MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS 2016

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 2016. 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: http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/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 £30,000 a year. This comprises:

- a personal allowance to cover residence and cost of living expenses at the rate of £977 per month (£1,208 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 2016 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 2016) 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 are rarely considered and only on the specific recommendation of the sponsoring college.)
- have graduated from their first undergraduate college or university after April 2013.
- not have studied for, or hold a degree or degree-equivalent qualification from a British University or GCSE or A level qualifications undertaken in the UK.

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.

PARTNERSHIP MARSHALL 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
Imperial College London
Keele University
University of Kent
King’s College London
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/partnerscholarships

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
- Magdalene College, Cambridge
- New College, Oxford
- Nuffield College, Oxford
- Somerville College, Oxford
- St John’s College, Cambridge
- Trinity 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 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 2015.

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 2015.

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.

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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. (NB this timeframe may be shorter if the interviews take place late in the interview week.) 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. Candidates will only be reimbursed if they follow the travel claim instructions provided at the time of interview.

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, Wyoming.

Regional centre: British Consulate-General, 1301 Fannin St, 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 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. 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

The offices of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission in London are located at the following address: Association of Commonwealth Universities, Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HF. 44 (0)207 380 6700; Fax: 44 (0)207 387 2655; E-mail: MACC@acu.ac.uk
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 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 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. Accommodation. Marshall Scholars are strongly advised to take advantage of university/college housing whenever this is available. If Scholars choose to live privately this accommodation should not be arranged until after the Scholar arrives in the UK.

34. Married Scholars. Married Scholars or those contemplating bringing partners with them are advised that they will require some additional funds. UK government regulations permit spouses/long term partners 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.

THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

35. 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.

36. 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.

37. 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.

38. 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

39. It is suggested that candidates consult the following:

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

http://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate_study.htm
Detailed guides to postgraduate study giving information on courses and research opportunities in the 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)

40. For full and detailed information about particular universities, candidates should contact the Admissions Office of the institution concerned
British Universities

University of Aberdeen
University of Abertay Dundee
Aberystwyth University
Anglia Ruskin University
University of the Arts London -
Camberwell College of Art
Central St Martins College of Art
and Design
Chelsea College of Art and Design
London College of Communication
London College of Fashion
Wimbledon College of Art
Arts University College, Bournemouth
Aston University
Bangor University
Bath Spa University
University of Bath
University of Bedfordshire
University of Birmingham
Birmingham City University
University College Birmingham
Bishop Grosseteste University
University of Bolton
Bournemouth University
University of Bradford
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
Brunel University
University of Buckingham
Bucks New University
University of Cambridge
Canterbury Christ Church
University
Cardiff University
Cardiff Metropolitan University
University of Central Lancashire
University of Chester
University of Chichester
City University
Coventry University
Cranfield University
University for the Creative Arts
University of Cumbria
De Montfort University, Leicester
University of Derby
University of Dundee
Durham University
University of East Anglia
University of East London
Edge Hill University
University of Edinburgh
Edinburgh Napier University
University of Essex
University of Exeter

Falmouth University
University of Glasgow
Glasgow Caledonian University
University of Gloucestershire
University of Greenwich
Harper Adams University
Heriot-Watt University
University of Hertfordshire
University of the Highlands and Islands
University of Huddersfield
University of Hull
Imperial College London
Keele University
University of Kent
Kingston University
Lancaster University
University of Leeds
Leeds Beckett University
Leeds Trinity University
University of Leicester
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
Liverpool Hope University
Liverpool John Moores University
University of London -
Birkbeck, University of London
Courtauld Institute of Art
Goldsmiths, University of London
Heythrop College
Institute of Education
Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
The Institute of Cancer Research
Institute of Classical Studies
Institute of Commonwealth Studies
Institute of English Studies
Institute of Historical Research
Institute of Latin American Studies
Institute of Modern languages Research
King's College London
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)
Queen Mary, University of London
Royal Academy of Music
The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
Royal Holloway, University of London
Royal Veterinary College
St George's University of London

The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
The School of Pharmacy
University College London (UCL)
Warburg Institute
London Metropolitan University
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
University of Manchester
Manchester Metropolitan University
Middlesex University
Newcastle University
Newman University
University of Northampton
Northumbria University
Norwich University of the Arts
University of Nottingham
Nottingham Trent University
The Open University (Research degrees only)
University of Oxford
Oxford Brookes University
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
Queen Margaret University
Queen's University of Belfast
University of Reading
Robert Gordon University
Roehampton University
Royal Agricultural University
University of St Andrews
University of St Mark and St John
St Mary's University
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
Sheffield Hallam University
University of Southampton
Southampton Solent University
University of South Wales
Staffordshire University
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde
University of Sunderland
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
Swansea University
Teesside University
University of Ulster
University of Wales Trinity St David
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of West of England, Bristol
University of West of Scotland
University of Westminster
University of Winchester
University of Wolverhampton
University of Worcester
University of York
York St John University

Other institutions at which Marshall Scholarships are tenable:
Architectural Association
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
Royal Academy of Dramatic Art
Royal College of Art
Royal College of Music
Royal Northern College of Music
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
Sotheby's Institute of Art
Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Drama