



# MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS

Freedom. Flexibility. Opportunity.

**2021 Selection cycle**





## **...ARE WORLD REKNOWN**

4 out of the top 10 universities in the world are located  
in Britain

## **...AT THE CUTTING EDGE**

UK universities offer world-class research and a 21st  
Century learning environment

## **...OFFER FLEXIBILITY**

UK universities offer one-year Master's programmes for  
many academic fields

## **...AND AFFORDABILTY**

With shorter degree programmes, UK universities can  
be a cheaper option for US students seeking graduate  
study

# **BRITISH UNIVERSITIES**



# Who are Marshall Scholars?





**SOLDIERS**



**ADVOCATES**



**INNOVATORS**





**COMMUNITY  
LEADERS**



**MUSICIANS**



**AUTHORS**





**A DIVERSE COMMUNITY**



# HISTORY

## ESTABLISHED IN 1953

The British Parliament created the programme as a thank you for economic aid under the Marshall Plan

*"To enable intellectually distinguished young Americans, who will become their country's future leaders and decision makers, to study in the UK*





# ELIGIBILITY

Must hold your first undergraduate degree from an accredited 4-year institution by September 2021

Have graduated from your undergraduate institution after April 2018

Must be a US Citizen.

Candidates with dual citizenship are eligible, but must normally reside in US and have lived in US before they started their undergraduate degree\*

Hold a undergraduate GPA of 3.7 or higher at time of graduation or following Fall Semester 2019\*

Have not studied or hold a degree-equivalent qualification from a British university or GCSE or A-Levels taken at a school in the UK (study abroad OK)

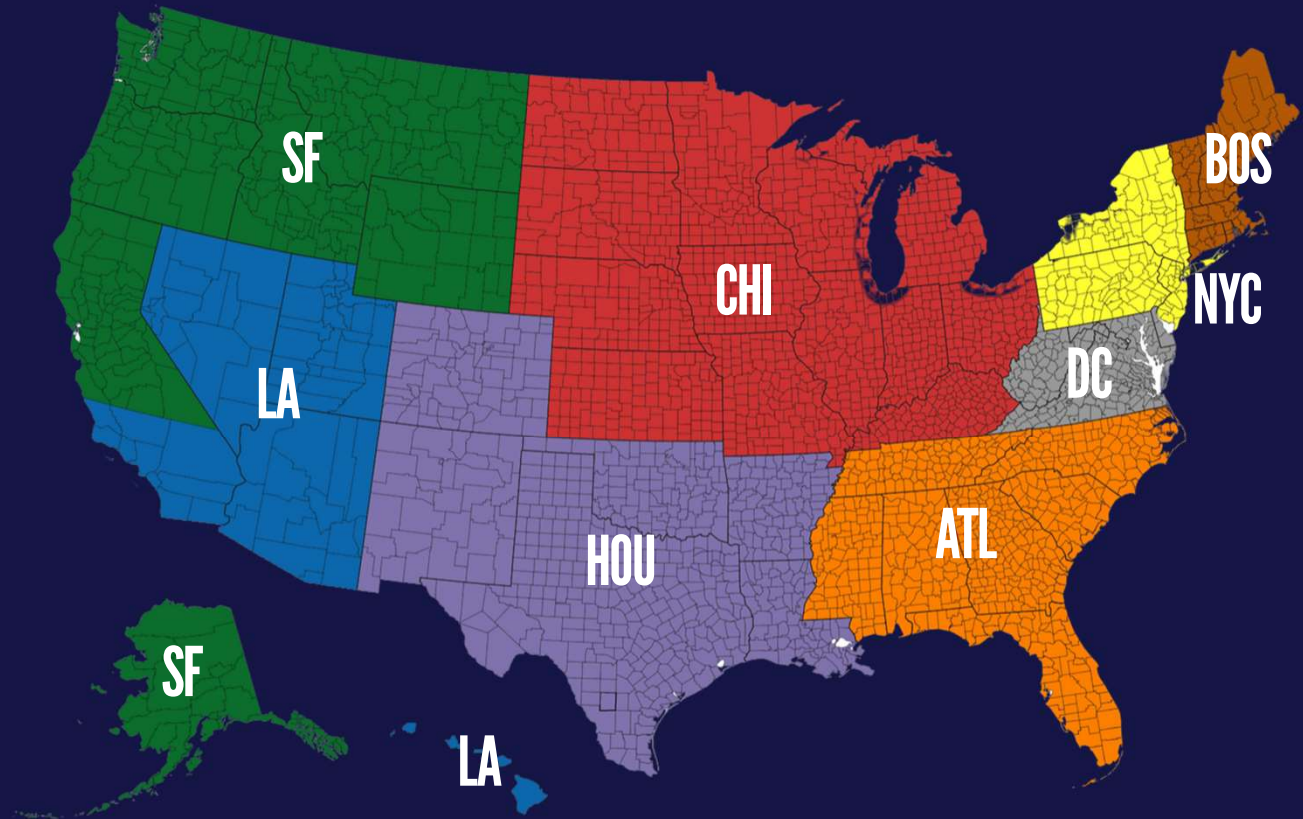


# STUDENTS CAN APPLY IN EITHER

Permanent home address  
OR  
Region of undergraduate  
institution

## BRITISH CONSULATES

Atlanta  
Boston  
Chicago  
Houston  
Los Angeles  
New York City  
San Francisco  
Washington, DC (Embassy)



# APPLICATION REGIONS





Basic Form &  
Short Answer



Essays



Transcripts



University  
Endorsement



3 letters of  
recommendation

# APPLICATION COMPONENTS



# Changes for 2021 Competition

Personal statement reduced to 750 words from 1,000

Future plans question reduced to 150 words from 300

3 letters of recommendation instead of four:

- One preferred recommender
- One general (but academic)
- One focused on leadership

New question on the impact of COVID-19 on the applicant (150-word answer)

New question in endorsement letter on university's policies during COVID-19 pandemic

Students asked to provide employment and personal interests and dates



# SELECTION CRITERIA

The image is a composite. The left side features a dark blue background with a diagonal band of lighter blue and purple geometric shapes. Overlaid on this is the text 'SELECTION CRITERIA' in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, also in white capital letters, are the terms 'ACADEMIC MERIT', 'AMBASSADORIAL POTENTIAL', and 'LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL'. The right side of the image is a photograph of a person's arm and hand in a light blue shirt, writing on a small white notepad with a black pen. A silver laptop is partially visible in the background on the right.

**ACADEMIC MERIT**  
**AMBASSADORIAL POTENTIAL**  
**LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL**



**EVIDENCE OF STRONG & RELEVANT  
ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

**KNOWLEDGE OF PROPOSED  
COURSES AND SUPERVISORS**

**QUALITY OF PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

**QUALITY & BREADTH OF  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ACADEMIC MERIT**







**ABILITY TO DELIVER  
RESULTS**

**CREATIVITY**

**DEMONSTRATING COURAGE**

**SELF-AWARENESS**

**STRENGTH OF PURPOSE**

**LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL**



**KNOWLEDGE OF US-UK TIES**

**TRANSFERABLE  
EXTRA-CIRRICULARS**

**ABILITY TO ENGAGE  
OTHERS**

**CONFIDENCE &  
SEIZING OPPORTUNITY**

**AMBASSADORIAL POTENTIAL**







FULL  
PAYMENT OF  
TUITION



AIRFARE  
TO/FROM THE  
US



LIVING  
ALLOWANCE

London: \$1,750/month  
Rest of UK: \$1,427/month



CLAIMABLE  
ALLOWANCE

Up to \$4100 for:  
Books

- Approved Travel in connection w/ studies
- Commuter Travel
- Thesis Preparation
- Shipping Property to/from US

**SCHOLARSHIP VALUE: \$45,000/YR**



## ONE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

12 month  
Master's

Research or  
Taught

No extension

## TWO YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

Two 1 year Master's  
at same or different  
university  
Research or Taught

OR

one Two year  
Master's

OR

At least two years of  
PhD

Research or Taught

## TWO YEAR SCHOLARSHIP W/ POSSIBLE 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR EXTENSION

Complete 1 year  
Master's; Start PhD  
in year 2

Upgrade from 2 year  
research Master's\*

Continue 2 previous  
years of PhD\*

\*Third year funding is possible, but not guaranteed;  
students must apply during 2nd year.  
see website for more info.

# ROUTE MAP



# 5 TIPS FOR CHOOSING A UK UNIVERSITY

## DO YOUR RESEARCH

Why you chose to apply to a university matters greatly to selection committees. Conduct thorough research on programmes in your academic field & choose a school you believe will best support your academic & professional goals.

## TALK TO UK PROFESSORS

UK universities are home to some of the world's leading researchers & professors. Consider reaching out to professors for information, advice or to seek assistance in developing a research plan.

## CONSIDER OUTSIDE LONDON/OXBRIDGE

The best programme for your interests might not always be found in London, Oxford or Cambridge. Many other UK universities can provide a tailored academic experience and allow you to discover everything that makes British culture so unique.

## DEVELOP AN ACADEMIC PLAN

Develop a plan that demonstrates in your application (and to the selection committees) how you plan to make the most of your time in the UK.

## REMEMBER, YOU CAN APPLY ANYWHERE

The Marshall Scholarship enjoys partnership agreements with a host of British universities and colleges who will subsidize or cover the full costs of a scholarship. This effectively allows you to apply for any university in the country. The more that Marshall Scholars go to partners schools, the more scholarships we are able to offer on a yearly basis.



Balliol College, Oxford  
University of Bath  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bradford  
University of Bristol  
Christ Church, Oxford  
Cardiff University  
University of Dundee  
(College of Life Sciences)  
(PhD only)  
Durham University  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
Emmanuel College, Cambridge  
University of Exeter  
Exeter College, Oxford  
University of Glasgow  
Gonville & Caius, Cambridge  
Guildhall School of Music & Drama  
Imperial College London  
Keele University  
University of Kent

King's College, Cambridge  
King's College London  
University of Leeds  
Lincoln College, Oxford  
University of Liverpool  
London School of Economics  
& Political Science  
London School of Hygiene  
& Tropical Medicine  
Magdalene College, Cambridge  
University of Manchester  
New College, Oxford  
Newcastle University  
University of Nottingham  
Nuffield College, Oxford  
Oriental College, Oxford  
Queen Mary University of London  
Queen's University Belfast  
University of Reading  
Pembroke College, Cambridge  
Peterhouse, Cambridge  
Royal Holloway

Royal Northern College of Music (PhD Only)  
School of Oriental  
& African Studies (SOAS)  
University of Sheffield  
Somerville College, Oxford  
University of Southampton  
University of St Andrew's  
St. John's College, Cambridge  
University of Surrey  
University of Sussex  
Trinity College, Cambridge  
Trinity College, Oxford  
University College, Oxford  
University College London  
University of Warwick  
University of York  
3rd year partner:  
University of Cambridge  
University of Oxford

\*Not a complete list

# PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS





FIRST WEEK  
IN OCT

Application Deadline

FIRST TWO  
WEEKS IN NOV  
Interviews

FIRST WEEK  
IN DEC

Scholarship offers made

# SELECTION PROCESS



**30 minutes long at your local consulate**

**Travel costs are covered by the Marshall Commission  
(no international flights)**

**All committee members are American and most are  
Marshall Scholars (though not a requirement)**

**All thematic areas of expertise covered by selection  
committee**

# **INTERVIEWS**



# 2020 CLASS AT A GLANCE

| Type of University | Endorsed | Interviewed | Selected |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Private (Non-Ivy)  | 47.1%    | 45.6%       | 41.3%    |
| State/Public       | 35.3%    | 30.0%       | 34.8%    |
| Ivy League         | 13.6%    | 15.6%       | 13.0%    |
| Service Academies  | 4.0%     | 8.8%        | 10.9%    |

The distribution of types of universities is fairly consistent from the 'endorsed' to 'selected' stages

Candidates should feel encouraged to apply from all types of universities as they have a fairly level success rate of being selected

# 2020 CLASS AT A GLANCE

| Preferred UK Destination | Selected |
|--------------------------|----------|
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| Oxford & Cambridge | 36.9% |
|--------------------|-------|

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| London Universities | 26.1% |
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| Other Universities in UK | 36.9% |
|--------------------------|-------|

Tip: your choice of preferred UK university should be based on the **type**  
**and strength** of the degree programme you seek.



# RESOURCES

- ✓ Visit [www.MarshallScholarship.org](http://www.MarshallScholarship.org) for more information on the scholarship and requirements
- ✓ Use the Online Course Finder Tool to research UK universities and programmes for your application  
<https://www.marshallscholarship.org/study-in-the-uk/course-search>
- ✓ Visit your university's Fellowship or Merit Awards Office
- ✓ Follow @MarshallScholar on Instagram and Twitter