



Harvard College
Churchill Foundation Scholarship
2023-2024 Application for Institutional Nomination

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Churchill Scholarships provide funding toward a year of postgraduate study and research in the natural sciences, engineering, or mathematics at Churchill College, Cambridge. Applicants must apply separately for admission to Cambridge University by mid-October. The Scholarship is tenable from nine to twelve months, in accordance with the academic program. **Applicants must designate Churchill College as their first choice on the Cambridge application.**

Eligibility:

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and must be Harvard College graduating seniors or alumni within 12 months of graduating.

Benefits:

At least fourteen Churchill Scholarships are offered annually, and each is worth between \$50,000 and \$60,000, depending on the exchange rate. It covers all University and College fees in addition to a living allowance, a travel allowance of up to \$1,500, and reimbursement of the UK visa application fee and health surcharge. The Foundation also offers the possibility of a Special Research Grant of up to \$2,000. This grant may cover travel for presentations at international conferences, short stays at another university or institute for special research, and other activities.

Selection Criteria:

- Outstanding academic achievement, especially in the major, as indicated by course grades. The Foundation does not require a minimum GPA, but recent Churchill Scholars have had a GPA of at least 3.7 and usually have 3.9 or above.
- A capacity to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the sciences, engineering, or mathematics by pursuing original, creative work at an advanced level as demonstrated by awards, prizes, research, and letters of recommendation. Applicants in the sciences and engineering will demonstrate extensive laboratory experience, internships, or other related work, while applicants in mathematics will show substantial independent work or other projects.
- Outstanding personal qualities. Understanding the time commitment required by research, the Churchill Foundation does not seek so-called 'well rounded' applicants; instead, it seeks applicants with what we call interesting 'jagged edges.' Nonetheless, it should be noted that successful applicants display a bewildering array of talents...outside of academic pursuits, especially in music, athletics, [and] social service, among other activities.
- Outstanding recommendations only from individuals in the disciplines related to the application. If an applicant has done an NSF REU, an internship, or other analogous programs, it is assumed that at least one of the four letters will come from the director of that activity.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND ORGANIZE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR YOUR APPLICATION:

■ **OFFICIAL CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Complete the on-line application on the [Churchill Scholarship website](#), including the “Proposed Plan of Study” and the “Personal Statement.” Please refer to the instructions provided on-line as you complete this application. Before submitting, save the completed form as a .pdf and upload to CARAT.

■ **CURRENT RESUME**

Indicate significant activities, achievements, and work experiences in college that demonstrate your interests and potential achievements. Do not exceed one page.

■ **CURRENT UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

Download your unofficial transcript from my.harvard.edu.

■ **FOUR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

While letters should comment on all of your qualifications, they should particularly highlight your research endeavors. Letters should be addressed to “The Churchill Scholarship Selection Committee” and submitted online by your recommenders, following instructions they will receive once you designate them. (See below).

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. LOG IN TO [CARAT](#) USING YOUR HARVARD KEY and confirm that your profile information is correct.
2. BROWSE FOR THE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY AND CLICK “APPLY”
Fill out all required fields.
3. REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS (via “References” tab)
You are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to solicit recommendations at least three weeks ahead of the application deadline. Once you have provided name (Last, First) and contact information for your recommenders, YOU MUST CLICK “Send Reference Request” under each recommender’s entry in order for CARAT to send the notification to your recommender’s email. “Save and Next” will NOT submit your recommendation requests.
4. UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS
All documents must be submitted concurrently, in PDF format. No supplementary materials will be accepted.
5. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION (via “Submission” tab)
Enter your HUID and click “Submit”. The date and time of your submission will be noted, and late applications will not be accepted.

If you or your recommenders have questions about this application or the online submission process, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at (617) 495-5095 or fellowships@fas.harvard.edu.

■ ■ ■ **DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 AT 11:59pm (ET)** ■ ■ ■