RULES FOR CANDIDATES WISHING TO UNDERTAKE A ONE YEAR MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP ONLY.

Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom in a system of higher education recognised for its excellence.

Founded by a 1953 Act of Parliament, Marshall Scholarships are mainly funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and commemorate the humane ideals of the Marshall Plan conceived by General George C Marshall. They express the continuing gratitude of the British people to their American counterparts.

The one year Marshall Scholarship is aimed at applicants who have strong reasons for wishing to study in the UK, but have a clear post-scholarship plan that would mean a one year Scholarship would work better for them than the two year Marshall Scholarship.

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 Britain’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.

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. Details of the criteria used for selection can be found at http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/criteria.

The conditions of award, application and selection procedures are set out below.

GENERAL

1. Up to forty Marshall Scholarships will be awarded in 2014. Of these up to eight Scholarships will be for one year only. They are tenable at any British university and for study in any discipline at graduate level, leading to the award of a British university degree. Conditions governing Two Year Scholarships are set out in a separate set of Rules.

2. Candidates are invited to indicate two preferred universities, although the Marshall Commission reserves the right to decide on final placement. Expressions of interest in studying at universities other than Oxford, Cambridge and LSE are particularly welcomed. Candidates are especially encouraged to consider the Marshall Partnership Universities.

NB: The selection of Scholars is based on our published criteria. This includes, under the academic criteria, a range of factors, including a candidate’s choice of course, choice of university, and academic and personal aptitude. Selected candidates will be expected to attend their first choice university. Requests to change after selection will not be considered.

3. Candidates do not need to have applied for or be accepted at a British university before they apply for a Marshall Scholarship.

Once a Scholar has been selected the Commission endeavours to secure placement at the first choice university and course but in the end the decision to accept a Scholar is with the University and not with the Commission. The Marshall Commission cannot, therefore, guarantee that a Marshall Scholar will be admitted to the University of their choice. In the case of Scholars placed at Oxford or Cambridge the Commission will identify the College at which a Scholar should seek a place.

4. Final selection of candidates is made by eight regional selection panels in the US.

AWARDS

5. The total value of a Marshall Scholarship varies according to the circumstances (place of residence, selected university, etc.) of each Scholar but the figure
tends on average to be about £23,000 a year. This comprises:

- a personal allowance to cover residence and cost of living expenses at the rate of £917 per month (£1,134 for Scholars at Central London institutions);
- payment of tuition fees;
- fares to and from the United States;
- Claimable allowances totalling approximately £3,300:
  - an arrival allowance;
  - a grant for books;
  - a grant for approved travel in connection with studies;
  - payment of necessary daily expenses for travel between place of residence and place of study, provided the distance between the two is reasonable;
  - a grant for the cost of preparation of any thesis submitted for examination, if required;
  - shipping of property to and from the United States

6. Marshall Scholarships are not subject to UK Income Tax but may be considered taxable income by the US Internal Revenue Service.

ELIGIBILITY

7. To qualify for the 2014 one year Scholarships, candidates should:

- be citizens of the United States of America (at the time they apply for a scholarship);

- (by the time they take up their scholarship ie September 2014) hold their first undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States;

- have obtained a grade point average of not less than 3.7 (or A-) on their undergraduate degree. (Exceptions will be considered only on the specific recommendation of the sponsoring college.)

- have graduated from their first undergraduate college or university after April 2011.

- have a clear post-scholarship plan that demonstrates why spending one year in the UK would be beneficial to the candidate.*

- not have studied for, or hold a degree or degree-equivalent qualification from a British University.

* Applicants for the one year Scholarship must have a clear post-scholarship plan. This should demonstrate what the applicant plans to do immediately after the Marshall Scholarship and why one year spent in the UK would enhance these plans. Applicants who plan to attend Law or Medical School or go on to a PhD in the US should demonstrate that they have already applied, or intend to apply in the next couple of months, for these degrees and would be able to defer entry for one year in order to take up the Marshall Scholarship.

Candidates are only allowed to apply for either the one year or the two year Marshall Scholarship. Any candidate found applying for both will automatically be disqualified.

COURSE SELECTION

8. The following courses are NOT funded on the one year Marshall Scholarship:

- MBA
- MSc/MFE Financial Economics
- MSc Global Health Science (University of Oxford)
- MPP (Public Policy) (University of Oxford)
- PG Diplomas/Certificates in any subject.
- Degrees that require extended periods away from the University or the UK, including joint degrees with Universities not in the UK
- Supervised research not leading to a degree qualification

One year candidates must be registered for degrees that are 12 months in duration. Courses that run for 10 months or less, ie where the course ends before August will not be funded on the one year Scholarship. Please check the university websites carefully for the duration of the degree in months. There are no exceptions to this regulation.

NB Candidates who list any of the qualifications not funded by the Marshall Commission on their application are highly unlikely to be invited to an interview.

In addition if a candidate puts Oxford, Cambridge or LSE as their first choice institution none of these universities can be listed as second choice institutions.

JOINLY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

9. The Marshall Commission has partnership Scholarships with:

University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
Cardiff University
Courtauld Institute of Art
Durham University
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow
Guildhall School of Music and Drama
To be considered for the joint Marshall Scholarships you must include any of the above institutions on your application form as your first choice. For further information on these Scholarships please see http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/

In addition the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission has partnerships with the following Oxford and Cambridge Colleges:

Corpus Christi College, Oxford
Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge
King’s College, Cambridge
New College, Oxford
Nuffield College, Oxford
Somerville College, Oxford
St John’s College, Cambridge
Trinity College, Oxford
Wolfson College, Oxford

NB: Candidates for all of these Scholarships will compete in the main Marshall Scholarship competition and if no-one of sufficient quality is found these Scholarships will not be offered.

APPLICATIONS

12. 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.

13. Each candidate must submit his/her application on the online form provided.

Applications must be endorsed by the President, Provost, or Academic Dean of the applicant's 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 or their employer. However, special permission must be sought from the Marshall Commission. The internal deadline for candidates to submit to their institution will be displayed on the online application form.

All items including the four letters of recommendation must be submitted online and received at the regional centre no later than 1 October 2013.

NB: Academic transcripts cannot be submitted online and therefore must be sent by mail or courier, and should be marked with the id code given and be received no later than 1 October 2013.

The Commission recommends that applications be submitted well in advance of the deadline to avoid any last minute problems.

14. Candidates invited for interview must bring with them evidence of date of birth and US citizenship (eg, passport).

SELECTION

15. 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 programmes will contribute to their ultimate personal success.

16. 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. Details of the criteria used for selection can be found at http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/criteria.

Preference will be given to candidates who display a potential to make a significant contribution to their own society. Selectors will also look for strong motivation and seriousness of purpose, including the presentation of a specific and realistic academic programme. Selectors will also be looking for a strong post-scholarship plan.

The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission promotes an equal opportunities policy. Scholarship awards are based on merit following a fair and transparent selection process.
17. Applications will be received and reviewed at eight regional centres in the United States (see para. 22 below). Shortlisted candidates will be called for interview in early November.

The final selection will be announced shortly after interview, and those nominated for a scholarship will be offered a scholarship in writing, and will be asked to accept or decline this offer, also in writing within a 10-12 day period. In keeping with other UK government-funded programs, the Marshall Commission asks Scholars to give a definitive and final response in this way, so that the Commission can at the earliest opportunity arrange the best and most appropriate graduate program and living accommodation for each Scholar’s needs. All awards are ultimately subject to the ability of the Marshall Commission in London to obtain satisfactory placements at British universities.

18. Expenses. Candidates will be called for interview in the region in which they have applied and may be reimbursed their travel expenses. Such expenses may not exceed the cost of a round-trip airfare (at the most economical rate available) and unavoidable overnight accommodation.

19. Overseas applicants. Applications will be accepted from qualified persons residing outside the United States only if they enclose with their application a separate signed undertaking that they will return to the US at their own expense if invited for interview.

TENURE FOR THE ONE YEAR MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

20. A one year Marshall Scholarship is tenable for one academic year (ie, 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, however, that courses that run for 10 months or less, ie where the course ends before August will not be funded on this Scholarship.

Please note the following information:

- University of London: under the university’s regulations it is not possible to complete a research MPhil degree in less than two years.

The one year Marshall Scholarships cannot be extended beyond the 12 month tenure.

21. Scholars are required to enrol at a British university for the full year of their award as full-time students proceeding to a higher degree.

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 country. Academic study proposals involving lengthy periods away from the university or outside the United Kingdom will not be accepted. All visits (for academic or non-academic reasons) overseas including to the United States are subject to approval by the Marshall Commission and may 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 living allowance for period.

22. Scholars’ supervisors or directors of study at their UK universities will be asked to report at the end of their award to the Commission on their academic progress and general conduct. Should a Scholar be dismissed from his/her university for any reason, the Scholarship will be immediately terminated.

MARRIAGE

23. Married persons are eligible for Marshall Scholarships. Applicants are required to notify any change in their marital status to the regional centre to which they have applied or, if already selected for an award, to the Executive Secretary of the Commission in London.

24. The Commission does not offer an additional allowance for married Scholars but has discretion to pay the fares of the families of married Scholars and to meet the cost of shipping a reasonable amount of unaccompanied baggage across the Atlantic.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND EARNED INCOME

25. 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 its Scholarships in instances where Scholars are beneficiaries of other significant awards, prizes or earned income. Marshall Scholars are not barred from taking 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.

REGIONAL CENTRES

26. The eight regions mentioned in paragraph 12 above 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. (404) 954 7707. E-mail: Atlanta@marshallscholarship.org

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

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, One Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142. E-mail: 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, 625 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2200, Chicago, IL 60611. E-mail: Chicago@marshallscholarship.org

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

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, Wells Fargo Plaza, Suite 1900, 1000 Louisiana, Houston, TX 77002. E-mail: Houston@marshallscholarship.org

LOS ANGELES REGION: Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada (Clark County only), Southern California (including the following counties: San Luis Obisbo, Kern, San Bernardino, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Imperial), Utah.

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, 11766 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1200, Los Angeles, CA 90025-6538. E-mail: Losangeles@marshallscholarship.org

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

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, 845 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Email: Newyork@marshallscholarship.org


Regional centre: British Consulate-General, Suite 850, 1 Sansome Street, San Francisco, CA 94104. E-mail: Sanfrancisco@marshallscholarship.org

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

Regional centre: The British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008-3600. E-mail: WashingtonDC@marshallscholarship.org

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URL: http://www.marshallscholarship.org
FURTHER INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

ADMINISTRATION

27. Full details of administrative arrangements will be given to Scholars with notification of their awards but in considering whether to apply for an award candidates may like to be aware of the points covered in paragraphs 28-33 below.

28. Passages. Fares for Marshall Scholars will be paid from their place of residence in the United States to their university in the United Kingdom. The fares will cover economy class air travel in the United States, economy class transatlantic air fares and standard class train fares in the United Kingdom. No other expenses of travel can be met but the Commission has discretion to pay the fares of the families of married Scholars and to meet the cost of shipping a reasonable amount of unaccompanied baggage across the Atlantic. 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.

All Marshall Scholars must apply for Entry Clearance before they arrive in the UK. The Marshall Commission has special arrangements for Scholars’ applications and information will be sent once a placement has been secured.

29. The Scholars are expected to travel to the United Kingdom from Washington D.C. as a group and arrangements for the transatlantic flight will be made by the British Embassy in Washington. Information about the travel in the United States will also be available from the British Embassy in Washington. Scholars who for special reasons obtain the Executive Secretary’s 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 paid in sterling the cost of their passage up to the permissible maximum indicated in paragraph 28 above.

30. Insurance. 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 31 below) Scholars are advised to maintain ongoing health insurance in the United States during their period of tenure. Scholars are also advised to make adequate arrangements for insurance of personal possessions when travelling to or from or residing in the United Kingdom.

31. Medical Treatment in the United Kingdom. Overseas students enrolled on a course of study, the prescribed duration of which is not less than six months, are accepted as ordinarily resident and are therefore entitled to free medical attention under the British National Health Service while in the United Kingdom. Many British universities have their own panel of doctors available for students. It is recommended that before Scholars arrive in the UK they should be immunised against the meningococcal C infection, with the MenC vaccine, as this is often required by the Universities as condition for registration.

32. Payment of Stipends. The Executive Secretary will pay Scholarship emoluments to Scholars in not less than four instalments spread over the academic year in accordance with the directions of the Commission.

33. Married Scholars. Married Scholars or those contemplating marriage are advised that they will require some additional funds. UK government regulations permit spouses accompanying Scholars 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.

Accommodation is not easy to find in the United Kingdom and collegiate universities, such as Oxford and Cambridge, are not always able to provide housing for married persons within their colleges. A university will, however, usually help in the finding of accommodation and a married Scholar would be wise to write to seek assistance immediately following completion of placement procedures. (It should be noted that, because of the general pressure on accommodation at Oxford and Cambridge, unmarried students may also have to live out of college for part of their course.)

THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

34. 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 follows. However, in certain instances, awards may be held at other institutions which offer degree courses in partnership with and validated by a university.

35. Candidates are advised to find out all they can about British universities and the availability of their desired programme of study or research since facilities vary from one institution to another. Some programmes which are commonly available in the universities and colleges of the United States are not found in British universities and, where they are available, different kinds of preparation are required.

36. The majority of British students usually enter university directly following their secondary school (High School) education, of which the last two years at least will have been 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.

37. 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 subjects on a Scholarship.

REFERENCE LITERATURE

38. It is suggested that candidates consult the following:

The British Institutions section on the Marshall Scholarship website: www.marshallscholarship.org/studyuk/

Prospects Postgraduate Directory. Published in 3 volumes by Graduate Prospects Ltd. Detailed guides to postgraduate study giving information on courses and research opportunities in the UK. Also available as a database on the Graduate Prospects website (www.prospects.ac.uk).

General information on studying in the UK, undergraduate and postgraduate, is available on the EducationUK website (www.educationuk.org) and the British Council, British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC20008-3600, Fax:(202)588-7918(www.britishcouncil.org/usa)

'Graduate Study At Universities In The United Kingdom' is available on the ACU's website www.acu.ac.uk – (see 'Library', then 'Information Summaries').

39. For full and detailed information about particular universities, candidates should contact the Admissions Office of the institution concerned
University of Wolverhampton
University of Worcester
University of York
York St John University

Other institutions at which Marshall Scholarships are tenable:
Architectural Association
Edinburgh College of Art
The Glasgow School of Art
Guildhall School of Music and Drama
Christie's Education
Leeds College of Music
London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art
Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication
Royal Academy of Dramatic Art
Royal College of Art
Royal College of Music
Royal Northern College of Music
Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
Sotheby's Institute of Art
Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Drama
UHI Millennium Institute
MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS

One Year Scholarship
12 month Masters course. Taught or Research
No Extension

Two Year Scholarship
Two 1 year Masters courses at the same or different universities or one 2 year Masters course, Taught or Research
Normally no extension
3rd year funding possible but not guaranteed. Must be applied for from the Marshall Commission, Oxford, LSE, KCL, Nottingham and St Andrews in 2nd year of Scholarship.

Two Year Scholarship with Possible 3rd Year Extension
Start PhD in 1st year or upgrade from 2 year research degree
3rd year funding not guaranteed. Must be applied for from the Marshall Commission in 2nd year of Scholarship.

Start PhD in 2nd year having completed 1 year Masters degree
Funding for first year of PhD (ie 3rd year of study) must be found from other sources.