British Graduate Fellowships

Attending a graduate program abroad offers a chance to both explore a foreign country and culture and to have a world class graduate educational experience, often seeing a subject from a different and valuable perspective. One path to a British graduate degree is through graduate fellowship programs (notably Rhodes Scholarships, Marshall Scholarships, Churchill Scholarships, and Gates Cambridge Scholarships); these programs are highly competitive and are administered by the Pomona Graduate Fellowships Office (GFO). Below is a brief synopsis, the GFO website has up to date information: [http://www.pomona.edu/adwr/fellowships/home.shtml](http://www.pomona.edu/adwr/fellowships/home.shtml)

Most of these opportunities require Pomona to endorse your application, therefore there is an internal application deadline as well as individual scholarship deadlines. It is advised that applicants explore these fellowships early in their Pomona career. The institutional representative for these scholarships is Laura Hoopes, Seaver Biology 21, ext. 77438.

Marshall Scholarships

- **Purpose:** The Marshall Scholarship Program provides the opportunity for study in the U.K. to 40 intellectually distinguished young Americans. The program was created to honor the ideals of the Marshall Plan, which aided the recovery of Europe after World War II.
- **Eligibility:** Candidates must be U.S. citizens when they apply, and for fall 2009 application must either be current seniors or graduated from an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. after April 2007. This is one of few fellowships to state a minimum GPA: 3.7 (11.1). Most Marshall Scholars have higher undergraduate GPAs.
- **Application Process:** Prospective applicants interested in applying as seniors should contact the Graduate Fellowships Office or the Faculty Advisor during spring of their junior year, as first drafts are due during the summer. Candidates submit a preliminary application, and to screening interviews are conducted in September to decide whether to endorse (=nominate) the applicant. There is no limit on the number of applicants Pomona may endorse. Candidates apply either in the region of their college or their legal address. In addition to transcripts and letters of recommendation, the application requires two essays: a personal statement and an academic plan. Regional committees interview selected candidates in mid-November, and winners are announced soon thereafter. The Marshall Commission helps Scholars apply for admission to their academic programs of choice. Use these resources ([http://www.pomona.edu/adwr/Fellowships/researchbritish.shtml](http://www.pomona.edu/adwr/Fellowships/researchbritish.shtml)) to explore degree programs at universities in the UK. Alumni/ae applicants may be endorsed by Pomona, or by an employer or another organization which is more familiar with the applicant's post-graduation professional activities.
- **Links:** The official Marshall Scholarship Site is at [http://www.marshallscholarship.org/](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/) and has application information, links to the online application, additional information, past scholars, etc.

Rhodes Scholarships

- **Purpose:** The Rhodes Scholarships are awarded to outstanding scholars who show promise of contributing significantly to the world around them, particularly in the performance of public service. Thirty-two are awarded in the U.S. each year. Citizens of British Commonwealth countries apply through their home countries, which often have earlier deadlines.
- **Eligibility:** Citizens of former British colonies (the U.S., Canada, India, and Australia, among other countries) and of Germany who are at least 18 and not yet 24 years old by October 1st of the year of application, and who will hold a bachelor’s degree by the time they take up the scholarship, may apply. Application deadlines vary widely, and in countries other than the U.S. may be much earlier. The Graduate Fellowships Office works with Pomona students and graduates of all eligible nationalities.
• **Deadlines:** Submit the internal application by June 15, 2009 for advising on this application. If you submit later we cannot guarantee that there will be sufficient time for your application to be considered for Pomona College endorsement, which is required for the national selection process. The application must be postmarked by **October 5, 2009.**

• **Application Process:** The application is now online. Register online to see the application, copy the questions, and follow instructions in the Internal Application section below. **Do not submit an application online, or enter any recommenders' information in the online application, until the Graduate Fellowships office advises you to do so.**

• **Links:** The official Rhodes scholarship site is [http://www.rhodesscholar.org/](http://www.rhodesscholar.org/)

**Churchill Scholarships**

• **Purpose:** The Winston Churchill Foundation awards about a dozen one-year fellowships to enable outstanding American students to study and do research in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering at the University of Cambridge, while residing and holding membership in Churchill College. Pomona is one of a limited list of U.S. colleges and universities invited to nominate two candidates each year.

• **Eligibility:** Candidates must be U.S. citizens between ages 19 and 26 who hold a bachelor’s degree, and my not have attained a doctorate, at the time they take up the award.

• **Deadlines:** The application must be submitted to the institutional representative by **NOON on November 5th, 2009.** The GFO will submit all Pomona applications by the deadline of Nov. 10th, 2009.

• **Application Process:** Rising seniors with very strong academic records in eligible fields are invited to apply. Faculty are also invited to nominate students for consideration. Students who want to be considered for nomination should contact the Graduate Fellowships Office and also discuss their interests with faculty mentors or research supervisor who can give some guidance about suitable graduate courses of study at Cambridge. Exploration of this opportunity can begin at any time during interested students' college careers.

• **Links:** The official site is at [http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org](http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org).

**Gates Cambridge Scholarships**

• **Purpose:** The Gates Cambridge Scholars program, created by a substantial gift from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, aims to create a network of outstanding scholars from around the world who will become leaders in addressing global problems related to health, social equity, technology, and learning. During a typical year there are several hundred Gates Cambridge Scholars pursuing degrees at the University of Cambridge.

• **Eligibility:** Applicants from every country of the world other than the United Kingdom, who will hold a Bachelor’s degree or its equivalent by the time they take up residence at Cambridge, are eligible to apply. In addition to the Scholarship application, applicants file a separate application for admission to the University for a specific course of study. Begin to explore possible programs of study as early as possible in advance of the October deadline, as you may need to contact potential supervisors at Cambridge, depending on the field of study and type of degree.

• **Application Process:** The Gates-Cambridge scholarship does not require College endorsement, however potential applicants benefit from using the process required for Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell applicants, and are urged to do so. It is helpful, though not required, to observe the same **deadline for internal application:** **June 15, 2009.**

• **Deadlines:** Application deadline is **October 15th, 2009.**

• **Links:** The official Gates Fellowship site is at [http://www.gatesscholar.org](http://www.gatesscholar.org).