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The basics
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Overview

- **What:** highly competitive, prestigious full-cost scholarships for a postgraduate degree in any subject at the University of Cambridge

- **History:** established in 2000 by US$210m donation from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to University of Cambridge

- **Aim:** to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others
The basics
Who is eligible

• All citizens are eligible except UK citizens

• Must gain admission to one of the following full-time graduate programs at Cambridge:
  • PhD (three-year research)
  • MSc or MLitt (two-year research)
  • One-year postgraduate course (e.g. MPhil, MBA, Diploma – (taught/research)

• No age limit
The basics
Value

Core components (per year)

- University and College fees
- Living allowance (to cover accommodation, food and living expenses while studying) – £14,600 for 12 months in 2016/17
- Return airfare (one per course)
- Visa costs

Discretionary components

- Family allowance
- Academic Development
- Partial fourth year funding for PhD Scholars
- Hardship funding
The basics
Gates Cambridge in numbers

c. 90 New awards each year
c. 225 Scholars in residence
All awards by citizenship 2001-2016

USA c.45
Other countries c. 55

USA c.80
Other countries c.145

All other countries, 880, 55%
USA, 716, 45%

All awards 2001 -2016 Gender

Female, 784, 49%
Male, 812, 51%

600+ previous universities to date

USA, 211, 25%
Global, 619, 75%
Overview
Gates Cambridge in numbers

Scholarships 2001 to 2016 – citizenship

- USA, 716, 45%
- Africa, 83, 5%
- Asia, 239, 15%
- Australasia, 95, 6%
- Canada, 80, 5%
- Europe - EU, 273, 17%
- Europe -non-EU, 31, 2%
- Caribbean, 10, 1%
- Central America, 18, 1%
- South America, 32, 2%
- Middle East, 19, 1%
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Application & selection

Selection criteria

- intellectual ability
- a good academic fit with Cambridge
- leadership capacity
- a commitment to improving the lives of others

No one ‘template’ for a Gates Cambridge Scholar

Website and promotional material
How we select

Work flow

Departments nominate

Shortlisting committees review

Interview panels interview and select

c.80 academic departments

Academic ability & academic fit

Academic ability
Commitment to improving the lives of others
Leadership potential

Arts
Biological Sciences
Physical Sciences
Social Sciences

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## Application & selection
### Numbers by selection stage

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<td>c.800</td>
<td>c. 3,500</td>
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<td>Departments nominate &amp; shortlisting Committees review</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Shortlisting Committees put forward for interview</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>c.35</td>
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<td>4.5%</td>
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Application & selection
What you apply for

One application form for:

- Postgraduate admission to the University
- College membership
- A Gates Cambridge Scholarship
- Other Cambridge funding

- Gates Cambridge does not place/admit

- Full details about how to apply on www.gatescambridge.org
Application & selection
The application pack

Parts of the application

- Application form (Part A admission, Part B funding)
- 3 References (2 academic, 1 personal)
- Academic transcripts
- If required, any additional documents
- [Resume for those to be interviewed]
- No institutional nomination required

Submitting and managing application

- Ideally submit on-line, application fee, on-line area
If you wish to apply for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship, please describe below – in not more than 500 words – how your interests and achievements, both academic and extra-curricular, demonstrate a capacity for leadership and a commitment to improving the lives of others. Please also set out why you think there is a good fit between your professional aspirations and the graduate programme at Cambridge for which you are applying.”

• Vital

• Must be targeted
“Please give below your assessment of the applicant’s leadership potential and commitment to improving the lives of others. Please attach a separate letter if necessary”

• Who should write it?
  - Vital

• Must be targeted

• Standard/template references not helpful
## Application & selection
### Example timetable for October 2017 entry

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<td><strong>12 October 2016</strong></td>
<td><strong>7 December 2016</strong></td>
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  - 1 September 2016
  - 12 October 2016 (14 days after submitting application)
  - October - November 2016
  - Mid-December 2016
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  - 27 & 28 January 2017 (D.C.)
  - Within a week of interview

International round 2016:
- **International round 2016**
  - 1 September 2016
  - 7 December 2016 (14 days after submitting application)
  - December - February 2017
  - Early March 2017
  - 28 & 29 March 2017 (Cambridge, UK)
  - Within a week of interview
Scholars & alumni
Gates Cambridge Scholars

A vibrant, international & diverse community integrated with the University

- Diverse community
- Scholars’ Council and events
- Scholars’ Common Room
- Integrated with University
- Many opportunities
- High expectations
Our scholars
Engaging with global challenges

**Timothy Kotin (Ghana)**
As an undergraduate developed an on-line platform to increase educational opportunities for young Africans.

**John Ottem (Norway)**
Won Fulbright and McKinsey Scholarships and prizes in mathematical Olympiads in Oslo; published five high-impact papers at Cambridge.

**Isaac Holeman (USA)**
Named one of top 30 social entrepreneurs in Forbes magazine; co-founder of MobileMedic.

**Rajiv Chowdhury (Bangladesh)**
15 high-impact publications on heart disease at Cambridge; Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health; inaugural recipient of Bill Gates Sr. Prize.

**Stan Wang**
Recognised by U.S. Department of State, UNESCO and others for work on maternal-child health in Ghana; currently researching non-embryonic stem cells supervised by Nobel Prize Winner Sir John Gurdon.

**Libby Blanchard (USA)**
Raised several million dollars for sustainable coffee farming in Latin America before coming to Cambridge.
A global network with increasing recognition and influence

- Aim – global network
- 1,000+ alumni from 90 countries spread across the globe
- Gates Cambridge Alumni Association (GCAA)
Our alumni
Making an impact

Noa Epstein (Israel)
MBA woman of the year at Cambridge; CEO of Middle East Education through Technology.

Joe Bonneau (USA)
Fellow, Center for information Technology Policy at Princeton University; regularly quoted in media on cyber security.

Robyn Scott (New Zealand)
Author, social entrepreneur and Co-founder of OneLeap and Mothers for All.

Siza Mtimbiri (Zimbabwe)
Advised government of Togo on education; currently leading a project to build top-flight school in Zimbabwe.

Chandler Robinson (USA)
Developed, manufactured and sold a potentially therapeutic drug for Wilson’s Disease.

Julia Fan Li (Canada)
Director of $94m Global Health Investment Fund underwritten by Gates Foundation and sponsored by other major organisations and governments.
Further information

Website
• www.gatescambridge.org

Need more information?
• Email: info@gatescambridge.org

All Cambridge funding opportunities
• ‘Funding search’ page - http://webservices.admin.cam.ac.uk/camfunds/

QUESTIONS