

# Marshall Scholarships

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**Deadlines:** national: October 3, 2008; preliminary campus deadline: August 1, 2008

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## Fields of Study

Open. Graduate study in the United Kingdom.

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## Description

The Marshall Scholarships were established in 1953 by the British government to express the gratitude of the British people to the American people for the Marshall Plan. The main objective of the scholarship is to enable intellectually distinguished young Americans, their country's future leaders, to study in the UK. Such study will help scholars to gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain and to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, the humanities and social sciences and the creative arts at Britain's centers of academic excellence. The scholarships are intended to motivate Marshall Scholars to act as ambassadors from the USA to the UK and vice versa throughout their lives thus strengthening British American understanding.

The scholarships support 44 scholars for two years of study towards degrees at any university in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland). Several Partnership Scholarships are available to specific institutions; see below and the Marshall website. Marshall Scholarships pay tuition and fees, personal travel and book allowances, and a living stipend. They may be renewed for a third year for certain programs. Applications expressing an interest in studying at universities other than Oxford and Cambridge are especially welcome.

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## Criteria for Selection

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 Britain through its best academic programs will contribute to their ultimate personal success.

In appointing Scholars, the selectors will look for distinction of intellect and character as evidenced both by their scholastic attainments and by their other activities and achievements. They will also look for adequate preparation for the proposed course of study, particularly in the upper-level course work and real strength in the major field. Applicants will be required to present a cogent argument as to why their studies and proposed career would be best served by spending two years at a British university.

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 to which they go, and to those who display a potential to make a significant contribution to their own society.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens who will have earned bachelor's degrees by the following spring or have been graduated within the past three years. A grade point average of 3.7 or higher is *mandatory*.

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## Application Procedure

Institutional nomination by MSU is required. Interested applicants should begin work on their application in the spring or summer before the MSU deadline in August. Detailed instructions about the application are available from the Marshall website. The Marshall application includes a transcript, a web-based application

from with employment and activities, a 1,000-word personal statement, and a 500-word statement describing the proposed course of study at two institutions in the United Kingdom.

Four letters of recommendation are also required. We suggest that you secure more than four letters (these letters should be written by faculty in the United States) and ask your recommenders to submit their letters to the Honors College by the MSU deadline. All application materials must be submitted online; only the official academic transcripts will be mailed to the regional competition.

**2007 Campus deadline:** In the 2007-08 application year, preliminary essays and the names and email addresses of four references should be submitted to Jenni Marsh, the MSU Coordinator of National/International Scholarships and Fellowships by August 1. The applicant will revise these materials throughout August and September. The final application materials and letters of recommendation must be submitted online before September 30, in order for these materials to be released electronically by the MSU Marshall representative to the national competition before October 3, 2007.

The selection boards, situated in British consulates in eight regions throughout the United States, choose applicants for interviews, which are held in mid-November. (In 2007, the interviews will probably take place in the week of 5-10 November). Selections are announced shortly after these interviews. Students accepting a Marshall Scholarship are expected to withdraw from other fellowship competitions. The application materials are then used by the Marshall Commission to secure admission to the British university program proposed by the scholar. Of the 800-1000 nominations submitted nationwide each year, approximately 160 students will be invited to regional interviews to select about 40 scholars.

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### **Additional Information**

The Marshall Scholarship may be held at any university in the United Kingdom. The statement of proposed academic program for the Marshall application must indicate a preference for two universities. These may include two-year degrees, or two one-year masters programs at the same university or at two different universities, or a three-year program of study toward a doctorate. If the student indicates a one-year master.s degree for the first year, the choice of degree program for the second year is less important. It is a condition of the award that Marshall Scholars must proceed to a degree that can be completed within the two-year tenure. Third year extensions are granted on a limited basis for strong academic reasons. If one of the two preferences is Oxford, Cambridge, or the London School of Economics, then the other preference(s) must be at an institution other than these three universities.

The *NIH-Marshall Scholarships* are jointly funded by the Marshall Commission and the National Institute of Health (NIH), Bethesda, Maryland. These scholarships will support research leading to a doctorate in bioscience, medicine and related disciplines with a predominant application in bioscience, and may be held at any appropriate UK institution. The Marshall Commission will pay for the first two years of the scholarship and the scholar will spend this time in the UK. The NIH will pay for the third and fourth years and will give the scholar the opportunity to research at NIH laboratories in Bethesda. Any Marshall Scholar who is selected for research in a bio-medical/science field can be put forward to the NIH for consideration, as part of the NIH's Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP). The GPP requires an additional application process and the submission of GRE scores. Scholars chosen by the NIH to be NIH-Marshall Scholars will receive joint supervision from their British university and the NIH and will ultimately receive a doctoral degree from the British institution. Separately, the Marshall Commission sponsors the Marshall Sheffield Fellowships, a *post*-doctoral research award for one or two years in science and engineering.

Prominent past Marshall Scholars include Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer; former Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt; Duke University president Nannerl Keohane; psychiatrist and author Peter Kramer; Pulitzer Prize-winning author Daniel Yergin, Thomas Friedman of *The New York Times*; and scientist and inventor Ray Dolby.

**Marshall Scholars from MSU:**

YEAR	FIRSTNAME	LASTNAME	MAJOR	MAJOR2
1974-75	Katharine	Clarke (Hunt)	LBS Chemistry	
1977-78	Ian	Redmount	Physics	
1978-79	Stuart	Rosenthal	JMCD	
1978-79	Robert	Koons	Philosophy	
1980-81	Richard	Cordray	JMCD	
1984-85	Sandra	Pinnavaia	Biochemistry	
1998-99	Jennifer	Sykes (McLaughlin)	Social Relations	
2003-04	Jared	English	International Relations	Finance
2003-04	Greta	Stahl	International Relations	History
2004-05	Bhooma	Aravamuthan	LBS Biochemistry	LBS Physiology
2006-07	Shanti	Zaid	History	
2007-08	Mukerjee	Monica	International Relations	