

## Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Gates Cambridge Scholarship

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| Section                      | Brief description   | More information   |
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| <b>1. Award</b>              | The Gates Scholarship at Cambridge Univ. funds up to 4 years of postgrad. study for intellectually outstanding students with a capacity for leadership and a commitment to improving others' lives. 30-40% of scholars are US, by design.   | <a href="https://www.gatescambridge.org/">https://www.gatescambridge.org/</a><br>~6,000 applications worldwide for ~80 scholarships. In 2020 28 awards were made in the US round, with about one-third for 1-year masters and two-thirds for 3-year PhDs. ~800 applicants in US round. The program expresses a preference for candidates intending to complete Cambridge doctorates.   |
| <b>2. Eligibility</b>        | This fellowship is open to any nationality <i>except UK</i> , and funds a wide range of disciplines (not MD). To be eligible you must be accepted by Cambridge for graduate study. Note that a GPA of 3.7+ is typically required for admission to Cambridge graduate programs.  | <a href="#">Eligibility</a><br><a href="#">How to Apply</a><br>An application for a Cambridge degree program is submitted simultaneously with the fellowship application and request to be considered for other Cambridge funding.   |
| <b>3. Timing</b>             | The best time to start this application is the early spring semester of Junior year. At this point applicants should have some idea of which Cambridge program they want to apply to and why.   | <a href="#">Deadlines</a><br>US citizens resident in the US apply in the US round. External application must be completed by early October. All others eligible to apply will apply in early December or January; your particular deadline will depend on your course choice.  |
| <b>4. Selection Criteria</b> | Selection is based on academic excellence, scholarly promise, potential for leadership, and a desire to advance the greater good. Selectors look for a good fit between the applicant's qualifications and aspirations and the Cambridge program to which they apply. Commitment to contributing to chosen discipline or used creatively for humankind. Bright, talented, and lively minds. Your suitability for your proposed Cambridge program is key.  | <a href="#">About</a><br><a href="#">Ideal Candidate</a><br><a href="#">Selection Process</a><br>You want your prospective program or department to want you and rank you high on their list of applicants. If you propose a research degree, then early contact with potential research supervisors and their enthusiastic support would make a difference. If you propose a taught course, then your rationale and passion for the program matter. |
| <b>5. Smith Role</b>         | Treating this opportunity just like other competitive programs that require formal endorsement is the key to your successful appln.   | Plan early, start your application early, take advantage of all help available and offered.  |
| <b>6. Fun fact(s)</b>        | - <a href="#">Jamie Cyr '16</a> and <a href="#">Ariel de Fauconberg '11</a> are Gates Cambridge Scholars.<br>- Started by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in collaboration with Cambridge University in an effort to support passionate students interested in furthering their education.<br>- If you find the perfect postgrad course at Cambridge, you may be able to pursue other fellowships to maximize your chances of achieving your goal. Depending on your interests, these could include Marshall Scholarship, Churchill Scholarship, or other Cambridge awards. | <a href="#">Scholar Directory</a><br><br><a href="#">Marshall Scholarship</a><br><a href="#">Churchill Scholarship</a><br>Cambridge <a href="#">Funding Search Tool</a>  |
| <b>7. How to get started</b> | Before registering reach out to Dr. Margaret Lamb ( <a href="mailto:mlamb@smtih.edu">mlamb@smtih.edu</a> ) to consult and strategize.   | <a href="#">How to Apply</a>   |