Marshall Scholarship

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Website: Marshall Scholarship

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Internal Deadline: July 15 annually

Award Description:

Marshall Scholarships support young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. Up to forty Scholars are selected each year to study at graduate level at an UK institution in any field of study. As future leaders, with a lasting understanding of British society, Marshall Scholars strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions. Marshall Scholars are talented, independent and wide-ranging, and their time as Scholars enhances their intellectual and personal growth. Their direct engagement with Britain through its best academic programs contributes to their ultimate personal success.

Candidates are encouraged to explore the “Choosing a University in the UK” page on the Marshall website. Also review the rankings by subject area and search for different post-undergraduate programs (“courses” in the UK). Applicants are encouraged to consider Marshall Partnership Institutions, particularly those outside London.

Eligibility:

Open only to United States citizens who (at the time they take up their Scholarship) hold a first degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States with a minimum GPA of 3.7. In appointing Scholars the selectors 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. For more information about selection criteria, see here.

Internal Application Instructions and Checklist:

The Marshall scholarship requires institutional nomination. Applications made directly to the awarding body will not be considered. Students interested in applying to be among Temple University’s institutional nominees are encouraged to meet with Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) by May 31 to express the intent to apply.

Submit the following documents to Fellowships Advising at barbara.gorka@temple.edu or feladv@temple.edu by July 15.
_____ **Campus Waiver and Agreement.** Complete the [online agreement](mailto:). (Temple alumni without an active TU ID should request a paper version from barbara.gorka@temple.edu or feladv@temple.edu.)

_____ **Three Letters of Recommendation.** Writers should send letters of support to Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) as a PDF attachment by July 15. One letter should be from someone who supervised your university training/education, and should address your excellence in your major field as well as your preparation for the proposed course of study. Another letter should address your leadership and ambassadorial potential (this letter does not have to be from a professor). The third letter most typically would be another academic letter. Please be sure to discuss the scholarship and its criteria with your recommenders when you request letters. (Note that if selected as a nominee, you will need four letters of recommendation.) You may want to send these [Temple letter-writing guidelines](mailto:) to your references.

_____ **Resume/CV**

_____ **Transcripts.** Submit (to Fellowships Advising) an unofficial copy of your Temple transcript or academic record as a PDF. If you earned transfer credit for work at a previous institution, summer school, or study abroad (on a non-Temple program), please provide an unofficial transcript as a PDF.

_____ **Short Essays**

**Leadership.** Candidates should describe a situation in which they recognized and responded to a need for leadership. When answering this question please consider the Marshall Commission’s criteria on leadership potential: [http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/leadershippotential](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/leadershippotential) (250 words)

**Proposed Academic Programme.** Candidates should describe their proposed academic programme, giving reasons for their choice of course and preferred university. Those hoping to read for a research degree should give a summary proposal of the research they wish to undertake and with whom they would like to work. Candidates should also include a brief summary of why they have chosen their second choice courses and institutions. (300 words)

**Post-Scholarship Plan.** Candidates should describe their immediate plans upon completion of their Marshall Scholarship and why two years spent undertaking a degree in the UK would enhance these plans. As well as describing plans for employment or further study, candidates should indicate how they would develop ongoing connections with the UK, through their UK institution or some other contacts they propose to make while in the UK. Please also include a brief statement of your future career plans. (300 words)

**Ambassadorial Potential.** Candidates should describe what “the USA-UK special relationship” means. They should also describe how they might strengthen ties between the USA and the UK in their field of study and through their extra-curricular activities, whilst in the UK and upon their return to the US. (500 words)

_____ **Personal Statement.** Candidates should describe his/her academic and other interests and pursuits. (1000 words)