

## Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Marshall Scholarship

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	Brief description	More information
<b>1. Award</b>	1 or 2 years of funded graduate study, with possible 3rd- year extension. ~87% are 2-year awards at a UK university or similar Institution.	<a href="http://www.marshallscholarship.org/">http://www.marshallscholarship.org/</a> See the <a href="#">Marshall route map</a> to understand your options.  Study programs and research programs are both possible, and have somewhat different demands of successful applications.
<b>2. Eligibility</b>	Applications are open to US citizens holding a bachelor's degree (within two years of graduation) in any discipline with a minimum 3.7 GPA.	<a href="#">Eligibility</a>  Note that the GPAs of award winners will, on average, be above 3.9.  Subject to other restrictions, there is no age restriction for a Marshall.
<b>3. Timing</b>	Demonstrate competitiveness and express interest no later than spring semester of junior year.	The application must be completed for external submission by late September. Internal submission of final draft and letters of recommendation will be required early in September.
<b>4. Selection Criteria</b>	This fellowship is geared towards students who have demonstrated their potential to excel as scholars and contribute as leaders, and who are committed to improving international understanding between the US and the UK.	<a href="#">Evaluation Criteria</a> 46 awards each year covering cost of studying and living in Britain. There are eight U.S. regions, each usually nominating five scholars, chosen from about approximately 20 finalists invited to interview by the regional panel. 1000 applicants last year ~ 5% chance. 160 finalists were interviewed, with 46 Scholars selected (29%). Women were 61% of Scholars. See <a href="#">Statistics</a> .
<b>5. Smith Role</b>	Smith endorsement is required for this Fellowship. Applicants will be subject to internal application and deadlines. Smith will nominate highly qualified candidates who convincingly meet the selection criteria.	<a href="#">Information for Advisors</a> A pre-application to confirm Smith endorsement will be required prior to the external application. Pre-application will usually be required in the spring. The Smith Community rallies around its Marshall nominees, selecting applicants who are academically strong, resilient, and who demonstrate excellence of engagement and outcomes across a range of academic and other activities. Faculty advice and support is essential as students select likely courses of study that fit well with past experience and future plans. Four letters of recommendation from individuals who know the applicant well are essential.
<b>6. Fun fact(s)</b>	12 Smithies received Marshall Scholarships between 1954-2020 This award is named for General Marshall who first proposed the idea of American economic assistance and collaboration post WWII, eventually leading to the creation of this Fellowship.	Our most recent Marshall is <a href="#">Tess Grogan, '14</a> , who studied at the University of Aberdeen and is now a graduate student in English at Yale. Four Smithies have been finalists for the award in the last four years.  <a href="#">Marshall Mission Statement</a>
<b>7. How to get started</b>	Contact Dr. Margaret Lamb ( <a href="mailto:mlamb@smith.edu">mlamb@smith.edu</a> ) or reach out to the Lazarus Center (x2582) for an appointment!	Talk with a fellowships adviser to confirm that your achievements, activities, and interest align well with this fellowship opportunity. If yes, <a href="#">explore UK university programs</a> that suit your interests and plans.