MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS


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 AFFORDABILITY
With shorter degree programmes, UK universities can be a cheaper option for US students seeking graduate study
Who are Marshall Scholars?
A DIVERSE COMMUNITY
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 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*

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

Have graduated from your undergraduate institution after April 2018

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 COMPONENTS

- Basic Form & Short Answer
- Essays
- Transcripts
- University Endorsement
- 3 letters of recommendation
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

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-CURRICULARS
ABILITY TO ENGAGE OTHERS
CONFIDENCE & SEIZING OPPORTUNITY

AMBASSADORIAL POTENTIAL
SCHOLARSHIP VALUE: $45,000/yr

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:
  • Approved Travel in connection w/ studies
  • Commuter Travel
  • Thesis Preparation
  • Shipping Property to/from US
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<th>ONE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP</th>
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<td>12 month Master's</td>
<td>Two 1 year Master's</td>
<td>Complete 1 year Master's; Start PhD in year 2</td>
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<td>Research or Taught</td>
<td>at same or different</td>
<td>Upgrade from 2 year research Master's*</td>
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<td>Continue 2 previous years of PhD*</td>
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*Third year funding is possible, but not guaranteed; students must apply during 2nd year. See website for more info.
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**5 TIPS FOR CHOOSING A UK UNIVERSITY**

**DO YOUR RESEARCH**

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**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
Oriel 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
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
### 2020 Class at a Glance

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<th>Endorsed</th>
<th>Interviewed</th>
<th>Selected</th>
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<td>Private (Non-Ivy)</td>
<td>47.1%</td>
<td>45.6%</td>
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<td>State/Public</td>
<td>35.3%</td>
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<td>Ivy League</td>
<td>13.6%</td>
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<td>Service Academies</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
<td>8.8%</td>
<td>10.9%</td>
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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.
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<th>Preferred UK Destination</th>
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<td>London Universities</td>
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<td>Other Universities in UK</td>
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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 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