Marshall and Gates Cambridge Scholarships

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Marshall Scholarships
Marshall Scholarships: Overview

• Around 40 scholarships awarded each year.
• Available for study at almost any U.K. university. Applications indicating interest in universities other than Oxford, Cambridge, and LSE are especially welcome. Applications that select partner institutions (see Marshall website for list) are at a distinct competitive advantage.
• Traditional Marshall is tenable for two years. In exceptional circumstances, renewable for third year. You must discuss the limited one-year option with Dr. Moloney before selecting it. It should be done only in very rare instances.
• Scholarship covers tuition and University and college fees, plus a living stipend and other expenses (books, research and travel, fares to/from U.S.).
• Early-Mid November interviews. Please note: practice interviews might occur during fall break. Please plan on being on campus if necessary.
Marshall Scholarships: Eligibility

• Requires an institutional endorsement from Princeton. Your materials must be submitted by August 31, 2018 for campus endorsement.

• Must be a U.S. citizen.

• Must have graduated with a bachelor’s degree from a U.S. university within three years by Marshall (since 2015 for this application cycle).

• Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or better. In some regions (e.g. New York and Boston), a 3.85 or higher is expected. New York has an endorsement cap.
Marshall Scholarships: Selection Criteria

• The selection criteria are divided into three equally weighted categories:
  
  • Academic Merit
  • Leadership Potential
  • Ambassadorial Potential

• Detailed descriptions of these criteria are on the Marshall website (http://www.marshallscholarship.org/uploads/Criteria_Final2011for website)

• Also consult the “Study in the UK” tab on the Marshall Scholarship website: www.marshallscholarship.org/studyuk/

• Use the Marshall application system (not GPS) for campus endorsement and for final submission if endorsed. It opens in late spring: http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/apply
RESOURCES

• UK Faculty Advisors will review your final essay drafts for Marshall and offer you feedback.
• Review (but only as a guide) sample essays in binders outside of the Firestone Library Trustee Reading Room.
• Princeton Peer Mentors: Recent UK Fellowship Recipients are eager to support you through the process. Your Princeton faculty mentors are vital resources in guiding your choice of degree, department, and for Marshall, UK universities.
• SAVE THE DATE: UK Fellowships Boot camp, May 9\textsuperscript{th}, in the Writing Center, Baker Hall. This will jumpstart your summer work.
PRINCETON’S 2018 MARSHALL SCHOLAR

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Additional Resources

• Read Katty Kay and Claire Shipman, *The Confidence Code*. Two copies are on reserve at Firestone Library.

• Develop your presentation and interview skills this spring and summer. Attend workshops sponsored by Princeton Writes (https://pwrites.princeton.edu/public-speaking-group/) or Speak with Style (https://speakwithstyleprinceton.wordpress.com). Career Services also offers workshops.

• Have you tried meditation?

• Attend the UK Fellowships Bootcamp on May 9th at the Writing Center, Baker Hall. Detailed Schedule TBA.

• We will match you with a UK Fellowships Peer Mentor.
Gates Selection Criteria:

• outstanding intellectual ability
• 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 for which they are applying.

Tip: Review the Gates Magazine online and review past essays in the binders outside the Trustee Reading Room at Firestone.
Gates Degree Options

Master’s level:

• Most Cambridge M.Phil.’s are one-year courses;

• The D.Phil. is available on a Gates Cambridge. Be aware that some Princeton disciplines/departments suggest that you obtain your Ph.D. in the U.S. Consult your Princeton faculty mentors for guidance;

• Princetonians from a wide variety of disciplines are competitive for the Gates.
Gates Cambridge: Key Dates for U.S. Citizens

- **About October 15 (TBA for 2018):** Application must be submitted/RECEIVED online. You must also submit all supporting documents (three references, transcripts etc.) by this deadline. Some departments require writing samples or other supplemental material. We typically offer a workshop to finalize your essays in early October, but there is no Princeton endorsement process.

- **Mid-December to early January:** Notification if shortlisted for interview; **Late January:** Practice Interviews

- **Early February:** Interviews and Notification of decision
Gates Cambridge: Key Dates for Non-U.S. Citizens

• **Early December**: Application must be submitted/RECEIVED. If using online application form, you must also submit all supporting documents by this deadline.

• **Early March**: Notification if shortlisted for interview

• **Late March**: Interviews

• **Early April**: Notification of decision

*Deadlines for applying to certain academic programs (courses) at Cambridge may be earlier than the scholarship application deadline.*
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