
Gates-Cambridge Scholarship

About	A fairly recent endowment from the Bill & Melissa Gates Foundation to the University of Cambridge that allows outstanding students to pursue advanced degrees at Cambridge. (Limited number of scholarships also available for second bachelor degrees.)
Award	The full cost of studying at Cambridge: Composition fee and College fees (varies with program and college), a maintenance allowance for a single student (£12,250 for 12 months in 2008-2009), cost of airfare to/from U.K., and a discretionary contribution for cost of supporting dependents (upon application). Once in residence at Cambridge, scholars may also apply for financial assistance for cost of attending conferences, doing fieldwork, etc.
Time	Depends on length of degree program: most post-grad programs, such as MPhil and MBA are one year; MSc is two years.
Number	Varies; around 100 per year, of which 45 are awarded to U.S. citizens.
Who's Eligible	Any citizen outside of the U.K. who is admitted to Cambridge under its normal academic procedures, has an exemplary scholastic record, and is pursuing a full-time residential course of study.
Selection Process	<i>Very competitive.</i> Candidates must first be admitted to Cambridge (one of the top three research universities <i>in the world</i>), ranked by their department, and then short-listed by the Gates-Cambridge Trust to be interviewed. About 250-300 candidates are interviewed for about 100 scholarships each year.
Pre-Application Process	None required. While the Gates-Cambridge Scholarship does not require institutional endorsement (like the Rhodes does) the OES still wishes to assist you in the application process, so please make an appointment to discuss your application.
Application Process	Application due November 1, 2008. Official application includes 3 letters of reference (2 academic, 1 other), transcripts, and degree certificates (if applicable). Other materials, such as a C.V. and writing samples <i>may be</i> required for certain departments.
Campus Contact	Office of External Scholarships, F101 Melrose Hall, (865) 974-7825. Call to schedule appointment early in the Spring semester, or visit us online at http://externalscholarships.utk.edu .
Official Website	http://www.gatesscholar.org/



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