Scholarships for Postgraduate Study in the UK & Ireland:

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Today’s Info Session

- Overview of each scholarship
  - Gates Cambridge
  - Fulbright
  - Marshall
  - Mitchell
  - Rhodes

- Application timeline

- Where to begin?
  - Glossary of UK degrees
  - Sample email to prospective institutions

- Application Resources

- Q & A
Gates Cambridge Scholarships

Awarded to outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree at the University of Cambridge

• Does not admit or place scholars
  – All applications submitted through University of Cambridge

• Provides funding for up to 3 years, in any subject, except:
  – BA (undergraduate) or BA affiliated
  – MBBChir Clinical Studies
  – MD Doctor of Medicine (6 years, part-time)
  – Part-time degrees
  – Non-degree courses
  – Courses at universities other than Cambridge
Gates Cambridge Scholarships

- 800 U.S. students apply each year
  - 200 are selected by departments
  - 90 are selected for a 20 minute interview
  - 40 U.S. awards available
    - 55 outside of the U.S.
Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

• Be a citizen of any country outside the United Kingdom

• Outstanding intellectual ability
  – Minimum 3.5 GPA

• Leadership potential

• A commitment to improving the lives of others

• A good fit between the applicant's qualifications and aspirations and the postgraduate programme at Cambridge
Gates Cambridge Scholarships

Application Requirements:
• GRADSAF application form
• 3,000 character (500 word) statement about their fit with the Gates Cambridge programme
• A (non-academic) reference about their fit with Gates Cambridge
• C.V./Resume
• For PhD applicants- a research proposal

GRADSAF Application
(Application to the University of Cambridge):
• Minimum GPA of a 3.5
• Application fee of £50
• 2 academic references
• C.V./Resume
• Academic transcript(s)
• A research proposal (if applicable)
• An example of your written work (if applicable)
• A GRE/GMAT score (if applicable)
Fulbright U.S. Student Program- Study Awards

Fulbright facilitates cultural exchange & promotes mutual understanding between the U.S. and over 140 countries.

- **UK Partnership Awards**
  - Pursue a 1-Year Master’s or first year of a PhD at over 40 UK institutions
  - 2 Open awards
  - Complete 2 applications, the Fulbright application & the university’s application

- **Ireland Study Awards**
  - 5 discipline-specific programs of study at varying Irish institutions
  - 1 Taught Master’s award at UCD

- Study awards provide a living stipend, tuition costs, health insurance, and airfare to & from the UK or Ireland
Fulbright U.S. Student Program - Study Awards

- Approximately 50 UK & Ireland Study Awards offered annually
- Around 900 U.S. students apply each year
Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

• Open to U.S. citizens

• Must meet the admission’s criteria for the selected university & program, including:
  – GPA
  – Graduate admissions test(s), if applicable
  – Must apply to the university directly, including any application fees

• Extent to which the candidate and the degree program will help to advance the Fulbright aim of promoting mutual understanding among nations through engagement in the host community, among other activities
Hannah Bredberg - 2017 Semi-Finalist to the University of Glasgow
LMU Class of 2012, BA in Music

As a musician, composer, & audiologist, she wanted to connect her experience with [Scottish] culture to the interdisciplinary realm of sonic art, creating a documentary solely utilizing the aesthetic of sound & visuals.
Fulbright U.S. Student Program- Study Awards

Application Requirements:

- Personal Statement
- Statement of Grant Purpose
- 3 Letters of Reference
- Unofficial Transcript(s)
- Online Application via Embark
  - Summary of your proposal
  - Brief description of your community engagement plans with the host country
- Letter(s) of Affiliation/Admissions
- Foreign Language Evaluation Forms, if applicable
Marshall Scholarships

Finance U.S. citizens of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom.

- Provides funding for up 3 years, leading to any degree except:
  - MBA
  - MSc/MFE Financial Economics
  - MPhil Development Studies (Oxford)
  - MPP (Oxford)
  - MSc Global Health Science (Oxford)
  - MSc International Health and Tropical Medicine (Oxford)
  - MSc Law and Finance (Oxford)
  - Degrees leading to profession qualifications in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, & law
  - Degrees that require extensive periods away from the UK
Marshall Scholarships

2018-19 Statistics

• 929 applicants
  – 164 interviewed
  – 43 awarded
Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Graduated from your first undergraduate institution after April 2016
- Leadership potential
- Ambassadorsial potential
- Academic merit
  - Minimum 3.7 GPA at the time you apply
Marshall Scholarships

Aaishah Kelani- 2018 Finalist
LMU Class of 2018, BS in Mechanical Engineering

Aaishah proposed to pursue a PhD in Bioengineering at the University of Glasgow
Marshall Scholarships

Application Requirements:

• Institutional Endorsement- Applications must be endorsed by the President, Provost, or Academic Dean of the applicant's educational institution

• Online application through Embark
  – Post scholarship plan essay
  – Personal statement
  – Proposed academic programme essay
  – Leadership essay
  – Ambassadorial essay

• 4 letters of recommendation

• Official transcript(s)
Mitchell Scholarships

- Up to twelve Mitchell Scholars between the ages of 18 and 30 are chosen for one academic year of postgraduate study in any discipline offered by institutions in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

- Applicants should list at least three institutions and can list up to five:
  - Choose from 9 institutions
  - Currently the 2 in Northern Ireland are not available through Mitchell.
Mitchell Scholarships

- 300 applicants annually
  - 60 Skype interviews for Semi-Finalists
  - 20 Students interview in D.C. for Finalist weekend
  - 12 scholarships are awarded
Mitchell Scholarships

Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

• Be a U.S. citizen
• Be 18 years of age or older, but not yet 30 by the application deadline
• Scholarship
• Leadership
• A sustained commitment to community and public service
Mitchell Scholarships

**Lacey Smith** - 2017 Scholar
LMU Class of 2016, BS in Health and Human Sciences

Lacey is studying Immunology and Global Health at Maynooth University during the 2017-18 academic year.

**Aaishah Kelani** - 2018 Semi-Finalist
LMU Class of 2018, BS in Mechanical Engineering

Aaishah proposed to pursue a MSc in Bioengineering at Trinity College Dublin
Mitchell Scholarships

Application Requirements:

• Contact information for Institutional Endorser- Cassidy Alvarado
• Online application
• All transcripts scanned into a single PDF
• Contact information for 4 Recommenders including email, mailing address, and phone number.
• ***Personal statement***- SEE NEXT SLIDE
• Passport-style photo (PDF)
• A scan of your signature (PDF)
• Complete mailing address of your university
• University choices and field of study options - Choose at least three programs at three different universities, up to five.
• Video interview
Personal Statement:

“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.”
Postgraduate awards supporting exceptional students from around the world to study at the University of Oxford.

• Each year, 32 U. S. citizens are among more than 80 Rhodes Scholars worldwide
  ▪ Applicants from other countries are NOW ELIGIBLE!

• Provides funding for up to 2 years (with possible 3\textsuperscript{rd} year extension) \textit{except}:
  ▪ One-year courses denoted as "diploma"
Rhodes Scholarships

• Approximately 1,000 U.S. applicants each year
  ▪ 192-256 are chosen for an interview
  ▪ 32 scholarships available for the U.S. citizens
    o Over 100 total scholarships awarded annually, from 20 Rhodes constituencies (64 countries) worldwide
  ▪ Average scholar GPA is a 3.9
Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

• Be a U.S. citizen
  ▪ OR a lawful permanent resident of the United States
  ▪ OR a citizen of a Rhodes constituency
  ▪ OR apply for the NEW Global Scholarships (2 available)

• Be at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age by the application deadline

• Intellect

• Character

• Leadership

• Commitment to service
Rhodes Scholarships

Application Requirements:

- The endorsement of his or her college or university
- A certified transcript (or transcripts)
- Five, but not more than eight, letters of recommendation.
  - Four of these must be from individuals who are qualified to advise selection committees about the applicant’s academic ability and standing
- ***Personal statement*** - SEE NEXT SLIDE
- A list of principal activities
- A passport-size photograph
Rhodes Scholarships

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Application Timeline for All Awards*

March 23:  Researching Postgraduate Programs Abroad Info Session
April:       Mitchell application opens
April 2:     Fulbright application opens
Late Spring: Marshall application opens
May 1:       ONIF waiver due & Fulbright Intent to Apply form due
June 1:      Intent to Apply form due for Gates, Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes
July:        Rhodes application opens
July 1:      Required Checkpoint- application drafts due to ONIF &
August 31:   Campus Deadline, all applications submitted to ONIF
Early Fall:   Gates Cambridge opens
September:   Campus Interviews
September 29: 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 U.S. citizens or permanent residents (when applicable).
International students, contact ONIF for campus deadlines.
Where to Begin?

- Research, research, research
  - Find the degree program or programs first!
  - Researching Postgraduate Programs Abroad Info Session on March 23 at 3:30 p.m.
  - Postgraduate Program Assessment Sheet

- Talk to LMU faculty and mentors

- Send emails to faculty at prospective institutions

- Submit ONIF’s waiver form by May 1, 2018
Glossary of Postgraduate Degrees

• PhD or Dphil = Doctor of Philosophy
  – Typically at least 3 years

• MPhil = Master of Philosophy, an advanced postgrad research degree
  – Can serve as provisional enrollment for a PhD, typically completed in 2 years

• MBA = Master of Business Administration
  – Typically a 15 month+ program, depending on the institution

• MFin = Master of Finance
  – Typically a 1-year taught Master’s

• MSc = Master of Science
  – Typically a 1-year taught Master’s

• MASc = Master of Advanced Study
  – Typically a 1-year taught Master’s in Math or Physics

• MLitt = Master of Letters
  – Awarded by a select few British & Irish universities
  – Typically a 1-year taught Master’s. Subjects include: Arts, Divinity, Fine Art, Humanities, or Social Sciences
Sample Email to Prospective Institutions

Dear Professor Smith,

My name is Elle Ion and I am a [undergraduate/graduate] student at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. I am studying [major(s)/minor(s)].

I aspire to [description of academic and career goals].

I am particularly interested in your [research/work] on [A.B.C...] and I have the following questions.

[Ask thoughtful questions about the program, institution, faculty, etc.].

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Elle Ion

[Email, Phone Number]
Resources

- Gates Cambridge Scholarship website
- Fulbright Study Awards website
- Marshall Scholarship website
- Mitchell Scholarship website
- Rhodes Scholarship website
- ONIF
  - One-on-one appointments
  - Letter of Rec resources
- Faculty
- Career Professional Development Office
- Penn State's Writing Personal Statements
Additional Funding Opportunities

• 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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