Each Coast Workshop
31 January 2013, Washington DC
Gates Cambridge Overview

- **What:** highly competitive, prestigious full-cost scholarships for a postgraduate degree in any subject at University of Cambridge

- **History:** established in 2000 by US$210m donation from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to University of Cambridge

- **Aim:** to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others
# Gates Cambridge

## Quick stats

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<th>Scholars</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>2001 - 2012</td>
<td>1,152</td>
<td>510</td>
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<td>In Cambridge</td>
<td>c.225</td>
<td>c. 80</td>
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<td>New per year</td>
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<td>2001 - 2012</td>
<td>523</td>
<td>171</td>
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<td>2012 entry</td>
<td>76</td>
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<th>Degree</th>
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<td>PhD</td>
<td>685</td>
<td>196</td>
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<td>Two-year</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>One-year</td>
<td>440</td>
<td>307</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>21</td>
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1,152 Scholars from 95 countries
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Eligibility

- All citizens are eligible except UK citizens
- Must gain admission to one of the following full-time graduate programs at Cambridge:
  - PhD (three-year research)
  - MSc or MLitt (two-year research)
  - One-year postgraduate course (e.g. MPhil, MBA, Diploma – taught/research)
- No age limit
- Gates Cambridge does not place/admit
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Value

Core components (per year)

- University and College fees

- Living allowance (to cover accommodation, food and living expenses while studying) – £13,300 for 12 months in 2012 or US$21,500

- Return airfare (one per course)

Discretionary components

- Family allowance, conferences, some fourth year funding for PhD Scholars, hardship funding
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Selection criteria and interpretation

Scholarships are awarded on the following criteria:

- intellectual ability
- a good academic fit with Cambridge
- leadership capacity
- a commitment to improving the lives of others

No one ‘template’ for a Gates Cambridge Scholar
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Applying - overview

Complete one application for the following:

- Postgraduate admission to the University
- College membership
- A Gates Cambridge Scholarship
- Other Cambridge funding

Full details about how to apply on www.gatescambridge.org
The application pack

- Application form (Part A admission, Part B funding)
- 3 References (2 academic, 1 personal)
- Academic transcripts
- If required, any additional documents

No institutional nomination required

Submitting and managing the application

- Ideally submit on-line, application fee, on-line area
The question:

“If you wish to apply for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, please describe below – in not more than 500 words – how your interests and achievements, both academic and extra-curricular, demonstrate a capacity for leadership and a commitment to improving the lives of others. Please also set out why you think there is a good fit between your professional aspirations and the graduate programme at Cambridge for which you are applying.”

• Vital

• Must be targeted
The question:

“Please give below your assessment of the applicant’s leadership potential and commitment to improving the lives of others. Please attach a separate letter if necessary”

• Who should write it?
  • Vital

• Must be targeted

• Standard/template references not helpful
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### How we select

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<th>Stage</th>
<th>US round</th>
<th>International round</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total applications</td>
<td>c. 800</td>
<td>c. 3,500</td>
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<td>Departments nominate [academic only]</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>4 Shortlisting Committees put forward for interview [All 4 criteria]</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>110</td>
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<td>4 Interview Panels select [All 4 criteria]</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>Success rate</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
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# Gates Cambridge Timetable

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<th>Stage</th>
<th>US round 2013</th>
<th>International round 2013</th>
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<td>Applications open</td>
<td>1 September 2012</td>
<td>1 September 2012</td>
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<td>Application form deadline</td>
<td><strong>16 October 2012</strong></td>
<td><strong>4 December 2012</strong></td>
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<td>Supporting documents deadline</td>
<td>14 days after submitting application</td>
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<td>Departmental nominations</td>
<td>November 2012</td>
<td>February 2012</td>
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<td>Shortlisting</td>
<td>December 2012</td>
<td>March 2012</td>
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<td>Interviewees contacted</td>
<td>Late December 2012</td>
<td>Mid-March 2013</td>
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<td>Interviews</td>
<td>1 &amp; 2 February 2013 (Washington DC)</td>
<td>27 &amp; 28 March 2013 (Cambridge, UK)</td>
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<td>Scholarships offered</td>
<td>Within a week of interview</td>
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For the **US round 2013**, the application form deadline is **16 October 2012**, which is 14 days after submitting the application. Interviews will take place on **1 & 2 February 2013 (Washington DC)**.

For the **International round 2013**, the application form deadline is **4 December 2012**, which is 14 days after submitting the application. Interviews will take place on **27 & 28 March 2013 (Cambridge, UK)**.
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Life as a Scholar

A vibrant, international & diverse community integrated with the University

- Diverse community
- Scholars’ Council and events
- Scholars’ Common Room
- Integrated with University
- High expectations
Gates Cambridge Alumni network

A global network with increasing recognition and influence

- Gates Cambridge aim
- Alumni Association
- Ambassador programme
- What Gates Cambridge Alumni are doing
Universities and Advisors
Spreading the word

How scholars discovered Gates Cambridge

- Can't remember
- Social media
- Website
- Uni Cambridge
- Word of mouth
- Undergrad uni

US
Non-US
Universities and Advisors
Extending reach

Universities from where Gates Cambridge Scholars come: 2001 - 2012

- All universities
- US universities
Universities and Advisors
Promoting success

• Importance of making a big deal

• How universities are making a big deal
Further information

Gates Cambridge Scholarships: www.gatescambridge.org

University of Cambridge: www.cam.ac.uk

Need more information?

Email: info@gatescambridge.org

QUESTIONS?