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*"The Marshall Scholarship gave me various opportunities to meet other scholar-activists within the Marshall community and at the University of Sussex where I was pursuing a PhD. Studying in the UK with the support of the Marshall community allowed me to fully immerse myself in my education and learn from various social justice struggles outside of the US context. It has been a great experience that changed my life."*

Debbie Samaniego (2017)  
MA International Relations Queen Mary, University of London  
PhD International Relations – University of Sussex



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The Marshall Scholarship Programme is a highly competitive, merit-based award for graduate study in any discipline at any British university.

As future leaders with a lasting understanding of British society, Marshall Scholars strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions.

Marshall Scholars are talented, independent and diverse, and their direct engagement with the United Kingdom through its best academic programmes enhances their intellectual and personal growth.

## PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The Marshall Scholarship Programme reflects George Marshall's vision of a close and intimate accord between Britain and the USA based on an intimate awareness of each other.

To achieve this vision of transatlantic understanding, the Scholarships aim to:

- Enable intellectually distinguished young Americans, their country's future leaders, to study in the UK.
- Help Scholars gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain.
- Contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, the humanities and social sciences and the creative arts at Britain's centres of academic excellence.
- Motivate Scholars to act as ambassadors from the USA to the UK and vice versa throughout their lives thus strengthening British-American understanding.
- Promote the personal and academic fulfilment of each Scholar.

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## HISTORY

The Marshall Scholarship Programme was established in 1953 to honor US Secretary of State George C Marshall and express Britain's gratitude for economic assistance received through the Marshall Plan after World War II. Funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the programme is overseen by the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission. Over 2000 Marshall Scholarships have been awarded to date.

## THE SCHOLARSHIP

Up to 50 new Marshall Scholarships are awarded each year. Each award allows recipients to study for a period of one, two, and in some cases three years at the graduate level at any university in the United Kingdom, in any discipline leading to the award of a British university degree. Each Scholarship includes:

- a personal allowance for residence and cost of living
- tuition fees
- grants for books, travel in connection with studies, and other miscellaneous expenses
- travel to and from the United States

## ELIGIBILITY

To qualify, candidates must:

- be American citizens at time of application
- apply within two years of graduating from their undergraduate college or university
- have a grade point average of at least 3.7
- take up their award within three years of graduating from college in the United States
- not be studying for or hold a British university degree or qualification.

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# Marshall Scholars are...

## ...a diverse community

With over 2,000 alumni, Marshall Scholars come from all academic, cultural, socio-economic and regional backgrounds, creating an inclusive community that you will be part of for a lifetime



## ...public servants

Marshall Scholars gone on to become Supreme Court Justices, Members of Congress, diplomats and educators



**Supreme Court Justices**

Neil Gorsuch (1991) (left) & Stephen Breyer (1959) (right)

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## CRITERIA

In appointing Scholars the selectors will look for candidates who have the potential to excel as scholars, as leaders and as contributors to improved UK-US understanding. Assessment will be based on academic merit, leadership potential and ambassadorial potential.

The selection criteria are divided into three equally weighted categories:

- Academic Merit
- Leadership Potential
- Ambassadorial Potential

## SELECTION PROCESS

Competition for Marshall Scholarships is extremely rigorous. Candidates are evaluated on academic merit, leadership potential, ambassadorial potential.

The selection of Marshall Scholars takes place entirely in the United States. Selection committees at diplomatic posts in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. review applications in their respective regions, interview candidates and select Scholarship winners. An advisory council chaired by the British Ambassador formally announces the awards.

Marshall Scholarships are awarded to students from all backgrounds in any academic discipline. The programme strives to promote a diverse pool of candidates drawn from a wide range of US colleges and universities. In recent years, minority students hold around 40% percent of the Scholarships, while more than one-third of successful candidates come from public universities.

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# Marshall Scholars are...

## ...entrepreneurs & innovators

Today's Marshall Scholars lead the way in finding innovative solutions to some of the 21st Century's most pressing issues



**Clara Shih (2005)**  
CEO and Founder Hearsay Systems



**Reid Hoffman (1993)**  
Philanthropist and Founder of LinkedIn

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## THE UNIVERSITY'S ROLE

Colleges and universities play an active and crucial role in the Marshall process. In addition to promoting Marshall Scholarships and coordinating the application process for current students, successful university advisory programs often combine a number of functions:

- Identifying and screening potential candidates early, typically after their freshman year. Working closely with honors programs and faculty members, advisors can recommend challenging and well-structured academic programs, arrange internships and assist students in planning ahead for the selection process.
- Advising candidates on their applications during the spring semester prior to applying. Marshall Scholarship advisors can help candidates strengthen their application through one-on-one meetings or group advisement sessions.
- Establishing workshops to assist students in researching British universities. Advisors are encouraged to contact their local regional representatives (see list on page) for further information.



*"The Marshall Scholarship gave me a vital creative and social environment that opened up an entirely new phase of my career as a musician."*

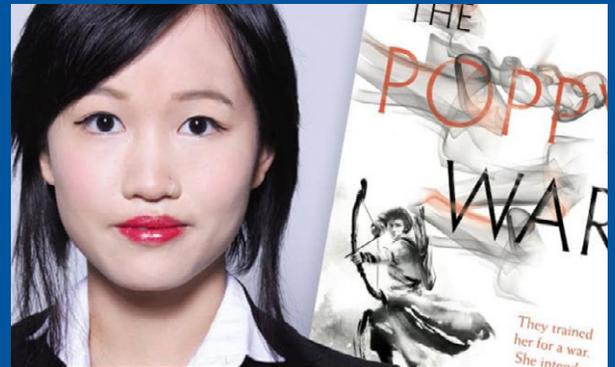
Reylon Yount (2017), SOAS and Goldsmiths  
Musician, Grammy Winner with Silk Road Ensemble

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# Marshall Scholars are...

## ...authors, musicians and film makers

Marshall Scholars have won six Pulitzer prizes, a Grammy and have been nominated for two Academy Awards



**Rebecca F. Kuang (2018)**

Author of *The Poppy War*, named one of Washington Post's top 5 science fiction/fantasy novels of 2018

## ...scientists, astronauts & explorers

Marshall Scholars have won Nobel Prizes and travelled into space to advance our understanding of the universe



**Anne McClain (2002)**

NASA astronaut

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## HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available online at [www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org). Each candidate must submit their application on the online form provided.

Applications must be endorsed by the President, Provost, or Academic Dean of the candidate's undergraduate educational institution. The online application must be submitted and authorised by a designated member of staff at the applicant's educational institution. In exceptional circumstances candidates may be nominated by their graduate school, special permission must be sought from the Marshall Commission.

Candidates may apply in only one region, based either on their permanent place of residence or where they are studying.

The application deadline is usually early October for studies beginning the following autumn.

Profiles of UK universities, graduate programmes, pre-departure and orientation information and more can be found on the Marshall Scholarship website <https://www.marshallscholarship.org/study-in-the-uk>

The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission promotes an equal opportunities policy. Scholarship awards are based on merit following a fair and transparent selection process. The Marshall Commission seeks and recruits students from all backgrounds.

*"Doing my Master's in the UK taught me a whole different way of doing science. I enjoyed it so much that I eventually came back to join the faculty in Edinburgh and launch my career in teaching and research"*

Dr Steve Brusatte(2006), Bristol  
Author: Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs, Lecturer in Palaeontology, University of Edinburgh.

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information is available from:

### THE MARSHALL AID COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

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London WC1H 9HF

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### ATLANTA REGION:

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands.

**Regional centre:** British Consulate-General Atlanta

**E-mail:** [Atlanta@marshallscholarship.org](mailto:Atlanta@marshallscholarship.org)

### BOSTON REGION:

Connecticut (except Fairfield County), Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.

**Regional centre:** British Consulate-General Boston

**E-mail:** [Boston@marshallscholarship.org](mailto:Boston@marshallscholarship.org)

### CHICAGO REGION:

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

**Regional centre:** British Consulate-General Chicago

**E-mail:** [Chicago@marshallscholarship.org](mailto:Chicago@marshallscholarship.org)

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### HOUSTON REGION:

Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

**Regional centre:** British Consulate-General Houston

**E-mail:** Houston@marshallscholarship.org

### LOS ANGELES REGION:

Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, Southern California (including the following counties: San Luis Obispo, Kern, San Bernardino, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Imperial), Utah.

**Regional centre:** British Consulate-General Los Angeles

**E-mail:** Losangeles@marshallscholarship.org

### NEW YORK REGION:

Connecticut (Fairfield County only), New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.

**Regional centre:** British Consulate General New York

**E-mail:** Newyork@marshallscholarship.org

*"Pursuing my PhD in Biological Sciences through the Marshall Scholarship opened my eyes to how cutting-edge biomedical research was done in the UK and allowed me to form lasting, international connections that will be an assist throughout my career."*

Nick Ader (2015), Hughes Hall, Cambridge  
Postdoctoral Associate, Yale University School of Medicine

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### SAN FRANCISCO REGION:

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Northern California (including the following counties: Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumme, Yolo, Yuba), Oregon, Washington State, Wyoming.

**Regional centre:** British Consulate-General San Francisco

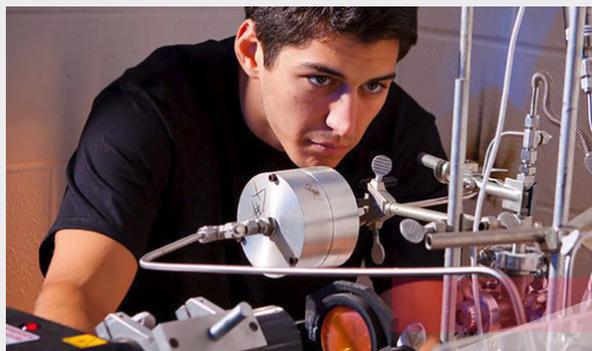
**E-mail:** Sanfrancisco@marshallscholarship.org

### WASHINGTON DC REGION:

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia.

**Regional centre:** The British Embassy Washington DC

**E-mail:** WashingtonDC@marshallscholarship.org



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*"The Marshall Scholarship has given me the ability to pursue my questions about a better vision of human rights work that is philosophically and politically informed. Both through my studies in Scotland and my engagement with the Marshall Scholar community, I am immersed in opportunities to learn from other people working towards a more just future."*

Mallika Balakrishnan (2019)  
MLitt Philosophy University of St Andrews



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# British universities...



## ...are world famous

4 out of the top 10 universities in the world  
are located in the UK\*

## ...conduct cutting edge research

UK university researchers gain more citations and usage per  
article and write more articles individually than anywhere else  
in the world

## ...employ innovative teaching methods

UK universities employ practical learning with lectures and  
seminars, embracing teaching methods and high-tech learning  
environments

## ...offer an unforgettable experience

The UK has the highest international student experience  
satisfaction rating for English-speaking countries,  
with over 90% happy with their experience

2019 QS World University Rankings

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# The Marshall Scholarship Programme:

Recognising the generosity of the past,  
supporting the promise of the future



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