

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Information Pack 2020

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Professor Carolyn Evans Griffith University Vice Chancellor and President
Rhodes Scholar and Fulbright Senior Scholarship recipient

1. GRIFFITH HONOURS COLLEGE

There are a range of [prestigious external scholarships](#) that staff, students and alumni may be eligible to apply for. The Griffith Honours College (GHC) staff can assist you to find prestigious opportunities that will further your academic and/or professional career and can support you throughout the application process.

Additionally, the GHC staff can connect you to a network of Griffith scholarship alumni who are willing to share their experiences.

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THE RAMSAY CENTRE
FOR WESTERN CIVILISATION



2. SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION DATES

| Scholarships | Study Level | Country | Key Dates (guide only) |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Fulbright Scholarships | M, PhD, Postdoc & Staff | USA | Applications opened on 4 February 2020 and close on 6 July 2020 |
| Rhodes Scholarships | M & PhD | UK | Applications open on 1 July 2020 and close on 11 September 2020 |
| John Monash Scholarships | M & PhD | Various | Applications open on 1 May 2020 and close on 14 July 2020 |
| New Colombo Plan Scholarships | Undergrad | 40 Indo-Pacific locations | Griffith University internal Expression of Interest to be one of our 10 nominees opened on 8 April 2020 and close on 25 May 2020 at 4:00pm |
| Churchill Fellowships | PhD | Not specified | Applications opened on 1 February 2020 and close on 30 April 2020 |
| Ramsay Scholarships | Undergrad & M | Various | Applications open on 1 February 2021 and close on 31 March 2021 |
| Schwarzman Scholars | M | China | Applications opened 15 April 2020 and close 22 September 2020 |
| Cambridge Australia Scholarship | M & PhD | UK | Course Dependent (Close early December) |
| Gates Cambridge Scholarship | M & PhD | UK | 2020 dates TBC Note: 2019 dates opened 2 September 2019 closed (course dependent) 3 December 2019 or 7 January 2020) |

3. TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Research: scholarship, host country and institution. Is it right for you?
- Read and understand the Scholarship guidelines
- Check the eligibility & selection criteria
- Check the timeline for opening and closing. Submit early
- Attend Scholarship information sessions
- Draft, test, draft, repeat. Talk to people about your application and seek feedback
- Connect with Scholarship alumni and seek their insights
- Proof-read before you submit

Personal statements are challenging. Talk with friends and colleagues. Focus on your motivations, aspirations and future plans. It is about why you and why you are a future leader.

Interview: Be prepared for wide-ranging questions designed to test your depth of commitment, engagement, accomplishments and aspirations. Be authentic, honest and genuine.

Referees: ensure they know you well and will attest to your character and your active participation in extracurricular activities. Academic referees are required to give a critical analysis of your performance and an outline of your academic and/or non-academic pursuits during university life. Similarly, professional and personal referees must be able to attest to your experiences, capabilities and interests that form the foundation of your application. Ensure referees have the necessary time to provide a detailed report by the deadline.



New Colombo Plan Awards Ceremony 2019

4. THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fulbright Program is the flagship foreign exchange scholarship program of the United States of America. It aims to increase binational research collaboration, cultural understanding and the exchange of ideas. The Program supports various categories of study or research exchange for Australian students, researchers, academics and professionals.

Born in the aftermath of WWII, the program was established by Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946 with the ethos of turning 'swords into ploughshares', whereby credits from the sale of surplus U.S. war materials were used to fund academic exchanges between host countries and the U.S.

The Fulbright Program is the largest educational exchange scholarship program in the world, operating in over 160 countries. More than 370,000 students, academics, and professionals have received Fulbright Scholarships to study, teach, or conduct research, and promote bilateral collaboration and cultural empathy.

Scholarship Categories

Postgraduate: supports postgraduate students undertaking their Australian PhD to conduct research in the U.S. for 3 months up to 2 years or supports enrolment in a graduate degree program (e.g. a Master's) for up to two-years.

Postdoctoral: allow individuals (who have completed their PhD in the past 5 years or are in the last year of completion) to undertake postdoctoral research in the U.S. for 3–10 months.

Scholar: for academics (at Associate or full Professorial level) and mid-career professionals (with an undergraduate qualification and minimum 10 years work experience) to undertake research and/or training in the United States for 3–4 months.

Benefits at a Glance

- Generous living allowance
- International travel to/from the U.S.
- Full or partial tuition or visiting student researcher fees
- ASPE medical coverage of up to A\$100,000
- Assistance with identifying and applying to host institutions via Placement Services (Master's students only)
- Comprehensive Orientation Program, and Gala Presentation Dinner at Parliament House
- Various enrichment activities in the United States with other international Fulbright scholars
- Access to a professional network of distinguished global Fulbright Alumni, and
- Ongoing assistance from the Commission with visas and pastoral care

Eligibility Criteria

- Australian citizen, cannot hold dual US-Australian citizenship or US permanent residency
- Reside in Australia at the time of application (see exceptions)
- Must be able to secure and travel to the U.S. on Exchange Visitor non-immigrant visa.
- Not have already commenced studies/research in the U.S.
- Must commence program between 1st July 2021- 30 June 2022
- Post-grads must secure placement with a primary U.S. host institution at the time of application. Scholarships are conditional on acceptance to an approved institution
- Not hold another major grant if it duplicates funding received from Fulbright
- Scholarships cannot be deferred
- Must have completed an undergraduate degree or equivalent
- Postdoctoral candidates will be considered if they can provide a letter outlining that their PhD will be conferred prior to July 1 2021, and
- For undergraduate students yet to graduate - upload a university transcript of your academic performance to date showing credit points obtained.

Please check Fulbright webpage for confirmation.

Selection Process/How to Apply/Upcoming Webinars or Events

Webinars:

- [Postgraduate Applicants](#)
- [Postdoctoral/Scholar Award Applicants](#)

Contact for More Information

fulbright@fulbright.org.au



Joshua Russell awarded the 2019 Fulbright Future Scholarship

5. RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Established in 1902, under the terms of the will of Cecil Rhodes. The Rhodes Scholarship is the oldest and perhaps most prestigious international graduate scholarship program enabling outstanding young people from around the world to study at the University of Oxford. Each year, nine Scholarships are available in Australia. Scholars are selected based on their exceptional intellect, character, leadership and commitment to service.

The Scholarship is not just a financial bursary, it is a life-changing opportunity for exceptional young people with the potential to make a positive difference in the world. Rhodes Scholars are people who have a vision of how the world could be better and the energy to make a difference – whatever their sphere of interest. Rhodes scholars are known advocates for expanded social justice and have advanced the frontiers of science and medicine.

2021 Application Open and Closing Dates

Applications for the 2020 Queensland Rhodes Scholarship open on 1 July 2020 and close on 11 September 2020. Click [here](#) for information for Australian candidates.

Scholarship Categories

See: <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/which-scholarship/>

Benefits at a Glance

A Rhodes Scholarship covers:

- All University and College fees
- A personal stipend fixed by the Trustees
- Private health insurance, and
- One economy class airfare to Oxford at the start of the Scholarship and one economy flight to scholar's home country at the conclusion of the Scholarship.

Opportunities to participate in the life of the Rhodes community in Oxford and attend:

- Events that develop your leadership, problem-solving and public speaking skills
- Presentations from leading international speakers in politics, academia and commerce
- Weekly discussions and debates on global challenges, and
- Internships with a wide range of organisations.

Eligibility Criteria

- An Australian Citizen or resident for at least five of the last ten years
- Completed (or due to complete by December 2020) either a four-year undergraduate degree or combination of undergraduate and postgraduate study
- No older than 26 years at the commencement of studies, and
- Available for interview usually held in October
- Not applied for a Rhodes scholarship two or more times previously

Please check Rhodes webpage for confirmation.

Selection Process

The selection criteria includes:

- Literary and scholastic attainments
- Energy to use one's talents to the full
- Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship, and
- Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

Selection committees are made up of Rhodes Scholars and community leaders from diverse backgrounds.

How to Apply

Apply through the [Rhodes Scholarships for Australia](#). Applicants should apply in the state where they completed or will complete their highest degree, or where they attended secondary school for at least two years. For full eligibility and application requirements, read the [information for Australian applicants](#).

Applicants must submit all of the following documents with the application:

- A completed application form
- Declaration addressing the eligibility criteria
- Birth certificate or passport
- Official documentation to prove your citizenship or residence status
- Academic Transcript
- CV (curriculum vitae) of not more than three A4 pages in length
- Personal Statement, and
- Your proposed course of study at Oxford.

You also need to nominate five referees that address the Scholarships criteria:

- Three academic referees, and
- Two other referees.

Contact for More Information

Rhodes Scholarship Queensland representatives: rhodesqueensland@qut.edu.au

Upcoming Webinars or events

[2020 information sessions](#)



Medicine graduate Dr Beth Hamilton is the 2018 Qld Rhodes Scholar

6. GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH SCHOLARSHIPS

John Monash Scholarships recognise excellence and leadership and celebrate one of Australia's finest leaders: General Sir John Monash. The first group of John Monash Scholars was selected in 2004, since then the alumni has grown to 202 Scholars.

Scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding Australian graduates to support post graduate study at the world's best universities. Successful applicants demonstrate excellence in their field, leadership potential, and a vision for how they can contribute to a better Australia. The John Monash Scholarships are not limited by age, gender, academic field of study or choice of overseas university.

Scholarship Categories

Masters or PhD degree.

Benefits at a Glance

- The Scholarships are valued at AUD \$70,000 per year for a maximum of three years (up to AUD \$210,000)
- Can select any country and institution
- Professional network which continues to provide support for Scholars throughout their career.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a John Monash Scholarship you must:

- Be an Australian Citizen
- Have completed or be about to complete a full degree from an Australian University, and;
- Be planning to undertake postgraduate study at an overseas university **commencing in the calendar year following the year of application and selection**; it is not necessary to have already been accepted to the institution at the time of applying.

Please check Sir John Monash webpage for confirmation.

Selection Process

3 rounds of selection:

1. Online applications are shortlisted through an online assessment for interviews
2. First round interviews, conducted around the country and by video conference. Each panel nominates a select number to go to the final interviews
3. National interviews are conducted in Melbourne and Sydney. These panels make the final nominations for the Scholarship recipients.

How to Apply

Through the [Foundation's application portal](#).

Contact for More Information

Scholarships & Alumni Manager: Alexandra.coelli@johnmonash.com

Upcoming Webinars or Events

Register to join one of the upcoming webinars on [May 12 at 4pm AEST](#) or [June 19 at 4pm AEST](#).



Emma Dale has received a John Monash scholarship to attend the University of Oxford

7. NEW COLOMBO PLAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Launched in 2020, The New Colombo Plan (NCP) is a signature initiative of the Australian Government offering Australian undergraduates prestigious scholarships to live, study and undertake internships/mentorships in the Indo Pacific region for a period of three to 19 months. Scholars must complete a full-time study component and are also supported to undertake language training and a range of internships during their time in-country.

The intended outcomes of the NCP are:

- Increase the number and diversity of Australian university undergraduates with Indo-Pacific capability
- Deepen people-to-people and institutional relationships between Australia and the Indo-Pacific region, and
- Students and alumni connected with leaders in government, business and civil society in the Indo-Pacific.

The NCP is a partnership between government, universities and the private sector to enhance the next generation of Australians' knowledge of the Indo-Pacific region. An integral part of the program is combining formal study with work-based learning experiences. Through internships, students are able to gain invaluable professional experience, build cross-cultural competencies and deepen their networks.

Scholarship Categories

Undergraduate scholarship.

Benefits at a Glance

- Undertake longer term study, language study and an Internship and/or Mentorship
- Tailor programs to meet their needs selecting host country, institution and organisations
- Tuition fees to cover cost of study for up to one Academic Year and Language Training, and
- Travel allowance and stipend for living.

Eligibility Criteria

- Be an Australian citizen
- Not be a current or previous citizen or permanent resident of the host Location
- Be enrolled in a one Bachelor Degree or Bachelor Honours Degree at an on-shore campus of an Australian University
- Be between 18 and 28 years of age (inclusive) on 1 January 2021 (*note: age restriction currently under review and may change for 2021 round*)
- Have achieved a minimum 70 per cent graded average or equivalent
- Not be a previous recipient of a Scholarship under the NCP Scholarship Program
- Be nominated by their Home University
- Be available for an interview in Canberra in October, and
- Available to attend ceremony in Canberra in December.

Please check NCP webpage for confirmation.

Advice to Applicants

Click [here](#) for advice to applicants from previous rounds. 2020 round Guidelines currently being updated with proposed minor changes. See 2021 NCP updates: Advice to Applicants.

Selection Process

Scholars are selected through an internal and external competitive, merit-based selection process against selection criteria. Please review specific information [here](#).

8 April 2020 Internal Griffith University Expressions of Interest open

25 May 2020 Internal Griffith University Expressions of Interest close

8 June 2020 10 Griffith University nominees notified

How to Apply

Each Australian University may nominate up to ten Applicants. Griffith University holds an internal Expression of Interest which is a competitive process to select the 10 2021 nominees.

Submit your Expression of Interest by **May 25 @ 4pm 2020** by clicking [here](#).

Contact for More Information

Eligible undergraduate students should contact Griffith's International Liaison Officers:

[Ms Victoria Menzies SFHEA](#)

Manager, Griffith Honours College

[Ms Julie Lambert](#)

Manager, Griffith Global Mobility

Events

[Facebook LIVE NCP Scholarships 2021 July 25](#) (TBC).



Kimberley Bates New Colombo Plan Scholar

8. CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIPS

The Fellowship was established in 1965 after the death of Sir Winston Churchill. The Churchill Trust was formed with the principal objective of perpetuating and honouring Sir Winston's memory by the awarding of Memorial Fellowships to be known as 'Churchill Fellowships'.

A Churchill Fellowship offers Australian citizens a life-changing opportunity to travel overseas for 4 to 8 weeks to learn more about a topic or issue that they are passionate about. It aims to provide an opportunity for individuals to investigate or conduct research in their chosen field that is not readily available in Australia. It also aims to reward proven achievement of talented and deserving Australians with further opportunity in their pursuit of excellence for the enrichment of Australian society. The subject scope of proposed projects is limitless provided the applicant can demonstrate a benefit to Australia and a willingness to share the knowledge gained with the Australia community on their return. 100+ Fellowships will be available for award in 2020.

2021 Application Open and Closing Dates

Applications close on **30 April 2020**. Final Interviews Saturday and Sunday 18-19 July 2020. Click [here](#) for the Application Guide 2020.

Scholarship Categories

- Churchill Fellowship
- [Sponsored Churchill Fellowship](#) (usually confined to a particular field e.g. agriculture).

Benefits at a Glance

The Fellowship funds overseas travel for 4-8 weeks and includes airfares, accommodation and living expenses.

Eligibility Criteria

No prescribed qualifications are required. Applicants must:

- Be an Australian Citizen
- Aged over 18 years
- Demonstrate suitable level of achievement in the field of the proposed project
- Not currently enrolled in tertiary studies that closely relates to the proposed project
- Be willing to disseminate the results of your research to the broader Australian community
- Not have been awarded a Churchill Fellowship previously.

Please check Churchill webpage for confirmation.

Selection Criteria

Every application for a Churchill Fellowship must be assessed on the merit of the proposed project. The Trust considers two distinct components:

1. Project which may include matters such as the following:
 - The need for the project in Australia at either a state/territory or national level
 - The benefits of the project to Australia at a state/territory or national level
 - The itinerary and places selected
 - The necessity to travel overseas, and
 - The achievability of the project.
2. Applicant which may include matters such as the following:
 - Ability to maximise the opportunity of a Fellowship (current standing and experience in the field, skills and/or expertise)
 - Ability and commitment to make a difference after the trip (ongoing involvement in the field, leadership qualities, a strategic approach, networks), and
 - Ability and commitment to widely disseminate findings.

Selection Process

- **Panel short-listing:** State/Territory. Merit of project proposal and applicant
- **Panel interviews:** State/Territory. Conducted any time from May to July
- **Churchill Trust Board of Directors' review and selection of nominees.**

How to Apply

All applications must be made using the online application form accessible from the Winston Churchill Trust's [website](#).

Contact for More Information

info@churchilltrust.com.au



Alumni Petah Chapman awarded Churchill Fellowship

9. RAMSAY SCHOLARSHIPS (New scholarship)

Established in 2020 through the generosity of the founder of the Ramsay Centre, Mr Paul Ramsay. Scholarships are open to Australian citizens to pursue graduate study abroad. The aim of the scholarships is to enable coursework and/or research to be undertaken at the world's best universities and colleges for up to two years (and in select cases up to three years). 20-25 scholarships may be awarded in a given year.

Application Timeline

Oct 2020 – Jan 2021: Commence and finalise applications for preferred graduate programs

1 Feb 2021: Ramsay Postgraduate Scholarship applications open

31 Mar 2021: Scholarship applications close

21 Apr 2021: Shortlisted candidates invited to interview

12 May 2021: Interviews of shortlisted candidates at the Ramsay Centre in Sydney

18 May 2021: Successful candidates notified

Aug 2021: 3-day Orientation program in Sydney, including awards dinner, for successful applicants

Scholarship Categories

- Masters coursework and/or research two years
- PhD (possible)

Benefits at a Glance

The Scholarships cover tuition fees and living expenses. Value: up to AUS\$85,000 p.a.

Eligibility Criteria

- Be an Australian Citizen (While it is expected that most applicants will have graduated in the past 5 years, the Ramsay Scholarships are open to all Australian citizens)
- Completed a full degree from an Australian University
- Accepted into a graduate program. In exceptional cases where applicants are still awaiting a university's decision at the time of the Ramsay scholarship deadline, such applicants may be given an opportunity to submit their offer letter late
- Provide a professional statement (c. 1200 words) addressing the criteria
- Provide the names and contact details of three referees, at least one of whom must be an academic
- Not accepted another major scholarship (such as Rhodes, Gates, Monash, Menzies, Knox, or Fulbright Award)
- Be available for an interview in Sydney in May 2021, and
- Attend a 3-day intensive orientation program to be held in Sydney in August of the year in which they will commence their award.

Please check Ramsay webpage for confirmation.

Selection Process

Ramsay scholars will be selected on the basis of:

1. Strength of character, leadership qualities, and commitment to serve others as demonstrated by their contribution to the community, public debate or professional involvement
2. Outstanding academic achievement, and breadth and depth of intellectual vision, and
3. Commitment to advancing a richer and deeper understanding of our civilisation through studies related to its history, philosophy, legal and political systems, religious beliefs and practices, literature and languages, science and social sciences, music, art and architecture.

Contact for More Information

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Upcoming Webinars or Events

See: <https://www.facebook.com/TheRamsayCentre>

10. SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS

Schwarzman Scholars is a program for the next generation of young leaders, anchored in a fully funded 11-month Master's Degree in Global Affairs at Beijing's Tsinghua University. The experience encompasses unparalleled opportunities in and outside the classroom, including extensive leadership training, a network of senior mentors, optional internships, career development, and travel seminars around China. Schwarzman Scholars prepares young leaders for a world where China plays a vital role. Scholars learn from world-class faculty and guest speakers about the emergence of China as an economic and political force through a rigorous and dynamic core curriculum. Further information: www.schwarzmanscholars.org/.

Application Timeline

Mid-April: Online Application Opens

Late September: Application Deadline

October/November: Interviews

Scholarship Categories

Master's (Coursework) in Global Affairs; 1 year

Benefits at a Glance

- A Comprehensive Scholarship
- Access to World-Class Curriculum and Faculty
- Learning Beyond the Classroom and Experiencing the Real China
- Engaging in Multi-Dimensional Leadership Training

Eligibility Criteria

Schwarzman Scholars seeks high-calibre applicants who will represent the world's next generation of leaders. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants need to:

- Have completed an undergraduate degree or be on track to complete all degree requirements by August 1, 2021
- Be between 18 and 28 years of age as of August 1, 2021, and
- Have strong English language skills.

Please check Schwarzman webpage for confirmation.

Selection Process

- Online application: Personal information; Biographical Profile; Education; GPA; Language Proficiency; Professional Experience; Experience Abroad; and Leadership Roles, Awards and Recognitions
- Resume (2 pages maximum)
- Transcripts/Academic Records
- Essays (2)
- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Video (optional)

Tips for Success

Learn about the program and application by joining [virtual info session and featured spotlight webinars](#) between now and the deadline. These are opportunities to hear from admissions, Scholars, faculty, and staff to gain a better understanding of Schwarzman Scholars. Check listings regularly as they add sessions each month! Starting in June, they will also hold interactive Application Workshops where an admissions team member will walk through the application and answer questions in real-time.

How to Apply

For details on how to apply, refer to the [Application page](#).

Contact for More Information

U.S./Global Admissions: admissions@schwarzmanscholars.org

Upcoming Webinars or Events:

<https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/news-article/campus-information-sessions-webinars/>



Caitlene Hillman Griffith's first Schwarzman Scholar

11. CAMBRIDGE AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIP

For almost 30 years, [Cambridge Australia Scholarships](#) have been supporting Australia's brightest graduates to follow their dreams and study abroad. Cambridge Australia Scholarships is a not-for-profit organisation that provides scholarships for outstanding Australian graduates to undertake master's and PhD degrees at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

In collaboration with the Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust, Cambridge Australia Scholarships awards up to ten PhD Scholarships and a number of Masters degree half-Scholarships each year. Around 1000 Australians have been supported by Cambridge Australia Scholarships (and its predecessor organisation) since establishment in the 1980s.

Scholarship Categories

Master's Degree Scholarships

- [Master of Law Scholarship](#) for Queensland Graduates (new 2020).

PhD Scholarships

Indigenous Scholarships:

- Visit the [Charlie Perkins Scholarship Trust](#) website for more information,
- Visit the [Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation](#) website for more information.

Benefits at a Glance

Master's Degree Scholarships. Each scholarship covers part-cost of:

- University fees
- College fees, and
- A maintenance allowance.

PhD Scholarships. Each scholarship is tenable for three years and covers:

- University fees
- A maintenance allowance at the single student rate set for graduate admission, and
- A contribution towards airfare to the UK.



Ethan Bowering Cambridge Australia Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria

- Hold Australian Citizenship
- Have completed the majority of pre-tertiary level education in Australia.

Master's Degree Scholarships

- Proven academic ability, supported by appropriate references
- Demonstrate achievements in other field(s) and the energy to use their talents to the full as exemplified by contribution to the community and organizations, and
- Be of excellent character and have a commitment to ethical leadership.

PhD Scholarships

- Have a Degree from a recognized Australian University, and
- Gained admission to the University of Cambridge to undertake a PHD degree.

Please check Cambridge Australia webpage for confirmation.

Selection Process/How to apply

Scholarship applicants must first apply for entry to the University of Cambridge. All applications for both a post-graduate place and a scholarship must be made through the Graduate Admissions Office at the University of Cambridge.

By submitting one Graduate Application Form (GAF) per course applicants will be considered for:

- Admission to a course of graduate study or research by the relevant Department or Faculty at Cambridge
- Admission to a College by one or more of the Cambridge Colleges, and
- Funding offered by the Cambridge Commonwealth, European & International Trust.

Note that all scholars at Cambridge are required to be a member of one of the Cambridge Colleges.

If applicants are successful in obtaining a place at University of Cambridge, applicants will then be considered for any awards for which they are eligible, including the Cambridge Australia Scholarships.

When to Apply

There are two general course deadlines of **early December** and **early January, depending on course**. Check the course directory for deadline. Almost all graduate courses start in October, but, under certain circumstances, it may be possible to start a course of research in the following January or April. For more information on applying, funding and course deadlines, please visit [University of Cambridge](https://www.universityofcambridge.org/) website.

Contact for More Information

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<https://www.cambridgeaustralia.org.au/contact>

12. GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship programme was established in October 2000 by a donation of US\$210m from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the University of Cambridge.

Gates Cambridge offers full-cost scholarships to outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge. Approximately two-thirds of these awards are offered to PhD students. The aim of the Gates Cambridge programme is to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others.

Scholarship Categories

PhD

MSc/MLitt

One-year postgraduate course (with some exceptions – see [Gates Cambridge Scholarship](#) for courses that are NOT eligible)

Benefits at a Glance

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship is one of the most generous international scholarships available. It covers the following costs:

- [The University Composition Fee](#)
- Allowance (£17,500 for 12 months at the 2020-21 rate; – for PhD scholars the award is for up to 4 years)
- One economy single airfare at both the beginning and end of the course
- Inbound visa costs & the cost of the [Immigration Health Surcharge](#)

Discretionary additional funding components. For example:

- Academic development funding – from up to £500 to up to £2,000, dependent on the length of your course, to attend conferences and courses
- Family allowance – up to £10,120 for a first child and up to £4,320 for a second child (2020-21 rate). No funding is provided for a partner
- Fieldwork

Selection Criteria

1. Outstanding intellectual ability
2. Reasons for choice of course
3. A commitment to improving the lives of others
4. A capacity for leadership

Eligibility Criteria

- A citizen of any country outside the United Kingdom
- Applying to pursue one of the full-time residential courses of study at the university of Cambridge

Please check Gates Cambridge webpage for confirmation.

Selection Process

Gates Cambridge uses a 3-stage selection process to ensure Scholars meet all criteria to the highest degree:

1. **Departmental ranking:** academic departments in Cambridge to score and nominate eligible applicants
2. **Shortlisting:** nominated candidates divided into broad subject areas and passed to Shortlisting Committees. These Committees look at the candidates' entire application pack (including the Gates Cambridge Statement and Reference)
3. **Interview:** all shortlisted candidates are interviewed to assess how they meet all Gates Cambridge criteria and Scholars are selected after interview. More details are available from the [interview page](#).

Application

- **Gates Cambridge Statement:** 3000 characters (approximately 500 words): Why applying for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship and how applicant meets the [four main criteria](#)
- **Research proposal** (PhD applicants only)
- **Three Referee reports:** two academics and one focusing on suitability for the Scholarship

How to Apply

Applicants submit their application for admission and funding (Gates Cambridge and other funding) via the University's Graduate Application Portal. See [How to apply](#) page.

Tips – Referees:

- It is essential that the Gates Cambridge Referee is fully briefed about the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, especially its selection criteria
- It is useful when referees use specific examples of how you meet the Scholarship's criteria
- While your referees are likely to be busy, you will need to ensure they understand the need to keep the reference focused on the Gates Cambridge criteria and not, for example, rehash a standard or previous reference.

When to Apply

Opens September 2020. Close October (dependent on [course deadlines](#)).

Contact for More Information

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