

Gates Cambridge Scholarships



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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

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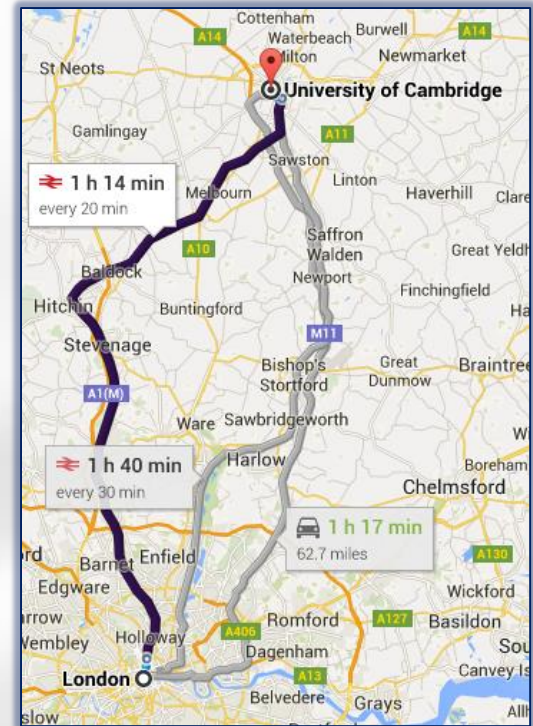
- 800 U.S. students apply each year
 - 200 are selected by departments
 - 90 are selected for a 20 minute interview
 - 40 U.S. awards available
 - 55 outside of the U.S.



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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 program at Cambridge



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Application Requirements:

- GRADSAF application form
- 3,000 character (500 word) statement about their fit with the Gates Cambridge program
- 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)

Application Timeline

- March 22:** [Researching Postgraduate Programs Abroad Webinar](#)
- July 1:** ONIF waiver & [Intent to Apply](#) form due
- July 15:** Required Checkpoint- application drafts due to ONIF
- August 31:** **Campus Deadline***, all applications submitted to ONIF
- Early Fall:** Gates Cambridge opens
- September:** Campus Interviews
- Mid October:** Gates Cambridge National Deadline*

**For U.S. citizens or permanent residents (when applicable). International students, contact ONIF for campus deadline.*

Where to Begin?

- Research, research, research
 - Find the degree program or programs first!
 - [Researching Postgraduate Programs Abroad Webinar](#) on March 22 at 3:00 p.m.,
 - Postgraduate Program Assessment Sheet
- Keep in contact with ONIF
 - I recommend checking in *at least once a month*, updating me on your progress
 - You are not alone!
- Talk to LMU faculty and mentors
- Send emails to faculty at prospective institutions
- Submit ONIF's waiver form & intent to apply by **July 1, 2019**

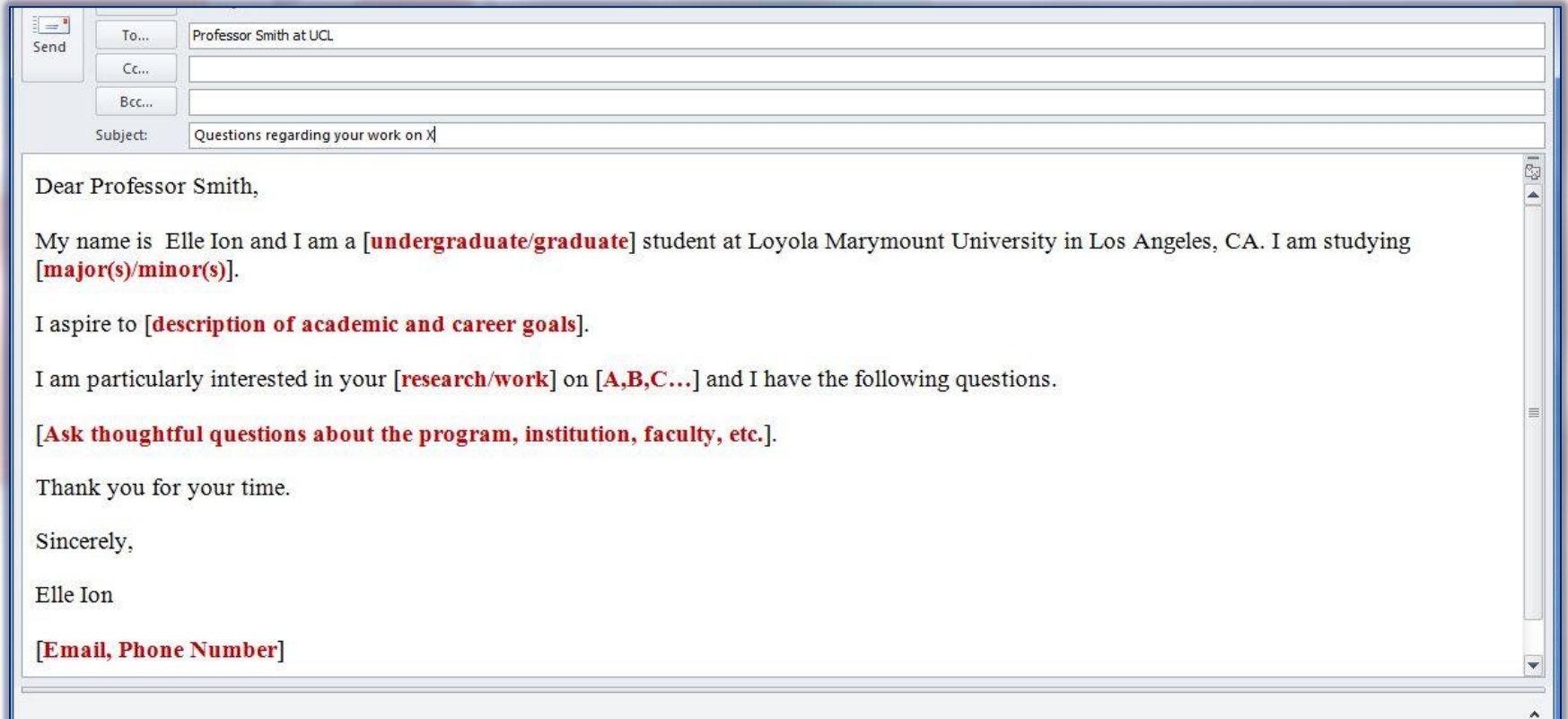
Main Takeaways

- It's all about the graduate program, not the scholarship!
- We are recruiting for the 2020-21 academic year.
- Start your research **NOW!**

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
- **MASt = 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 Faculty



The image shows a screenshot of an email client interface. The header area contains the following fields:

- To...**: Professor Smith at UCL
- Cc...**: (empty)
- Bcc...**: (empty)
- Subject:** Questions regarding your work on X

The main body of the email contains the following text:

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](#)
- [ONIF UK Page](#)
 - [One-on-one appointments](#)
 - [Letter of Rec resources](#)
- Faculty
- [Career Professional Development Office](#)

Additional Funding Opportunities

- External or institution-provided funding
 - [Clarendon Scholarships at Oxford University](#)
 - [Cambridge Trust Scholarships](#)
 - [Fulbright Study Awards](#)
 - [Marshall Scholarship](#)
 - [Chancellor's International Research Scholarship at University of Sussex](#)
 - [University of Warwick Scholarships](#)
- [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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