

In order to apply for the Marshall scholarship you must earn the institutional nomination from the UNM CAELD office. To be considered, submit the UNM Preliminary Application by 11:59 pm, March 10, 2025.

I. Eligibility

- Be US citizens
- Have the first undergraduate degree from UNM by August 2026
- GPA of not less than 3.7 on their undergraduate degree
- Earned the first undergraduate degree after April 2023
- Have not studied for, or hold a degree or equivalent qualification from a British University

II. Awards

The total value of a Marshall Scholarship varies according to the circumstances (place of residence, selected university, etc.) of each Scholar but the figure tends on average to be about £38,000 (about \$50,000) a year. This comprises:

- a personal allowance to cover residence and cost of living expenses at the rate of £1,236/month.
- payment of tuition fees.
- fares to and from the United States.
- Claimable allowances totaling approximately £3,500 - books; approved travel; necessary daily expenses for travel; the cost of preparation for examination; shipping to and from the US

III. Evaluation of Criteria

In appointing Scholars, the selectors will 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:

- **Academic Merit:** Quality of program of study, Knowledge of proposed courses and supervisors, Evidence of Academic Background that is strong and relevant, Quality and breadth of recommendations
- **Leadership Potential:** Ability to deliver results, Strength of Purpose, Creativity, Self-Awareness
- **Ambassadorial Potential:** Knowledge of US/UK Relations, Evidence of transferable extra-curricular activities, Interpersonal skills and ability to engage with others, self-confidence and ability to seize opportunity

IV. Objectives of the program

- To enable intellectually distinguished young Americans, their country's future leaders, to study in the UK.
- To help Scholars gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain.
- To contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, the humanities and social sciences and the creative arts at Britain's centers of academic excellence.
- To motivate Scholars to act as ambassadors from the USA to the UK and vice versa throughout their lives thus strengthening British American understanding.
- To promote the personal and academic fulfillment of each Scholar.

V. Course Selection

The Marshall Commission does **NOT** fund the following courses:

- Second BA/BSc (undergraduate) Degrees
- MBA
- MPhil Development Studies (University of Oxford)
- MSc/MFE Financial Economics
- MSc Global Health Science (University of Oxford)
- MSc International Health and Tropical Medicine (University of Oxford)
- MSc Law and Finance (University of Oxford)
- MPP (Public Policy) (University of Oxford)
- PG Diplomas/Certificates in any subject; Supervised research not leading to a degree qualification
- Degrees leading to professional qualifications in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and law
- Degrees that require extended periods away from the University or the UK, including joint degrees with universities not in the UK
- Distance Learning Degrees
- 15 or 28 Month Masters Degrees; Courses that start in January
- In addition, if a candidate puts Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College, King's College London, London School of Economics or University College London as their first choice institution **none of these universities can be listed** as second choice institutions.

Marshall Partnership Universities

University of Bath University of Birmingham University of Bradford University of Bristol Cardiff University University of Dundee (PhD only) Durham University University of East Anglia University of Edinburgh University of Exeter University of Glasgow Guildhall School of Music & Drama University of Hull Imperial College London	Keele University University of Kent King's College London University of Leeds University of Liverpool London School of Economics and Political Science London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine University of Manchester Newcastle University University of Nottingham Queen Mary University London Queen's University Belfast	University of Reading Royal Holloway London Royal Northern College of Music School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) University of St Andrew University of Sheffield University of Southampton University of Surrey University of Sussex University College London University of Warwick University of York
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VI. Selection Process

UNM Preliminary Application

1. March 10, 2025 – Deadline of the UNM Preliminary Online Application (submit by 11:59 pm)
2. Mid- April – UNM Finalists Announced
3. Late April – UNM Finalists Interview

After UNM Nomination

1. June – August – work on Online Application
2. September – All recommendation letters should be submitted by your recommenders.
3. Late September - Early October - Application Deadline
4. October—the eight regional offices will review and select Finalists (NM is in Houston Region: Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)
5. Early November—Finalists Interview to select 50 Marshall Scholars

VII. Application/Supportive Documents (After UNM nomination)

Online Application Form

- **Post Scholarship Plan:** 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.
- **Personal Statement:** up to 750 words, discuss personal motivations, experience in research or teaching, academic activities, career goals, and your motivations & ambitions.
- **Proposed Academic Program Essay:** tie your experience directly to the target school (your first choice) and provide a clear study plan
- **Leadership:** describe a situation in which they recognized and responded to a need for leadership
- **Ambassadorial Potential:** describe why you want to undertake your studies in the UK, and in what particular ways you think that you will benefit personally and professionally from the experience. Discuss how work in your field of study or research can enhance the USA-UK relationship. Explain what you might do to contribute to improved relations in this area now and future.

Academic Transcript(s)

Three Letters of Recommendation (After UNM nomination)

Submit the names and email addresses of four persons who can supplement the required Letter of Recommendation. The recommenders will receive the instruction via email.

- One should be designated the Preferred Recommender and this recommender should have supervised your college or university training.
- One should be familiar with the candidate's leadership skills and potential.
- At least two recommendations must be provided by academics.

Previous Marshall Scholars

- Graham Allison – Noted foreign policy expert and former dean of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government; former undersecretary of Defense
- Anne Applebaum – Pulitzer Prize winning author/journalist & columnist for the Washington Post
- Bruce Babbitt – Former Governor of AZ and US Secretary of the Interior for President Bill Clinton
- Rosa Brooks – Senior Advisor, U.S. Dept. of Defense; Los Angeles Times Columnist and Georgetown law professor
- Patrick M. Byrne – Chairman of the Board and President of Overstock.com
- Ray Dolby – Inventor of Dolby Sound and Chairman of Dolby Laboratories
- Thomas E. Everhart – Physicist and former President of the California Institute of Technology
- Mark Filip – United States Deputy Attorney General
- Alfred Guzzetti – Experimental and Documentary Filmmaker and Harvard University Professor
- Reid Hoffman – Founder of LinkedIn
- Scott MacIntyre – Musician and American Idol Season 8 contestant
- Douglas A. Melton – Professor and chair of the Harvard University Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology and HHMI investigator
- Neil Gorsuch – Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court since 2017
- Joshua Oppenheimer – Award-winning documentary film director
- Roger Tsien – Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry
- Mark Whitaker – Senior Vice President of NBC News, former editor of *Newsweek*
- Kurt M. Campbell – Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Recent UNM Recipients

- 2015 Ryan Roco
- 2014 Jacob Wellman