Marshall Scholarships
Gates Cambridge Scholarships

Fellowship Advising  |  Princeton University
Marshall Scholarships: Overview

- Up to 40 scholarships awarded each year.
- Available for study at 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 competitive advantage.
- Traditional Marshall is tenable for two years. In exceptional circumstances, renewable for third year. Limited number of one-year Marshall Scholarships available (cannot be extended). You must make a compelling argument as to why a one year experience is preferable. There is a separate essay for one-year applicants.
- Scholarship covers tuition and University and college fees, plus a living stipend and other expenses (books, research and travel, fares to/ from U.S.).
Marshall Scholarships: Eligibility

- **Requires institutional endorsement from Princeton.**

- Must be U.S. citizen.

- Must have graduated with a bachelor’s degree from a U.S. university after April 2009.

- 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 typically expected.
Gates Cambridge Scholarships: Overview

• One to four years of study at the University of Cambridge (master’s or Ph.D.). Scholarship established just over a decade ago.

• Scholarship covers university and college fees, maintenance allowance for a single student (approximately £12,250 for 12 months), and air travel between the scholar’s country of residence and the U.K. at beginning and end of study period.

• Approximately 90 awards each year; about 30 to U.S. citizen applicants.
Gates Cambridge Scholarships: Eligibility

- **DOES NOT require institutional endorsement from Princeton. But you are encouraged to meet with the Fellowships Director to review your application.**

- Cannot be citizen of the U.K.—all other countries are eligible.

- Must hold a B.A.

- No GPA cutoff but minimum 3.6 GPA is advised.

- Must gain admission to Cambridge University through the University’s regular procedures.
U.K. Universities: Whys and Wherefores
Why Study in the U.K.?

- Ancient, self-governing universities: Cambridge’s 800th in 2009; Oxford even older

- Collegiate system in Cambridge and Oxford: traditions, ideal of close academic and social contact between Fellows and students

- Other great and often historic universities outside “Oxbridge”: e.g. University College London, founded by Bentham; LSE; the distinctive Scottish universities (Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrew’s)

- Explore British and European culture, history, politics
What Makes the U.K. Different?

- The NHS (National Health Service), the BBC, the parliamentary system of democracy, the fact that most newspapers are national, the combination of centralization and laissez-faire, the common law and the role of ‘deeming’...

What Degree?

- Master’s level:
  - M.Phil., M.Res., M.Stud., B.Phil. [Oxford Master’s in Philosophy only] ... but never M.A.
  - Oxford B.Phil. & most Oxford M.Phil.’s are two-year courses.
  - Most Cambridge M.Phil.’s are one-year courses; most elsewhere are also one year.
  - D.Phil is available on a Gates and sometimes a third year of funding can be secured on a Marshall or Rhodes, but less commonly than in the past.
Courses and Faculty

- Courses may be interdepartmental:
  - e.g. Public Health courses may be housed in Faculties of Medicine

- Standard academic title is “Dr.”; only the highest-ranking are called “Professor.”

- Should you e-mail possible academic tutors/supervisors?
  - Ideally you should do so only after a referral from Princeton faculty and only when you have undertaken research on your program of interest and have clear sense of what you wish to do. Ask informed questions rather than those that are addressed on the website.
Admissions & Oxbridge Colleges

- Admissions primarily done by department, often (except for Gates Scholars at Cambridge) much later than in U.S. system: rolling admissions from autumn to mid-March and sometimes later

- In Oxbridge: admitted to department first, then to College (for Fellowships, except Gates, wait to apply)

- The Marshall Foundation will place its Scholars in their proposed program(s); no separate admissions application is required.

- Think hard about choice of College
The Process Going Forward
Preparing Your Application

February-May 2011

• Plan to meet with Dr. Moloney twice: once to discuss program/university selection, review your cv and discuss a list of potential recommenders and again to finalize those choices, discuss essays, and develop a summer meeting schedule in person, by phone, or SKYPE.

• Ask Princeton faculty members or others who know you well to write letters of recommendation prior to leaving campus. For the Marshall Scholarship, your first recommender should know your academic work very well, be a Princeton faculty member who has taught you in upper level courses in your concentration and supervised your research (e.g. a junior paper). One of the four letters might be from someone who can speak authoritatively to your leadership or global/research work outside of courses.
Marshall: Deadlines and Interviews

**Thursday, September 1, no later than five p.m.**
- Applications, including faculty recommendations, must be submitted online for consideration for Princeton’s institutional endorsement
- ALL official transcripts must be received in the Office of International Programs, 36 University Place, Suite 350. These need to be submitted in one envelope.

**Friday, September 30**
- Endorsed candidates must submit revised application materials online. The Fellowship Advising office then submits endorsed candidates’ materials to the appropriate Marshall region by **October 3. Do not wait until the last minute to submit your online application!** Servers become very busy.

**Late October/Early November**
- Notification if shortlisted for interview

**Early/Mid November**
- Regional interviews
Marshall Timeline

**June-early August 2011**
- Fine tune your essays, in consultation with fellowship advisers. Dr. Moloney will consult with you about when your drafts are ready to be shared with the faculty advisers. You will be assigned to work with one or the other.

**Week of August 23**
- Last chance for review of final essay drafts.

**September 1**
- Princeton deadline for Marshall (and Rhodes) applications (5 p.m.)

**September 15-30**
- If endorsed, meet with Dr. Moloney and/or the faculty advisers to discuss recommended revisions by the campus endorsement committee.
Gates Cambridge:
Key Dates for U.S. Citizens

- **October 15:** Application must be submitted/RECEIVED. If using online application form, you must also submit all supporting documents (three references, transcripts etc.) in hard copy by this deadline. Please be aware that some departments have an earlier admissions deadline.

- **Mid-December:** Notification if shortlisted for interview

- **Early February:** Interviews

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

- **December 1**: Application must be submitted/RECEIVED. If using online application form, you must also submit all supporting documents (three references, transcripts etc.) in hard copy by this deadline.

- **Early March 2012**: Notification if shortlisted for interview

- **Late March**: Interviews

- **Early April**: Notification of decision

*In a few cases, deadlines for applying to a certain academic program at Cambridge may be earlier than the scholarship application deadline. If you are **applying to a course with a deadline earlier than the scholarship deadline, you must submit your application by the earlier deadline**. **In addition, note that online applications must be submitted two weeks before the course deadline.**

- Justine Drennan ’11, U.S. Gates Cambridge Scholar

- John Nelson ’10, Marshall Scholar (currently a Fulbright Scholar in Ekaterinburg, Russia)