

# MARSHALL SHERFIELD FELLOWSHIPS 2021

## RULES FOR CANDIDATES

The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission will be offering up to two post-doctoral Marshall Sherfield Fellowships in 2021. The first such Fellowships were awarded in 1998 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

The Fellowships, which are funded by the Marshall Sherfield Fellowship Foundation, and administered by the Marshall Commission, enable American scientists or engineers to undertake post-doctoral research for a period of one to two academic years at a British university or research institute.

The Fellowships are named after Sir Roger Makins FRS, later Lord Sherfield (1904-1996), British Ambassador to the United States from 1953 to 1956 and the architect of the Marshall Scholarships programme. He went on to be the Chairman of the Marshall Commission, and of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, and from 1970-1992 was Chancellor of the University of Reading.

The aim of the Marshall Sherfield Fellowships is to introduce American scientists and engineers to the cutting edge of UK science and engineering. It is intended that this in turn will build longer-term contacts and international links between the United Kingdom and the United States in key scientific areas. The wider objectives are similar to those of the Marshall Scholarships programme:

- To enable intellectually distinguished young Americans, their country's future leaders, to study in the UK.
- To help fellows gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain.
- To contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science and technology at Britain's centres of academic excellence.
- To motivate fellows to act as ambassadors from the USA to the UK and vice versa throughout their lives thus strengthening British American understanding.
- To promote the personal and academic fulfilment of each fellow.

The conditions of award, application and selection procedures are set out below.

## GENERAL

1. One Marshall Sherfield Fellowship will be awarded in 2021. It will be tenable at any British university or research institute and cover from 12 to 24 months of post-doctoral research in any area of science and engineering (the Commission may exceptionally consider shorter projects).

## AWARDS

2. The total value of a Marshall Sherfield Fellowship will vary a little according to the circumstances of each Fellow. The emoluments comprise:

- a laboratory fee or research support grant fixed according to subject (paid direct to host institution);
- approved airfare to the United Kingdom and return on expiry of the Fellowship (see para. 25 below);

- a personal maintenance allowance to cover residence and cost of living expenses
- a grant of up to £200 for approved travel in connection with research programme;
- payment of necessary daily expenses for travel between place of residence and place of study, provided the distance between the two is reasonable;

3. Fellows' emoluments are not subject to UK Income Tax but may be considered taxable income by the US Internal Revenue Service. Award holders and their spouses may be liable for the payment at least in part of any Council Tax levied by the local authority where they live.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

4. To qualify, candidates should:

- be citizens of the United States of America normally resident in the USA;
- hold a doctorate in a science or engineering subject by the time they take up their Fellowship.

5. These awards are not available for study for a higher degree.

## **APPLICATIONS**

6. Each candidate must submit his/her application on the forms prescribed. Application forms are available at this website.

7. Applications must be submitted in complete form and be received at the Marshall Commission, London no later than **23 October 2020**. These will be considered by a UK-based selection committee (appointed by and reporting to the Marshall Commission).

8. Candidates invited for interview must bring with them evidence of citizenship (e.g. passport or birth certificate) and (in the case of married candidates) of marriage.

## **SELECTION**

9. In appointing Fellows, the selectors will look for distinction of intellect and character as evidenced both by their scholastic attainments and by their other activities and achievements. Candidates, who will be expected to pursue high level research during their Fellowship, should demonstrate an outward-looking disposition, good communications skills and the potential to promote British-American understanding. Preference will be given to candidates who combine high academic ability with the capacity to play an active part in the life of the United Kingdom university or research institute to which they go, and to those who display a potential to make a significant contribution to their own society. Selectors will also look for strong motivation and seriousness of purpose, including the presentation of a specific and realistic research programme.

10. Applications will be received by the Marshall Commission in London (see para. 7 above) and forwarded to a specially appointed committee of scientific experts in the UK for short-listing. Short-listed candidates will be called for interview in the United States in early December 2020. The final selection will be made by an Advisory Council in Washington DC, chaired jointly by Her Majesty's Ambassador in Washington and the Chair of the Marshall Commission. The results will be announced in early December 2020.

11. Expenses. Candidates called for interview may be reimbursed their travel expenses. Such expenses may not exceed the cost of a round-trip air fare (at the most economical rate available) and unavoidable overnight accommodation.

12. Overseas applicants. Applications will be accepted from US citizens residing outside the United States only if they enclose with their application a separate signed undertaking that they will return to the US at their own expense if invited for interview.

## **TENURE**

13. Marshall Sherfield Fellowships are tenable from one to two academic years from October 2021 (ie, the beginning of the academic year in the United Kingdom). It is hoped that those selected for a Fellowship will spend not less than nine months in the United Kingdom.

14. As a Marshall Sherfield Fellowship is intended to give the holder an opportunity to see as much as possible of the United Kingdom, meet its people and observe its institutions, Fellows will be expected to reside in the United Kingdom during tenure and the Marshall Commission must be informed in advance of any proposed absence. Research programmes involving lengthy periods away from the university/research institute or outside the United Kingdom will not usually be accepted. Return visits to the United States are subject to approval by the Marshall Commission and to a loss of living allowance for any time spent there in excess of 30 days.

15. Fellows will be asked to submit to the Marshall Commission a report on their work at the end of their Fellowship.

16. If a Fellow cannot take up an award during the year for which it is offered, the Fellowship will lapse.

## **PLACEMENT**

17. Candidates are invited to indicate their own preferences for particular universities/research institutes at which to carry out their proposed research programmes, although the Marshall Commission reserves the right to decide on final placement. If candidates have already made independent approaches to universities/ research institutes in the United Kingdom, or have received offers of places, this should be reported to the Marshall Commission. The selectors will look favourably on candidates who have taken the initiative to identify appropriate places of study in the UK.

18. Medicine and Dentistry: Medically qualified applicants whose research programme requires them to practise clinically, or to work in a laboratory department reporting on samples from patients, can be considered only if they are eligible for registration with the General Medical Council or the General Dental Council. Information about current conditions for registration can be obtained from:

The General Medical Council  
Overseas Registration Division  
Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road,  
London NW1 3JN

Tel: +44 (0)161 923 6602  
Email: [gmc@gmc-uk.org](mailto:gmc@gmc-uk.org)  
Website: [www.gmc-uk.org](http://www.gmc-uk.org)

The General Dental Council  
37 Wimpole Street  
London W1G 8DQ

Tel: +44 (0) 20 7887 3800  
Fax: +44 (0) 20 7224 3294  
Website: [www.gdc-uk.org](http://www.gdc-uk.org)

## **OTHER FELLOWSHIPS AND EARNED INCOME**

19. Candidates are asked to state on their application form whether they have applied, or intend to apply, for any similar fellowships. Marshall Sherfield Fellowships may not normally be held concurrently with any

other award, and the Marshall Commission reserves the right to abate its Fellowships in instances where Fellows are beneficiaries of other significant awards, prizes or earned income. Fellows may not normally undertake any paid employment within universities/research institutions or elsewhere in the United Kingdom during the tenure of their Fellowship.

## **APPLICATION CENTRE**

20. Completed applications must be emailed to [m.denyer@acu.ac.uk](mailto:m.denyer@acu.ac.uk) by **23 October 2020**

21. The offices of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission in London are located at:

Association of Commonwealth Universities, Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HF.  
+44 (0)20 7380 6703. URL: <http://www.marshallscholarship.org>

## **FURTHER INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

22. Full details of administrative arrangements will be given to Fellows with notification of their awards but candidates may like to be aware of the points covered below:

23. Passages. Fares for Marshall Sherfield Fellows will be paid from their place of residence in the United States to their university/research institute in the United Kingdom. The fares will cover economy class air travel in the United States, economy class transatlantic air fares and standard class train fares in the United Kingdom. No other expenses of travel can be met but the Marshall Commission has discretion to pay the fares of the families of married Fellows and to meet the cost of shipping a reasonable amount of unaccompanied baggage across the Atlantic. Subject to satisfactory completion of studies in the United Kingdom, fares will be paid for return journeys on the same basis. Fellows are not debarred from travelling by other means or at other rates to take up their award, but no reimbursement can exceed the actual amount expended nor the equivalent of the cost of the passages described above.

24. Assuming it fits with their schedules, it is hoped that the Fellows will travel to the United Kingdom from Washington DC, together with the main group of Marshall Scholars, in which case travel arrangements will be made by the Executive Secretary of the Marshall Commission. (Travel in the United States will be arranged through the British Embassy in Washington). Fellows who make independent travel arrangements must arrange to arrive in time for the beginning of their agreed term of tenure and will, on arrival in the UK, be paid in sterling the cost of their passage up to the permissible maximum indicated in para. 24 above.

25. Insurance. The Marshall Commission has no responsibility for insurance against sickness, accident, or death, either for candidates in the United States or for selected Fellows travelling to or from or residing in the United Kingdom. Although eligible for medical treatment in the United Kingdom (see para. 27 below) Fellows are advised to maintain ongoing health insurance in the United States during their period of tenure. Fellows are also advised to make adequate arrangements for insurance of personal possessions when travelling to or from or residing in the United Kingdom.

26. Medical Treatment in the United Kingdom. The Marshall Commission will pay the Healthcare surcharge for the Fellow which will entitle them to free healthcare under the National Health Service whilst in the UK. It should be noted, however, that spouses and children would have to pay this surcharge.

27. Payment of Stipends. The Executive Secretary of the Marshall Commission will pay emoluments to Fellows in not less than four instalments spread over the academic year.

28. Married Fellows. In some circumstances, UK Government regulations permit spouses accompanying Fellows to undertake paid employment for the duration of the award.

29. Accommodation. Fellows should seek advice about accommodation from the Accommodation Officer at the university or institution where they are to study at the earliest opportunity prior to their arrival in Britain, particularly if they are to be accompanied by their spouse and children. Since university accommodation (especially for married academics) is much in demand and is often reserved for students, Fellows must be prepared to live in lodgings. In a number of university centres it is very difficult to find childcare facilities. Fellows who think they may need such facilities are advised to ask their host institution as early as possible whether any are available.

30. Visas. In order to facilitate entry into the United Kingdom, fellows will be required to have a Tier 5 visa for sponsored research valid for their award. This must be applied for through the host institution, candidates selected for awards are recommended to apply (as far in advance as possible before departure).