Gates Cambridge Scholarships are highly competitive full-cost awards for full-time graduate study and research in any subject available at the University of Cambridge.

The purpose of the Trust is to enable Gates Cambridge Scholars from any part of the world outside the United Kingdom to benefit from education in the University of Cambridge.

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Who is Eligible

• Be citizens of any country outside the United Kingdom.

• Pursue one of the following full-time residential courses of study at University of Cambridge:
  ➢ **PhD** (three year research-only degree)
  ➢ **MSc or MLitt** (two year research degree)
  ➢ **One year postgraduate course** (e.g. MPhil, LLM, MAsT, Diploma, MBA etc.)
Ideal Candidate

**Academic Excellence**

an ability to make a significant contribution to their discipline

**Leadership Potential**

a clear ability to lead, evidence of leadership

A commitment to **improving the lives of others**

commitment of our Scholars to working for the greater good

A **good fit** with University of Cambridge

a convincing argument for doing a particular postgraduate degree at Cambridge
Awards

- Cambridge tuition and fees
- Maintenance allowance - £14,300 ($22,250) for 12 months
- A round trip airfare
- Family allowance - up to £9,630 ($14,984) for a first child and up to £4,110 ($6,395) for a second child.
- Costs of attending conferences, undertaking fieldwork and other activities.
Application opens on September 1

Round 1: US citizens currently residing in the USA

Round 2: citizens of all countries other than the USA & US citizens currently residing outside of the USA

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**Note:** Dates are approximate and subject to change. Please check the official website for the most up-to-date information.
## How Competitive

Gates Cambridge Scholarship

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<td>40 receive Gates Cambridge Scholarships (5%)</td>
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Application Process

- The online Cambridge graduate study application form (GRADSAF) - includes scholarship application

- 3 letters of reference (two academic for Cambridge and one personal reference for Scholarship)

- Transcripts

- Any other documents required by the Board of Graduate Studies or department - proof of English ability, examples of written work and/or a GRE test score, etc.

- Application Fee - £50 ($78)
Personal Reference
(for Gates Cambridge Scholarship)

- No friends or family
- Good understanding of your personal qualities
- Your leadership potential
- Your commitment to improving the lives of others
- Brief your referee about GC scholarship and its criteria
Personal statement

3100 Characters

Describe how your interests and achievements, both academic and extra-curricular, demonstrate a capacity for leadership and a commitment to improving the lives of others. Please also set out why you think there is a good fit between your professional aspiration and the graduate programme at Cambridge for which you are applying.
Essay tips

- Provide examples to back up your statements
- Show that you have researched the program you are applying for and clearly link it to your future plans
- Make it personal – they want to know about YOU
- Be realistic – be honest
- Ask several people to review your statement
- Check for spelling and grammar!!
Resume/CV

- Education
- Research
- Professional Experience
- Leadership
- Community Service/Engagement
- Awards/Recognitions/Honors
- Organizations/Affiliations
- Other skills
Finalist Interview

• 20-minute in-person, Skype, or phone interview.

• 4 subject-based interview panels: Arts, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences

1. Welcome and introduction
2. About Gates Cambridge Scholarship
3. Academic and career plans
4. Final thoughts and any questions you might have.