

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 a citizen 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)
 - **MPhil or MLitt** (two-year research degree)
 - **One-year postgraduate course**

Awards

- Cambridge tuition and fees
- Maintenance allowance - £17,848/year (US\$23,485) for 12 months
- A round trip airfare
- Family allowance – Dependents only
- Costs of attending conferences, undertaking fieldwork and other activities.

Ideal Candidate

Academic Excellence

an ability to make a significant contribution to their discipline

Reasons for choice of course

a convincing argument for doing a particular postgraduate degree at Cambridge

A commitment to improving the lives of others

commitment of our Scholars to working for the greater good

A capacity for Leadership

a clear ability to lead, evidence of leadership

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 graduate program you are applying - proof of English ability, examples of written work and/or a GRE test score, etc.

Personal statement

3000 Characters (about 500 words)

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 program 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 – unique background
- ▶ Be realistic – be honest
- ▶ Ask several people to review your statement
- ▶ Check for spelling and grammar!!

Application opens early September

Make sure the deadline of your program

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

What stage?	Round 1	Round 2
Application deadline	Mid October	December
Departmental ranking	November	December-February
Finalists announced	December	Early March
Interviews	January	March
Scholars announced	Late January	Late March