

The Churchill Scholarship started in 1963 with three awards and has since grown to 16. It provides funding to American students for a year of Master's study in science, mathematics, and engineering at the University of Cambridge, based at Churchill College. The Scholarship was set up at the request of Sir Winston Churchill in order to fulfil his vision of US-UK scientific exchange with the goal of advancing science and technology on both sides of the Atlantic, helping to ensure our future prosperity and security. The Churchill Scholarship has been called the most academically challenging of the UK scholarships.

I. Eligibility

- US citizen
- A senior enrolled in UNM or one of the Participating Institutions of the Churchill Scholarship or recent graduate within the past 12 months

II. Criteria

- **Outstanding academic achievement**, especially in the major, as indicated by GPA and recommendation letters. The recent Churchill Scholars have had a GPA of at least 3.9 or above. If an applicant has a GPA below 3.9, it will be helpful if the endorsement letter specifically addresses the academic record.
- **Proven talent in research** and a capacity to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the sciences, engineering, or mathematics by pursuing original, creative work at an advanced level as demonstrated by awards, prizes, research, and letters of recommendation. Applicants in the sciences and engineering will demonstrate extensive laboratory experience, internships, or other related work, while applicants in mathematics will show substantial independent work or other projects.
- **Outstanding personal qualities**. Understanding the time commitment required by research, the Churchill Foundation does not seek so-called “well rounded” applicants; instead, it seeks applicants with what we call interesting “jagged edges.” Nonetheless, it should be noted that successful applicants display a bewildering array of talents activities outside of academic pursuits, especially in music, athletics, and social service.

III. Awards

16 Churchill Scholarships are awarded each year for either the Master of Philosophy or the Master of Advanced Study at the University of Cambridge in science, mathematics, and engineering. (Please consult the Foundation's website for a list of ineligible programs.)

- University and College fees – about \$25,000
- Living Allowance – \$12,300 – 14,600 depending on the length of your program
- Travel allowance - up to \$1,500
- Special research Grant – up to \$2,000 (travel for presentations at international conferences, sort stays at another university or institute for special research, etc.)

IV. Application Packet

- Online Application
 - i. Personal Information, Education, Program of Study at Cambridge
 - ii. Fellowships, graduate programs, references
 - iii. Publications, presentations, etc.
 - iv. Scholarships, prizes, awards, and other distinctions (1page)
 - v. Research/employment experience (1page)
 - vi. Proposed program of study essay (1page)
 - vii. Personal Statement (2 pages)
- A copy of any correspondence with the laboratory supervisor at Cambridge indicating a willingness to accept the student into his or her laboratory
- The institutional letter of endorsement (provided by CAELD)
- The four letters of recommendations with the Foundation's cover form (see the helpful link)
 - i. Professors in your fields & Supervisors of your research internship
 - ii. The letters should be sent to Kiyoko by November 1 via email.
- Transcript(s) – submit non-UNM transcripts to Kiyoko by UNM deadline
- GRE/MCAT (optional but recommended) – Submit GRE General Score at GRE Institution Code 3922 (Winston Churchill Foundation). Scores on the GRE taken in the past two years are acceptable.

V. Selection Process

- **Mid-October:** Applicants must apply separately for admission to the University of Cambridge. We recommend applying by the same deadline as Gates Cambridge Scholarship, normally October 15.
- **5pm, Eastern Time, Monday November 3, 2025:** Application submission deadline
- **January:** 20 Finalists selected of which they recommend 16 to be Churchill Scholarship winners and the rest as alternates. All Finalists are then invited to participate in a 20-minute telephone interview.
- **Within one week of the interviews,** candidates will be notified whether they have been successful in winning a Churchill Scholarship.

VI. Helpful Links

- Churchill Scholarship Official Site: <http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/>
- University of Cambridge Admission Site: <http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/>
- Churchill Scholarship Application: <http://churchill.usapplications.org/>
- Churchill Scholarship Application Instruction:
<http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/Forms/ApplicationInstructionsrevMarch2015.pdf>
- Churchill Scholarship Recommendation Form:
<http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/Forms/ChurchillRecommendationFormApril2016.pdf>