

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Churchill Scholarship

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Section	Brief description	More information
1. Award	Churchill Scholarships are awarded annually to cover one-year of master's study at the University of Cambridge. The scholarship, worth approx. \$60,000 , funds US students in STEM fields (eligible programs of study found here) for either an MPhil (Master of Philosophy), in which students focus wholly on a single research project, or a MASSt (Master of Advanced Study), in which students pursue a smaller research project in addition to lectures. The award is tenable from 9 to 12 months.	https://www.churchillscholarship.org The scholarship covers full tuition as well as provides scholars with a living allowance, travel allowance, and the possibility of a Special Research Grant. See also the Kanders Churchill Scholarship , an additional related award, in science policy.
2. Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scholarship is open only to U.S. citizens. Applicants must be in their senior year or have graduated within the last 12 months. Applicants must have a GPA > 3.90. Applicants must plan to pursue one of the eligible programs in STEM at the University of Cambridge. 	Eligibility Competitive Churchill Scholarship nominees have very high GPAs in their majors and no science grade below A- unless there are unusual or extenuating reasons.
3. Timing	Interested candidates apply for Smith College in the spring with the external application due in late October.	Applying
4. Selection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must have “proven talent” in research, meaning extensive lab experience, independent research work, creativity, and originality (publications and presentations being important evidence). Applicants must have “exceptional academic talent and outstanding achievement, especially in the major, as indicated by course grades.” Applicants must have “a capacity to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the sciences, engineering or mathematics by pursuing original, creative work at an advanced level.” Applicants must exhibit outstanding personal qualities or “interesting jagged edges.” 	The Churchill Foundation awards 15 Churchill Scholarships and one Kanders Churchill Scholarship each year. In 2020 15 Scholars were chosen from a pool of 127 applicants, nominated by their colleges and universities. Churchill Scholars (2020-21)
5. Smith Role	Students must be nominated by Smith College in order to be considered for the scholarship. Smith may nominate 1 or 2 candidates each year.	Details of nomination process (Spring)
6. Fun fact(s)	The Churchill Scholarship was created by Sir Winston Churchill in the 1950s as a way for young Americans to come and study at the institution. Famous recipients of the Churchill Scholarship include James D. Watson, famous for his DNA research work with Francis Crick. Nine Churchill Fellows, including Watson, have gone on to win the Nobel Prize.	Past Scholars Scholar Quotes Churchill News (2019)
7. How to get started	Learn more about the application process and complete an application for Smith College nomination .	Contact mlamb@smith.edu .