions?

Fulbright Essay Prompts

▶ **Statement of Grant Purpose**

- ▶ This 2-page document outlines the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How of what you are proposing for your Fulbright year. If you are pursuing a research project, develop a strong, feasible and compelling project is the most important aspect of a successful Fulbright application. Applicants also should focus on demonstrating the reasons for pursuing the proposed program at a particular institution in the host country. The proposal should indicate a clear commitment to the host country community and a description of how you will engage with it.

▶ **Personal Statement**

- ▶ This 1-page narrative is designed to give the reviewers a picture of you as an individual. It is an opportunity to tell the committee more about the trajectory that you have followed and what plans you have for the future. Whereas the *Statement of Grant Purpose* focuses on what you will be doing in the host country, the Personal Statement concentrates on how your background has influenced your development and how that relates to the Fulbright opportunity.

Questions?

Marshall Essay Prompts

▶ **Post Scholarship Plan | 300 words**

- ▶ Candidates should describe their immediate plans upon completion of their Marshall Scholarship and why two years spent undertaking a degree in the UK would enhance these plans. As well as describing plans for employment or further study, candidates should indicate how they would develop ongoing connections with the UK, through their UK institution or some other contacts they propose to make while in the UK. Please also include a brief statement of your future career plans.

▶ **Personal Statement | 1000 words**

- ▶ A short statement in which candidates should describe their intellectual development and other interests and pursuits.

▶ **Proposed Academic Programme | 500 words**

- ▶ Candidates should describe below their proposed academic programme, giving reasons for their choice of course and preferred university. Those hoping to read for a research degree should give an outline proposal of the research they wish to undertake and with whom they would like to work. Candidates must also include a brief outline of why they have chosen their second choice courses and institutions.

▶ **Leadership Potential | 500 Words**

- ▶ Candidates should describe a situation in which they recognized and responded to a need for leadership. When answering this question please consider the Commission's criteria on leadership potential.

▶ **Ambassadorial Potential | 500 Words**

- ▶ Candidates should explain why they want to undertake their studies in the UK, and in what particular ways do they think that they will benefit personally and professionally from the experience? Candidates should discuss how work in their field of study (including their own research) can enhance the USA-UK relationship. They should further explain what they might do to contribute to improved relations in this area now and following the scholarship.

Questions?

Mitchell Essay Prompt

- ▶ **Personal Statement | 1,000 Words**

- ▶ Share your personality, passion, and drive with the selection committee that cannot be communicated elsewhere in the application materials.

- ▶ **Personal Statement Affirmation**

- ▶ “I attest that this essay is my own work and is wholly truthful. Neither it nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application.”

Questions?

Rhodes Essay Prompt

▶ **Personal Statement | 1,000 Words**

- ▶ The statement should describe the applicant's academic and other interests, and describe the specific areas of proposed study and the reasons for wishing to study at Oxford. The statement should be written in as simple and direct a manner as possible and set in a typeface no smaller than 10 points.

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Letters of Rec

1. WHO CAN BEST SPEAK TO YOUR MEETING, BUT PREFERABLY EXCEEDING THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA?
2. IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO MORE THAN 1 UK/IRELAND AWARD, MAKE SURE YOUR RECOMMENDERS TAILOR THEIR LETTERS TO EACH AWARD
3. THE TITLE OF YOUR RECOMMENDER IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS HOW WELL S/HE KNOWS YOU/CAN SPEAK TO YOUR ABILITIES
 - Fulbright, Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes
LOR Advice

Letters of Recommendation

▶ **GATES- 1 Non-Academic Letter**

- ▶ Referees are also asked how they rate the applicant for the scholarship: exceptional, strong, not strong, weak. They may paste/type up to 4,000 characters into the on-line reference or upload a separate letter. Some applicants ask one of their two academic referees to write the Gates Cambridge reference

▶ **Fulbright- 3 Letters**

- ▶ The authors should be the three individuals who can best speak to your ability to carry out the project being proposed; they should discuss your intellectual and professional preparation, and your ability to represent the U.S. abroad. You should provide the recommender with a copy of your Statement of Grant Purpose before requesting the recommendation letter. The recommendation letter should NOT simply be a character reference, as this will be of no value in assessing your ability to complete the proposed project.

Questions?

Letters of Recommendation Continued...

▶ **Marshall- 4 Letters**

- ▶ The first should be designated the Preferred Recommender and this recommender should have supervised your college or university training.
- ▶ At least two recommendations must be provided by academics.
- ▶ At least three of these recommenders should be in the United States.

▶ **Mitchell- 4 Letters**

- ▶ Recommendation letters must not exceed 750 words
- ▶ For full-time students, at least two of these recommendations must be from persons with whom the candidate has done academic work
- ▶ For those who are not full-time students and have not been for the past year, at least one of the recommendations must be from someone with whom the candidate has done academic work
- ▶ **REMEMBER- YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE A COPY OF YOUR STATEMENT TO YOUR RECOMMENDERS. THIS WILL PREVENT THEM FROM ACCIDENTLY GIVING YOU FEEDBACK**

Questions?

Letters of Recommendation Continued...

▶ **Rhodes- At Least 5, and Up to 8 Letters**

- ▶ At least 4 of these letters must be persons from whom the applicant has received undergraduate or graduate instruction
- ▶ At least 1 letter (the 5th) must speak to the applicant's character
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Application Timeline for ALL Awards

- ▶ **August 1:** [Submit Intent to Apply form](#)
- ▶ **August 31: Campus Deadline**, all applications submitted to ONIF
- ▶ **Early Fall:** Gates Cambridge opens
- ▶ **September 10-21:** Campus Interviews
- ▶ **September 28:** Mitchell National Application Deadline
- ▶ **October 1:** Marshall National Application Deadline
- ▶ **October 3:** Rhodes National Application Deadline*
- ▶ **October 9:** Fulbright National Application Deadline
- ▶ **October 10:** Gates Cambridge National Application Deadline*

**For US Citizens only. International students, please refer to the respective websites*

Resources

- ▶ [Gates Cambridge website](#)
- ▶ [Fulbright website](#)
- ▶ [Marshall website](#)
- ▶ [Mitchell website](#)
- ▶ [Rhodes website](#)
- ▶ [ONIF website](#)
 - ▶ [Schedule a Fellowship Advisement Appointment](#)
- ▶ [LMU Faculty](#)
- ▶ [Career Professional Development](#)

Additional UK Funding

- ▶ Internal or institution-provided funding
 - ▶ [Clarendon Scholarships at Oxford University](#)
 - ▶ [Cambridge Trust Scholarships](#)
 - ▶ [Chancellor's International Research Scholarship at University of Sussex](#)
 - ▶ [University of Warwick Scholarships](#)
- ▶ [Davies-Jackson Scholarship](#)- Deadline: October
 - ▶ A unique opportunity for students with exceptional academic records, who are among the first generation in their families to graduate college, to participate in a course of study at St. John's College at the University of Cambridge.
- ▶ [Chevening Awards](#) (for non-U.S. citizens)- Deadline: November
 - ▶ Chevening is the UK Government's international awards scheme aimed at developing global leaders.

Questions

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