

The Gates Cambridge Scholarships

With a munificent benefaction from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Gates Cambridge Trust has established, with effect from October 2001, a scheme of **Gates Cambridge Scholarships**, for scholars of outstanding academic merit and leadership potential from every country of the world other than the United Kingdom, who are committed to serving their communities, and who gain admission to the University of Cambridge to pursue courses of study as follows:

- second Bachelor degree as an affiliated student;
- one-year postgraduate courses;
- research leading to the degree of Ph.D.

The Gates Cambridge Trust intends to offer a substantial number of awards annually, which will cover the costs of studying at Cambridge. Some of these awards will be for students from the United States of America; but students from all countries, including the countries of the European Union other than the United Kingdom, will be eligible to be considered for the Gates Cambridge Scholarships.

In selecting Gates Cambridge Scholars, the Trust seeks students of exceptional academic achievement and scholarly promise for whom further study at Cambridge would be particularly appropriate. Students will need to provide evidence of their ability to make a significant contribution to their discipline, either by research, or by teaching, or by using their learning creatively in their chosen profession.

Over time, Gates Cambridge Scholars will form an integral part and dynamic part of the University's influential international alumni network, bringing vision and commitment to improving the lives of citizens throughout the world. Gates Cambridge Scholars will be expected to be leaders in addressing global problems relating to learning, technology, health and social equity, which are among the prime purposes of the benefactors of the Trust, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The scholars are thus expected to use their education for the benefit of others and to show commitment to improving the common wealth.

Award:

The Gates Cambridge Scholarships cover:

- University and College fees at the applicable rates
 - where an applicant from overseas has been successfully nominated for an ORS award, the University Composition Fee will be paid at the home rate.
 - where a student from the European Union has been successful in gaining a fees award from public authorities, the Trust will not pay these fees.
- a maintenance allowance sufficient for a single student
- a further discretionary allowance
- one return economy airfare

Eligibility:

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship program is an international competition. There is some variation in procedure for application between countries, and the competition may run along different timetables to meet the academic schedules of different parts of the world.

For applicants from universities operating according to the North American system, candidates will be expected to have:

- excellent transcripts with high GPA scores
- showing evidence of sustained academic achievement in study

- a strong performance in GRE scores
- references able to speak knowledgeably about the candidate's actual academic performance and his or her potential for scholarly growth

In addition, applicants for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship will have the opportunity to set out their own ambitions for the future, and to show how study at Cambridge would help them achieve their personal goal. They will also be invited to nominate a referee who can write knowledgeably about them as people, and who can comment authoritatively on their non-academic attributes and achievements.

A Gates Cambridge Scholarship can only be taken up by a student who has been admitted to Cambridge through the University's normal application procedures. These are separate from the selection procedures for selection as a Gates Cambridge Scholar. Please note, those applying for a Master's or Doctoral study are admitted to Cambridge through the Board of Graduate Studies; those applying for a second Bachelor's degree are admitted by a College.

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