Competitive UK Graduate Study Scholarships
Presentation Overview

- Overview of Churchill, Marshall, Mitchell and Rhodes Scholarships
  - Eligibility & Selection Criteria
  - Application Components
  - Campus Endorsement Process
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- Tips from a Marshall Finalist

- Other Opportunities to Consider
UK Scholarships Overview

- Graduate study in the UK or Ireland
- On year Taught masters (MA, MSc) vs Research Masters (MPhil, MRes); PhD 3 yrs
- General eligibility: undergraduate degree by scholarship start, minimum 3.7 overall GPA; U.S. citizenship required for all but Rhodes
- Benefits may include: Coverage of university fees, cost of living expenses, annual book grant, thesis grant, research and daily travel grants, travel to/from US
Funding for one year of Master's study at the University of Cambridge for math, science, and engineering students.

- **Selection criteria**: Academic achievement, proven talent in research, outstanding personal qualities
- Must be within 12 months of graduation when applying and not have attained a PhD.
- Number awarded: 15
- Average recipient GPA: 3.95
1-2 years of graduate study at an UK institution in any field of study. Can select two different schools to complete graduate programs.

- **Selection criteria**: academic merit, leadership potential and ambassadorial potential (improved US-UK understanding)
- Apply within two years of completing undergraduate degree
- Check list of degrees not funded including (MBA, certain Oxford programs)
- Number awarded: up to 40
- Minimum GPA: 3.7
One year of graduate study in any discipline on the island of Ireland.

- **Selection Criteria**: scholarship, leadership, a sustained commitment to community and public service
- Age limit: 29
- Number awarded: 12
- Average recipient GPA: 3.75
Full funding for two or three years, depending on degree program at Oxford University.

- **Selection Criteria:** Academic excellence; Energy to use one's talents to the full; Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship; Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one’s fellow beings
- Age limit: 23
- Number awarded: 32 (US competition)
- Minimum GPA: 3.7; Average recipient GPA: 3.9
Application Components

- Online application (biographical information)
- Personal Statement (~1000 words)
- Additional statements (Churchill, Marshall)
- Official transcripts
- 4-8 letters of recommendation
- Campus endorsement letter

Other unique pieces:
- Video introduction (Mitchell)
- Correspondence with UK supervisor (Mitchell)
- CV (Rhodes)
- Government issued ID
Campus Endorsement Process

- **February**: UK Graduate Study Scholarship Campus Endorsement Application Opens
- **Early April**: Campus Endorsement application deadline
- **Mid - April**: Campus Endorsement Interview Invitations
- **May - August**: Work on application materials with mentors

We work with alumni!
Applicant Resources

- **AHF website:**
  ahf.usc.edu/fellowships/endorsement/

- **UK Scholarship websites (webinars)**
  » Marshall’s Choosing a University in the UK page:
    » marshallscholarship.org/studyuk/chooseuniversity

- **Successful essay samples**

- **Talk for former applicants/recipient**

  Jamie Kwong ’18, BA International Relations & Masters in Public Diplomacy
  2018-2020 Marshall Scholar
Rachel Parsons

- Marshall Scholarship Finalist - LA Region
- **Institution 1:** University College London (UCL)
- **Institution 2:** University of East Anglia
- Major: Journalism
- Minor: Cultural Anthropology
Other Funding Resources

- Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Gates Cambridge Scholarship
- Department-specific awards
  - University of Cambridge Trust Scholarships, Trinity College Graduate Study Funding Awards
  - Oxford: Clarendon Scholarships, Ertegun Graduate Scholarship Programme in the Humanities

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