Scholarships in the United Kingdom

Graduate study via the Rhodes, Marshall, Churchill, & Gates Cambridge programs
Marshall

- **Award description**: 2 years of fully-funded graduate study in any field at a UK institution, travel and other expenses

- **Eligibility criteria**:
  - Seniors, grad/professional students, alumni within 2 years of undergraduate graduation
  - U.S. citizens

- **Selection criteria**:
  - **Academic merit**: Quality and knowledge of proposed program of study; strong, relevant academic background; quality and breadth of recommendations. **Minimum GPA 3.7 required.**
  - **Leadership potential**: Ability to deliver results; strength of purpose; creativity; self-awareness
  - **Ambassadorial potential**: Knowledge of US/UK relations; evidence of transferable extra-curricular activities; interpersonal skills and ability to engage with others; self-confidence and ability to seize opportunities
Rhodes

- **Award description**: 2 years of fully-funded study in any field at University of Oxford, plus travel costs, laboratory and other fees

- **Eligibility criteria**:
  - Seniors, grad/professional students, alumni
  - U.S. citizen or permanent resident (citizens of select other countries can apply through home country process)
  - Under age of 24

- **Selection criteria**:
  - Literary and scholastic attainments *(Minimum GPA 3.7 required)*
  - Energy to use one’s talents to the full, as exemplified by fondness for and success in sports or intellectual pursuits and rigor
  - Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for & protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness & fellowship
  - Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one’s fellow beings
Gates Cambridge

• **Award description:** 1 to 3 years of fully-funded graduate study in any field at University of Cambridge, plus travel expenses to and from the UK

• **Eligibility criteria:**
  - Seniors, grad/professional students, alumni
  - U.S. AND non-U.S. citizens

• **Selection criteria:**
  - Academic Excellence
  - **Leadership potential** (applicants’ ability to “take others with them”)
  - **Commitment to improving the lives of others** (broadly interpreted)
  - Good academic fit with Cambridge (a convincing argument for how a particular degree at Cambridge accords with the applicant's qualifications and aspirations)
Churchill

• Award description: 1 year of fully-funded graduate study in a STEM field leading to a degree at University of Cambridge. **Carnegie Mellon can nominate 2 candidates.**

• Eligibility criteria:
  • Seniors or alumni who graduated in last 12 months
  • U.S. citizens

• Selection criteria:
  • Outstanding academic achievement, especially in the major
  • Proven talent in research and a capacity to contribute to the advancement of knowledge
  • Outstanding personal qualities (may be demonstrated in academics and research, as well as extracurricular involvements)
# Application materials

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Applying for these awards is **hard work**!

Expect many rounds of revision throughout the summer and fall.

Remember: Even professional writers work with editors! 😊
Key elements of strong UK application essays

Discuss a key experience or moment in your life that has shaped your current intellectual and career interests.
Key elements of strong UK application essays

Discuss a significant example of your leadership:

• How have you created positive change in a group, place, or situation?

• How did you bring others on board with your vision?

• How does this experience demonstrate your potential for leadership in your future career?
Key elements of strong UK application essays

Convey your philosophy of service:

• Which service activity has been most important and fulfilling to you? Why?

• What does this service say about your values, ethics, and the issues you care about most?
Key elements of strong UK application essays

Explain the BIG intellectual/professional contribution you hope to make over your career:

• Which societal/environmental problem is the impetus behind your professional and personal goals?

• How would you like to steer the course of this issue?

• **How would this scholarship opportunity support you in doing so?**
  • Be sure to address why the UK is a great place to work toward your goals!
Key elements of strong UK application essays

Ambassadorial Potential:

What interests, knowledge, hobbies, and curiosities would you bring to your intended program, community of scholars, and broader host community?

- In what way(s) can you foster meaningful US-UK relationships?
  - Both personally and professionally
  - How would you maintain those relationships post-scholarship?
Describe your targeted program(s) and institution(s):

• Structure of the degree program (Taught master’s, MRes, MPhil, etc.)
• Course offerings, highlighting courses you are likely to take
• Key faculty you aim to work with
• Thesis, dissertation, other capstone projects or experiences
• Opportunities for research and/or internships
• Why, on the whole, these programs and institutions are a fabulous fit for YOU!
Materials for the Pre-Application – due June 15th, 2022

1. Pre-Application form (link on our website)
2. Current résumé
3. Unofficial Carnegie Mellon transcript
4. 2 recommendation letters emailed to OURSD (4 for Rhodes). Be sure to give each recommender the document “Instructions for Recommenders – UK Awards”
5. A personal statement of 1,000 words that outlines your intellectual and professional interests and achievements, future goals, and reasons for pursuing study in the UK.
Timeline

• **April – May**: One-on-one appointment with OURSD *(schedule in Handshake)*

• **May – June**: Research UK programs, draft personal statement, contact letter writers, compile pre-application materials

• **June 15, 2022**: Pre-Application Deadline

• **June – August**: Continue to work with FSO on application materials; correspond with potential UK advisors

• **August 24, 2022**: Required Campus Deadline
  - Campus endorsement process: Committee review; may include campus interview

• **September – October**: Endorsement notifications, application revisions, foundation deadlines (vary by scholarship)
Key Resources

• OURSD webpages for Rhodes, Marshall, Gates, Churchill

• Foundation websites & social media

• Past/current scholar profiles

• Across the Pond: [www.studyacrossthepond.com](http://www.studyacrossthepond.com)

• Gates Cambridge Yearbooks: [https://www.gatescambridge.org/our-scholars/yearbooks](https://www.gatescambridge.org/our-scholars/yearbooks)