

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Marshall Scholarship

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Section	Brief description	More information
1. Award	1 or 2 years of funded postgraduate study, with possible 3rd- year extension. ~87% are 2-year awards at a UK university or similar Institution.	http://www.marshallscholarship.org/ See the Marshall route map (final page of pdf) to understand your options. Study programs and research programs are both possible, and have somewhat different demands of successful applications.
2. Eligibility	Applications are open to US citizens holding a bachelor's degree (earned within the previous two years) in any discipline with a minimum 3.7 GPA. Note that the GPAs of awardees will, on average, be well above 3.7. Candidates with GPAs close to 3.7 should demonstrate their academic excellence in other compelling ways.	Eligibility Subject to other restrictions, there is no age restriction for a Marshall. For example, a 30-year-old applying in September 2021 will be eligible if they have graduated from their first undergraduate college or university after April 2019.
3. Timing	Demonstrate competitiveness and express interest no later than spring semester of year of intended application.	The application must be completed for external submission by late September. Internal submission of final draft and letters of recommendation will be required in late August.
4. Selection Criteria	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.	Evaluation Criteria 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. 1,190 applicants last year ~ 4% chance. 163 finalists were interviewed, with 46 Scholars selected (28%). Women were 59% of Scholars. See Statistics .
5. Smith Role	Smith endorsement is required for this Fellowship. Smith will nominate up to three highly qualified candidates who convincingly meet the selection criteria. Applicants will be subject to internal application and deadlines.	Information for Advisors An application for Smith endorsement will be required prior to the external application. This application will usually be due in mid-May. 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. Three letters of recommendation from individuals who know the applicant well are essential.
6. Fun fact(s)	12 Smithies received Marshall Scholarships between 1954-2021 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 Tess Grogan, '14 , who studied at the University of St. Andrews and is now a graduate student in English at Yale. Four Smithies have been finalists for the award in the last five years. Marshall Ideals
7. How to get started	Contact fellowships@smith.edu or make an appointment on Handshake .	Talk with a fellowships adviser to confirm that your achievements, activities, and interest align well with this fellowship opportunity. If yes, explore UK university programs that suit your interests and plans.