

2026 RULES FOR MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES

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INTRODUCTION

Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a postgraduate degree in the United Kingdom, in a system of higher education recognised for its excellence. Established by a 1953 Act of Parliament, Marshall Scholarships are primarily funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and were created in enduring gratitude to the American people for the Marshall Plan, by which the United States provided economic aid to the United Kingdom after World War II.

The Marshall Scholarship programme is overseen by the **Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission** – a UK government body referred to below as the “Marshall Commission” or “the Commission”. The **Marshall Secretariat** administers the Marshall Scholarship programme.

The objectives of the Marshall Scholarships are:

- To enable intellectually distinguished young Americans, their country’s future leaders, to study in the UK.
- To help Scholars gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain.
- To contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, the humanities and social sciences and the creative arts at the UK’s centres of academic excellence.
- To motivate Scholars 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 Scholar.

Marshall Scholarships are tenable for one or two years of master’s degree study, and up to three years if including doctoral study, depending on the **Scholarship pathway** selected. **The general conditions of award, application and selection procedures for all Scholarship pathways are set out in this document**, with notations where specific to one pathway. *Please note: References to Year 2 or multiple years of study do not apply to candidates applying for the one-year award.*

Full details of each Scholarship pathway are available on our website [here](#).

In appointing Marshall 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. **The three core selection criteria are academic merit, leadership potential and ambassadorial potential.** Further details of the criteria used for selection can be found on the Marshall Commission [website](#).

For the 2026 Marshall Scholarship competition, **the Commission particularly wishes to expand the geographic spread** of Marshall Scholars across the constituent nations of the UK (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) and across the English regions; **to expand the range of UK universities** at which Marshall Scholars are regularly placed; and to **increase placements** at universities with which the Commission has **partnership agreements**.

To this end, **applicants’ university and course choices may influence the final allocation of Marshall Scholarships.** This consideration stands alongside, and is in addition to, the three core selection criteria of academic merit, leadership potential and ambassadorial potential.

Applicants can find more information on partnership universities and their locations across the UK in the [Partnership Marshall Scholarship](#) section of the website.

Applicants must specify university and course choices for each year of projected scholarship tenure, subject to certain rules and restrictions as described below. If selected as Marshall Scholars, they **must apply to and attend the courses and universities specified in their application, in the order specified.** Subject to admission, scholarships are **ordinarily tenable only on the courses specified at application.** Therefore, the courses and universities selected in the application **for all projected years of study** should be well-researched and considered carefully. The Marshall website provides a [course search tool](#) to assist with this process.

Please note: UK university degree programmes are referred to as “courses” or “programmes” throughout this document.

GENERAL

1. **Up to fifty Marshall Scholarships will be awarded in the 2026 competition.** They are tenable at **any British university** and for study in **almost any discipline at graduate level, leading to the award of a British university degree.** (Please see the [Course Selection](#) section below for details of courses which are not funded under the scheme).
2. **Candidates must indicate their first- and second-choice courses for each year of projected study as part of their Marshall application.** These may be at the same or different universities, subject to restrictions as detailed under [Course Selection](#), which limit certain university combinations, for example.

In support of its ambitions to expand the range of UK universities at which Marshall Scholars are regularly placed, and to increase placements at universities with which it has partnership agreements, the Commission particularly welcomes applications for study at partner universities, and at universities other than Oxford, Cambridge and London institutions. A course search facility is available here:

www.marshallscholarship.org/apply/course-search.

3. **The selection of Scholars is based on our [published criteria](#): academic merit, leadership potential and ambassadorial potential, with consideration given to university and course choices as noted in the Introduction.**

A range of factors are evaluated under the academic criteria, including a candidate's choice of course and university in relation to their academic interests and aims. Therefore, candidates selected as Marshall Scholars must apply to and attend their course and university choices as specified in their application, in the order indicated, subject to the restrictions described in Section 10 below and to successful admission. **If unsuccessful in gaining admission to their first-choice course in a given year, or if a course is no longer running, candidates will be expected to apply for their second-choice course and accept that place if admitted.**

4. **Candidates do not need to have applied for or be accepted at a British university before they apply for a Marshall Scholarship.** However, applicants should be aware that there are some courses with early deadlines at UK institutions which could precede updates on Marshall application progress, or a scholarship offer. **Applicants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with course deadlines and prepare accordingly.**

The Marshall Commission cannot guarantee that a Marshall Scholar will be admitted to their preferred course(s). Once a Scholar has been selected and accepted the award offer, they will receive a confirmation letter from the Marshall Commission in early to mid-December and will be expected to complete an application to their Year 1 first-choice UK university programme, if not already submitted. **The decision to admit a Scholar is with the University, and the Commission has no influence on the outcome of UK university applications.** The Marshall Secretariat team can provide advice and guidance during this process (noting that the Secretariat offices will be closed for the holiday period in late December through to early January).

Except where course deadlines precede the Marshall interview dates, candidates intending to apply to the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge are asked to prepare but not submit their course applications until notified of the Marshall Scholarship outcome. The Commission will identify the College to which the selected Scholar should apply as part of their Oxford or Cambridge university application. Where course applications were submitted prior to receipt of a scholarship offer, candidates will be expected to update their College preference if required by the Commission. Selected Scholars for these universities should carefully follow any guidance received from the Secretariat on this point.

5. Applicants who advance in the selection process will be **interviewed in November 2025** by one of eight regional selection panels in the United States, as outlined in the [Regional Centres](#) section. Award offers will be made following interview as detailed in Section 19.

AWARDS

6. **The total value of a Marshall Scholarship** varies according to costs associated with particular courses and locations within the UK, but all Scholars will receive the following:

- **Payment of tuition fees;**
 - **A personal allowance (“stipend”) to cover accommodation and basic living expenses.** The stipend rates are set by the UK Government and are reviewed annually. As an indicator, the current 2024-25 stipend rate is £1,378 per month if studying outside of London and £1,690 for those studying in London. The first stipend payment is received upon arrival to the UK;
 - **Fares for economy flights to and from the United States** at the start and end of tenure (plus a **mid-term visit** to the US for those on multi-year programmes);
 - **Payment of visa fees and for access to the UK National Health Service;**
 - **Additional allowances totalling at least £3,000 to support academic research, leadership development and ambassadorial engagement during scholarship tenure.**
7. Marshall Scholarships are not subject to UK Income Tax but may be considered taxable income by the US Internal Revenue Service. Candidates selected as Scholars are encouraged to consult with a US tax professional as the Commission is not able to provide tax advice.

ELIGIBILITY

8. **To qualify for a 2026 Marshall Scholarship**, candidates should:
- be citizens of the United States of America (at the time they apply for a scholarship);
 - hold their first undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States (by the time they would take up a scholarship i.e. September 2026);
 - have obtained a grade point average of not less than 3.7 on their undergraduate degree at the time of application (a candidate's most up-to-date undergraduate GPA will be used for the application; final transcripts will be requested at the interview stage).
 - have graduated from their first undergraduate college or university after April 2023.
 - not have studied for or hold a degree or degree-equivalent qualification from a UK University or undertaken GCSE or A-Level qualifications in the UK.

Candidates may only apply for one of the Marshall Scholarship pathways. Any candidate who applies for multiple pathways will automatically be disqualified.

COURSE SELECTION

The Commission has some restrictions on the courses that may be pursued with the support of a Marshall Scholarship, and on the course/university combinations that may be permitted as first and second choices in a given year, as described below.

9. **The following types of course are NOT funded on the Marshall Scholarship:**
- **Second BA/BSc (undergraduate) Degrees**
 - **Postgraduate Diplomas/Certificates in any subject (any university)**
 - **Degree courses leading to professional qualifications in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and law** (these degrees typically take 5 years to complete in the UK).
 - **Courses leading to a certificate of completion and not a degree.** (For example, University of Cambridge [regulations](#) do not permit students to undertake two degrees of the same type i.e. two MPhils consecutively. In such cases, the University would award a certificate of completion rather than a degree, which would not meet Marshall Commission requirements).
 - **Distance Learning degree courses**, including any courses with large Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) or online components.
 - **Part-time degree courses**
 - **Supervised research not leading to a degree qualification**
 - Degree courses that **require extended periods** away from the University or the UK, including **joint degrees** with universities not in the UK.

The following specific courses are NOT funded on the Marshall Scholarship or are restricted as indicated:

- **Master in Business Administration (MBA)** (not funded at any university)
- **MSc/MFE Financial Economics** (not funded at any university)
- **Master of Public Policy (MPP) at the University of Oxford** – restricted to ONE Marshall Scholar per academic year funded by a partnership with Brasenose College to attend the Blavatnik School of Government. **Scholars not chosen for the partner award will be required to apply to and attend their second-choice course/university, even if they were admitted to the MPP programme.**
- **1+1 MPP + MSc in Public Policy Research programme at the University of Oxford** – The Commission does not permit this course combination for Years 1 and 2, in addition to the restrictions on the MPP programme noted above.

The Commission will NOT fund courses which breach the following durations or begin during the academic year:

- **Degree courses that start in January**, or any point other than the formal start of an institution's academic year (not funded at any university).
- **Master's degree courses exceeding 12 or 24 months**, including 15- or 28-month master's degree courses (not funded at any university).
- **For two-year pathway candidates, the Commission does not fund any master's degree courses that are less than 9-months in duration; for one-year pathway candidates the minimum course duration is 10 months.**

Candidates should check and confirm course details and structures accordingly. Candidates who list any of the courses not funded by the Marshall Commission on their application will not be invited to an interview.

10. **The Commission restricts the selection of first- and second-choice courses at certain universities within the same projected year of study.** If a candidate selects a first-choice course at the University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, King's College London, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) or University College London (UCL) for a given year of study, they **cannot select courses at any of these universities as their second-choice for the same year.** *For example, candidates cannot select a course at Oxford as their Year 1 first-choice and a course at Cambridge as their Year 1 second-choice.*

The Commission does not restrict the selection of courses at these universities across different years of study, but it encourages candidates to consider courses at a wide range of UK universities, as noted above, and to determine which course and university is best suited to their specific academic interests and aims.

11. **Please note, the Commission will only support Marshall Scholar applications to UK courses and universities that are in accordance with these restrictions and are listed on candidates' Marshall applications for each projected year of study.** Candidates should do their due diligence to ensure that they understand the course structure and meet eligibility criteria for their selected courses and should be prepared to apply to and accept admission to their second choices if necessary, for all years of study. **Requests to change course and university choices after candidates receive an award offer will not be considered.**

PARTNERSHIP MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS

12. **The Marshall Commission has partnership Scholarships with a number of UK Higher Education Institutions.** Details of each partnership institution and their location within the UK are provided on our website:
<https://www.marshallscholarship.org/partners/partner-universities/>

To be considered in the selection process as a candidate for a Partnership Marshall Scholarship, for any projected year of study, you must select a course at a partner institution as your **first-choice** course for that year.

13. **Candidates for all Partnership Scholarships will compete in the main Marshall Scholarship competition.** Partnership awards are only offered if such candidates are selected in this process and admitted to the partnership university.

The Commission particularly welcomes applications to **partner universities** across the English regions and the devolved nations of the UK. **Please note: for the purposes of the Marshall selection process, applicants to courses at the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge are not considered as candidates for Partnership Marshall**

Scholarships, due to bespoke partnership agreements with Colleges, specific College admission procedures and since College choices are assigned by the Commission following selection.

14. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Marshall Scholarships [PhD Applicants only].

These Scholarships are jointly funded by the Marshall Commission and the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) and provide additional years of funding for PhD students at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in the subject areas of bioscience, medicine and related disciplines. Anyone who is selected for a Marshall Scholarship and wishes to complete a PhD in these fields, at these institutions, is eligible for the NIH Partner Scholarship, **but they must apply separately to the NIH Graduate Partners Programme in addition to submitting a Marshall Scholarship application.** For more information please see: www.marshallscholarship.org/partners/partnership-scholarships

MAKING AN APPLICATION

15. Candidates may apply in one Region only – either that in which they have their permanent home address or ordinary place of residence/employment, or that in which they are studying. Any candidate applying in more than one region will automatically be disqualified. Any candidate found to be falsifying their permanent address will automatically be disqualified.

Applications must be endorsed by the President, Provost, or Academic Dean of the applicant's undergraduate educational institution. The online application must be submitted and authorised by a designated member of staff at the applicant's undergraduate educational institution.

In exceptional circumstances candidates may be nominated by their Graduate School. However, special permission must be sought from the Marshall Commission. If the candidate's institution has set an internal deadline for candidates to submit to their institution, this should be communicated to the candidate by their institution. Applicants should speak to their institutional advisor for questions about the internal deadline.

No endorsing institution may submit more than 24 applications overall. There is no cap on the number of applications that can be sent to an individual Region, but the overall number of applications that an institution can endorse will be a maximum of 24.

All applicants must complete and submit their applications via the online system no later than 5:00pm in the time zone where their endorsing institution is located on 16 September 2025. Recommenders should submit their letters of recommendation by the same deadline. The application will then be processed by the endorsing institution for submission. It will not be possible to make changes to the application after this date.

Final submission of the application, including the letter of endorsement, must be submitted online by the endorsing institution no later than 5:00pm in the time zone where the endorsing institution is located on 18 September 2025.

NB: PDF copies of the candidate's official Academic transcripts must be submitted as part of the application. Digital or scanned copies of the transcripts are acceptable. Unofficial transcripts are not acceptable, and if these are included the application may be considered ineligible. The Commission recommends that applications be submitted well in advance of the deadline to avoid any last-minute issues.

16. Use of Artificial Intelligence tools or assistance - Applicants are reminded that, as part of the endorsement process, university representatives must attest to the application being the candidate's own work. The Commission understands that candidates may wish to utilise Artificial Intelligence tools or assistance in researching their scholarship and course applications, but it **requires that no AI tools or assistance are utilised to construct or write the essays and answers submitted in the candidate's Marshall Scholarship application, in part or in full.** Applicants are also reminded that any aspect of the written application may be discussed in depth as part of the in-person interview.

SELECTION PROCESS

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

Scholars are talented, independent and wide-ranging in their interests and their time as Scholars will enhance their intellectual and personal growth. Their direct engagement with the UK through its distinguished academic programmes will contribute to their ultimate personal success.

18. **The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission is looking for candidates who have the potential to excel as scholars, as leaders and as contributors to improved UK-US understanding.** In doing so, the **Commission recognises the value of diversity among applicants and promotes equality of opportunity** and is committed to ensuring the selection process is **fair and equitable**.

In appointing Scholars, the Selectors will assess applicants based on academic merit, leadership potential and ambassadorial potential, and consider course and university choices. Details of the criteria used for selection can be found at: www.marshallscholarship.org/apply/eligibility

19. **Applications will be received and reviewed at eight regional centres in the United States** (outlined in the [REGIONAL CENTRES](#) Section). Shortlisted candidates will be notified if they have been selected for interview by early to mid-November.

Candidates invited for interview must provide evidence of their **date of birth and US citizenship** (such as a passport) and **copies of their original academic transcripts** to the Regional Centre.

The final selection will be announced shortly after the interviews. Those selected will be notified in writing and will be asked to accept or decline the scholarship offer in writing within 5 days of receiving the offer. All awards are ultimately subject to the ability of those nominated for a Scholarship to receive an offer to study at a UK university.

20. **If candidates are required to attend an in-person interview in the region** in which they have applied, they may be reimbursed for their travel expenses, not exceeding the cost of a round-trip airfare (at the most economical rate available) and overnight accommodation if unavoidable. Candidates will receive further instructions from the regional committee and will only be reimbursed if they follow the guidelines provided. In cases where interviews are conducted virtually, there will be no reimbursement for interview costs.
21. **Applications will be accepted from eligible applicants who are residing outside the United States for study or work.** Candidates offered an interview who will be working or studying overseas during the interview period will need to raise this with the relevant regional committee. Such candidates will be allowed to participate in a virtual interview and will not be expected to attend the interview in person. Candidates participating in virtual interviews will not be penalised. If the Candidate does decide to return to the US for the interview, the Commission will not cover the cost of the flights.

TENURE

One-year Marshall Scholarship

22. **A one-year Marshall Scholarship is tenable for one academic year (minimum 10 and maximum 12 months).** It is a condition of the award that Marshall Scholars must proceed to a degree that can be completed within the 12-month tenure. It should be noted that courses which run for less than 10 months will not be funded on this Scholarship pathway.

One-year Marshall Scholarships cannot be extended beyond the 12-month tenure.

The one-year Marshall Scholarship is aimed at applicants who have strong reasons for wishing to study in the UK but have specific reasons why they are unable to commit to completing two or more years of study in the UK.

Applicants for the one-year award will be required to provide a maximum 300-word statement which outlines why they are unable to apply for a two-year Scholarship (either a master's or doctoral pathway).

Scholars on a one-year award would be expected to remain in the UK for the full duration of their course. Where a commitment to return to the US earlier than this is anticipated, permission must be sought from the Commission. Please check the university websites carefully for the duration of the degree in months. **There are no exceptions to this regulation.**

Two-year scholarship (including Master's and Doctoral pathways)

23. **A two-year Marshall Scholarship is tenable for two academic years.** It is a condition of the award that Marshall Scholars must proceed to a degree that can be completed within the two-year tenure, unless applying for a PhD/DPhil. Scholars will be asked to demonstrate that they have successfully completed Year 1 of their studies before they can progress to Year 2 of the award. Candidates who apply for the two-year Scholarship are expected to study in the UK for this entire period. If this will not be feasible, they should consider applying for the one-year Marshall Scholarship.

It is possible to undertake one two-year master's degree or two consecutive one-year master's degrees. If the first degree proposed is a one-year programme, it will be necessary for the applicant to consider what course of study might be undertaken in the second year. This could be another one-year degree either at the same institution or at a different UK university and can be of the same or different degree type, subject to admission and course selection criteria as detailed in Sections 9 and 10.

24. **Two-year Scholarships may only be extended by the Commission for Scholars who begin a PhD in their second year.** Third-year extensions for Scholars who begin a PhD in their second year are granted by the Commission on a limited basis, and only for strong academic reasons, subject to the availability of funds. Funding will not be extended beyond a third year.

Scholars who apply to and are selected for the scholarship to undertake a PhD will be eligible to receive third year funding without applying for an extension. They will, however, need to demonstrate to the Commission during their second year that they have met all appropriate academic progression requirements and are on track to complete their degree.

25. **Two-year Marshall Scholars are required to enrol at a British university for the full two years of their award as full-time students proceeding to a higher degree.** If Scholars study for two one-year degrees, they may be registered at two different UK Universities during their tenure. As a Marshall Scholarship 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, **Scholars will be expected to spend the majority of their vacation time in the UK.**

Academic study proposals involving lengthy periods away from the university or outside the United Kingdom will not be accepted – more information can be found in the [Scholar Handbook](#).

Non-academic visits overseas – including to the United States – are subject to approval by the Marshall Commission and should not exceed 30 days in an academic year. If permission is given by the Commission to exceed this limit Scholars may be subject to a loss of stipend for this period.

26. **Scholars' supervisors or directors of study at their UK universities will be asked to report annually to the Commission on their academic progress and general conduct.** Should a Scholar be dismissed from their university for any reason, the Scholarship will be immediately terminated. If a Scholar engages in misconduct or faces disciplinary action at their university, the Marshall Commission reserves the right to take action in accordance with its Disciplinary Policy.

DEPENDANTS

27. Applicants are required to notify the regional committee to which they have applied or, if already selected for an award, to the Commission **if they intend to bring a partner or children with them to the UK.** More information on dependant visas can be found in the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) agency's student visa guidance: www.gov.uk/student-visa/family-members. Applicants must satisfy the UKVI's requirements and follow their guidelines for applying for dependants under the student visa.

28. The Commission does not offer an additional allowance for the partners of Scholars but has discretion to pay initial travel fares for dependants of Scholars who receive dependant visas, to provide a shipping allowance and to provide a "settling-in" allowance. The Commission does not cover visa-related costs for dependants.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND EARNED INCOME

29. Candidates are asked to state on their application form whether they have applied, or intend to apply, for any similar scholarships. **Marshall Scholarships cannot be held concurrently with any scholarship or award of like value.**

The Commission reserves the right to abate or withdraw its Scholarships in instances where Scholars are beneficiaries of other **significant awards, prizes or earned income**. Scholars are required to disclose if they will be in receipt of other scholarships or income, **the total of which cannot exceed £10,000**. Scholars cannot be in receipt of any other UK government funding.

Marshall Scholars can undertake part-time paid employment while in the UK but this is subject to Home Office Regulations, university/ college regulations, and individual Scholars' overall commitment to their studies in the UK and conditions of award. **Scholars should remember that their academic studies are of paramount importance and should be given due priority.** As the sponsor of their visas, Scholars should consult with their UK university for guidance about their visa regulations.

Candidates who are in the military, and are receiving a salary, will receive a reduced maintenance allowance.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOLARS

30. The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission reserves the right to withdraw an offer of Scholarship under various conditions including if a Scholar or Scholar Elect engages in behaviour that is in violation of the [Scholar Code of Conduct](#).

As a Marshall Scholar or Scholar Elect, the holder is an ambassador for both the Marshall Commission and the United States of America, and their actions and remarks will have an impact on the reputation of both. Scholars are therefore expected to adhere to high standards of conduct and behaviour and to always show respect to others and their surroundings at all times.

The Marshall Commission aims to enable a free exchange of ideas during all its activities in order to achieve the maximum potential impact for all participants. Recognising the diversity of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives among our award holders, Scholars are reminded to always be respectful to others.

The Marshall Commission is committed to upholding its safeguarding policy, which is subject to regular review. The Commission works with host UK universities to support the welfare of all Marshall Scholars, recognising that primary responsibility for student welfare in the UK resides with the student's university. The Commission requires Commissioners, Secretariat staff, and Scholars and Fellows to fulfil their role and responsibilities in a manner consistent with requirements for safeguarding.

Any complaints received will be taken seriously and any behaviour that does not adhere to the above values and expectations will be addressed by the Marshall Commission.

REGIONAL CENTRES

31. The eight regions are as follows:

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

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, Georgia Pacific Center, Suite 3400, 133 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, One Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142

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

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, 625 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2200, Chicago, IL 60611.

HOUSTON REGION: Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, 1301 Fannin St Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77002

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, 2029 Century Park East, Suite 1350, Los Angeles, CA 90067

NEW YORK REGION: Connecticut (Fairfield County only), New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, 1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 885 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10017.

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, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba), Oregon, Washington State, Wyoming.

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, Suite 850, 1 Sansome Street, San Francisco, CA 94104.

WASHINGTON DC REGION: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia.

Regional centre: The British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008-3600.

The offices of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission are located at the following address:
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E-mail: apps@marshallscholarship.org URL: www.marshallscholarship.org

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

32. Full details of administrative arrangements will be provided to Scholars Elect with notification of their awards, but in considering whether to apply for an award, candidates may like to be aware of the points covered below.
33. Fares for Marshall Scholars to travel to the United Kingdom will be paid from their place of residence in the United States to their university in the UK, including travel to Washington DC for orientation if relevant. The fares will cover economy class air travel in the US, economy class transatlantic air fares to the UK. No other expenses of travel can be met but the Commission has discretion to pay the fares of dependants if agreed in advance as outlined in the [Dependants](#) section.

Subject to satisfactory completion of studies in the United Kingdom, fares will be paid for return journeys on the same basis. Scholars 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.

34. All Marshall Scholars must apply for Entry Clearance/visa before they arrive in the UK. The Marshall Commission has special arrangements for Scholars' visa applications and information will be sent once university admission has been secured. While UK visa fees and health surcharge costs are covered by the Commission, passport and visa travel-related costs will not be covered.
35. In most cases, Scholars will be expected to travel to Washington DC for orientation and then to the UK from Washington DC as a group. Arrangements for the domestic and transatlantic travel will be made by the British Embassy in Washington. Scholars who for special reasons obtain permission to make independent travel arrangements must arrange to arrive in time for the beginning of their academic studies and will, on arrival in the UK, be reimbursed the cost of their passage up to the permissible maximum indicated in the paragraph above.

Candidates whose proposed courses have start dates before the orientation dates should note that they might be required to arrive in the UK before the orientation in Washington DC. Candidates should confirm their start dates with their university and notify the Marshall Secretariat team if early arrival is necessary.

36. **The Commission has no responsibility for insurance against sickness, accident, or death either for candidates in**

the United States or for selected Scholars travelling to or from or residing in the United Kingdom. Although eligible for medical treatment in the United Kingdom (see paragraph below), Scholars are advised to maintain ongoing health insurance in the United States during their period of tenure should they wish. Scholars are also advised to make adequate arrangements for insurance of personal possessions when travelling and while residing in the United Kingdom.

37. Overseas/international students will pay a health tariff when applying for their visa (this tariff will be paid on behalf of Marshall Scholars) and will therefore be entitled to free medical attention under the National Health Service (NHS) while in the United Kingdom. They will be required to register with a local General Practitioner (GP) on arrival. It is recommended that before arriving in the UK, Scholars should meet any immunisation/vaccination requirements specified by their Universities as condition for registration. It is also recommended that Scholars consult with their US doctor about any ongoing medication or treatment they will need access to, in case it is unavailable in the UK. Please read the Health and Wellbeing section of the [Scholar Handbook](#) for more information.
38. Scholarship stipends will be paid to Scholars in quarterly instalments spread over the academic year, in accordance with the directions of the Commission.
39. Scholars are strongly advised to take advantage of university/college housing whenever this is available. If Scholars choose to live in private accommodation, it is recommended that Scholars wait until after they arrive in the UK to finalise accommodation or sign any agreements without viewing the property. Scholars should consult the accommodation team at their UK university for any queries about housing. The Commission cannot act as a guarantor to secure private accommodation.
40. Married Scholars or those contemplating bringing long-term partners with them are advised that they will be required to demonstrate additional funds to UKVI as part of their visa application. UK government regulations permit spouses/long term partners who are on a dependant visa to undertake paid employment for the duration of the award, and so the Commission recommends that employment opportunities are explored before arriving in the UK. More information can be found here: www.gov.uk/student-visa/family-members.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

41. Higher education in the United Kingdom is provided in a wide variety of universities. A full list of institutions at which Marshall Scholarships are tenable is available on our website. However, in certain instances, awards may be held at other institutions which offer degree courses in partnership with and validated by a university.
42. Candidates are advised to research UK universities, courses and course structures thoroughly since programmes and facilities vary from one institution to another. Some programmes which are commonly available in the universities and colleges of the United States may not be found in British universities or may have different requirements. Candidates should ensure that they meet the academic requirements for their proposed courses. **This may require contacting course leads, potential research supervisors or university admissions teams for more information**, particularly for PhD/DPhil candidates as noted in Section 44 below.
43. British students who enter university directly following their secondary school (High School) education will have spent at least the last two years largely devoted to specialised preparation for their proposed university programme, admission to which is by competitive selection. In general they study (or "read") for three or four years for a degree in one particular subject, and do not cover the wide field of studies usually required in American institutions. Marshall Scholars choosing graduate programmes in the UK will therefore find that a considerable measure of specialised attainment is expected in their chosen subject.
44. Applicants wishing to proceed to a doctoral degree in a British university should know that such a degree is obtained by undertaking a programme of supervised research. A research student usually has to be accepted on an individual basis by a faculty member willing to supervise an approved research project undertaken by the student. Many British universities do not have separate graduate schools, and a research student is expected to attend few, if any, regular classes. The instruction is mostly individual and supervisory. Candidates wishing to undertake research should have specialised knowledge of a particular discipline and appropriate experience of original work in it. For the humanities and social sciences many universities in the UK will expect doctoral candidates to have already completed a master's degree.

For PhD/DPhil candidates in particular, admission to UK doctoral programmes is typically subject to the availability of a suitable faculty member willing to supervise the candidate's dissertation. Identifying and

contacting a prospective supervisor prior to application is strongly advised. Prospective scholars should follow the guidelines for doctoral application published by their chosen universities.

45. As a PhD (or DPhil) degree takes a minimum of three years of research, Marshall Scholars who do not already have research experience are recommended to consider a master's degree. As most candidates have not completed a master's degree, it may be preferable to study for a taught master's course, where this can be completed in one or two years rather than a research-based course. Any candidate who is considering selecting a PhD for their application should confirm their eligibility for the PhD programme with the UK university (and consult the responsible department and/or supervisor) before submitting their Marshall application to avoid disappointment.

The minimum period of study for a dental, medical or veterinary science degree in the UK is five years; it is therefore not possible to undertake clinical training in these or equivalent subjects on a Marshall Scholarship.

REFERENCE LITERATURE

It is suggested that candidates consult the following resources in preparing a Marshall Scholarship application:

The UK Institutions section on the Marshall Scholarship website www.marshallscholarship.org/apply/information/uk-institutions.

General information on studying in the UK, undergraduate and postgraduate, is available through the British Council website: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/>

Marshall Scholarship Course Finder: www.marshallscholarship.org/apply/course-search

Detailed guides to postgraduate study giving information on courses and research opportunities in the UK: www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study.

For full and detailed information about courses and application procedures at particular universities, candidates should contact the Admissions Office of the relevant institution.

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