



**PRE-APPLICATION FOR MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP**  
*for Students in the School of General Studies, Columbia University*

The Marshall Scholarships were established in 1953 as a British gesture of thanks to the people of the United States for the assistance received after the Second World War. Forty scholarships are awarded each year. The grant covers tuition, fees, and maintenance costs for two years of study leading to a degree at a British University. Students seriously interested in applying for a Marshall Scholarship should familiarize themselves with the criteria and qualifications for the Marshall by checking the following website: [www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org). An institutional recommendation is required for the Marshall, so you must submit this pre-application on time in order to be eligible to participate in the Columbia University screening process.

**Eligibility requirements**

- U.S. Citizen
- Senior Class standing in Fall 2009
- Cumulative GPA of no less than 3.7 after freshman year

**General Information**

- Forty scholarships are awarded each year. Eight regional selection panels in the United States make the final selection of candidates. An Advisory Council in Washington, D.C. is responsible for selecting reserve candidates.
- Marshall Scholarships provide an opportunity for American students to continue their studies for two years at a British University of their choice, at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Scholarships may be extended to a third year on a limited basis and for strong academic reasons.
- Candidates are invited to indicate two preferred universities, although the Marshall Commission reserves the right to decide on the final placement.
- There are no restrictions as to the academic field of study.
- Funding provided in British pounds includes tuition, books, living expenses, money for travel to and from the U.S. and grants for travel connected to studies.

**Qualities Sought in a Marshall Scholar**

In appointing Marshall Scholars, the selectors will look for distinction of intellect and character as evidenced both by an applicant's scholastic attainments and other activities and achievements. Preference will be given to candidates who display a potential to make a significant contribution to their own society. Selectors also look for strong motivation and seriousness of purpose, including the presentation of a specific and realistic academic program.

### **The Preliminary Application Process**

- Find out about British University system ([www.marshallscholarship.org/links.html](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/links.html)) and individual programs of study. The Marshall application requires a focused academic proposal. Find out which British university would best meet your interests.
- Hand your Marshall Pre-application in on time.
- If your Pre-application shows that you understand the purpose of the Marshall, have done your homework, and meet all the basic requirements, you will be given a green light to proceed along with information about upcoming application workshops that you must attend.

The purpose of this attached pre-application is to assist you in preparing your application in a timely and thorough way. Complete the application questionnaire; all answers should be typed, not hand-written.

**Your GS pre-application must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2009.** You may submit the application electronically to [gsfellowships@columbia.edu](mailto:gsfellowships@columbia.edu); if sending electronically, the subject line should read: “Marshall Pre-application” and the application itself should be sent as an attachment, not as the content of the email. You may also hand in a paper application to Dean Andrea Solomon by April 17. Put the application in an envelope addressed “Marshall Pre-application” and hand-deliver the envelope to 408 Lewisohn Hall. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged on April 20; if for some reason we are unable to open an electronically submitted application, students will be notified that a paper copy must be dropped off in the office the next day.

**Questions?** Contact [gsfellowships@columbia.edu](mailto:gsfellowships@columbia.edu).

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**Name:**

**Columbia PID:**

**Columbia Email:**

**Main phone number:**

**Citizenship:**

**Current Mailing address:**

**GS Academic advisor:**

**Major(s):**

**Departmental advisor:**

**Concentration:**

**How many points of transfer credit have you been awarded by GS?**

**How many credit points have you completed at Columbia to date?**

**Total number of credit points to date:**

**Cumulative GPA at Columbia:**

**Combined GPA from all accredited institutions you have been enrolled in (including GS) towards a degree:**

**Previous accredited institutions where you have been enrolled towards a degree prior to matriculating at GS.**

**Other scholarships, fellowships, or grants for which you are applying:**

**Names and Affiliations of References for the Marshall Scholarship:**

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| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

### **Knowledge of Academic Program and Local Contacts**

*Note that Marshall applicants may choose one or two different British universities for their proposed study. If you have identified more than one appropriate institution, please answer these questions to show the relevance of those institutions for your study and research.*

As you still may be deciding which institution may be the best fit for you, in rank order list the two or three universities in Great Britain you would most like to study at and why. For each, provide specific information about the degree and field you would like to pursue and your reason for doing so at that institution (e.g. outline pertinent resources, programs, institutes, courses, scholars).

What British university's program have you identified as an appropriate location for your academic project and what contacts have you made or do you intend to make with scholars at that institution?

How does this academic program and British university you have chosen fit your academic ambitions and help you to fulfill the purpose of the Marshall Fellowship?

What are the particular resources at this British university or in England that are especially valuable, even invaluable, for your proposed research? (Be specific in mentioning primary source material accessibility or particular institutions or institutes critical to your academic project.)

### **Summary of Proposed Research**

Explain the research project you propose to undertake while on a Marshall.

What questions will you be asking as part of your research and how do these questions engage with the academic community within your field or discipline of study?

How has your academic background prepared you to follow this particular course of study at a British university? Provide examples of current and past research or experience which are relevant or foundational to your proposed graduate research.

**Key activities that demonstrate leadership**

List activities or roles that demonstrate your leadership, volunteerism, and/or dedication to your field. Briefly elaborate on one of these to provide evidence of your dynamism and ability to be a leader.

**Long term career goals.**

What are your long-term career goals?

How are the goals of the Marshall program consistent with your own career goals?

What do you see as the unique core values of the Marshall Scholarship?