



Harvard College
Herchel Smith Harvard Scholarship
2023-2024 Application Instructions

FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION:

These fellowships aim to encourage Harvard graduates of high academic ability and research promise in the sciences to study at Cambridge University. Fellowships are held at Emmanuel College. Awardees are to undertake studies appropriate for research in mathematics, natural sciences, physical sciences, or applied sciences.

Eligibility:

Graduating seniors or graduates who have received their bachelor's degree within the previous two years are eligible.

Benefits:

Five or more fellowships may be awarded each year. Each fellowship pays all fees, tuition, and lodging for one year (Michaelmas, Lent, and Easter Terms), as well as a stipend to cover additional expenses and transportation. Fellowships may be renewed for two subsequent years, assuming satisfactory academic progress toward a PhD in the same field and approval by the selection committee.

Selection criteria:

Students of high academic ability (typically demonstrated by A- or better grades) who intend to pursue the fields of mathematics, natural sciences, physical sciences, or applied sciences at a graduate level are eligible. Details of the courses in these fields are set out in the Cambridge University's online "Guide to Courses," at www.cam.ac.uk/guide. The range of subjects available in the Natural Sciences Tripos is notably broad.

Candidates should have identified appropriate and suitable courses of study at the time of application, although some fine-tuning may be allowed upon arrival in Cambridge. In some cases, proceeding to a doctorate will only be allowed after a satisfactory first year of study.

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

■ **APPLICATION FORM**

Complete the online CARAT information, which will be compiled and displayed as your application cover sheet.

■ **CURRENT RESUME**

Indicate activities, achievements, and 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.

■ **PROPOSAL**

In 1,000 words or less, explain your reasons for seeking this fellowship and the plans you have for using it. Your essay should also address the special suitability of the University of Cambridge for these plans.

■ **UNIVERSITY APPLICATION RECEIPT: PROOF OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION OR START OF APPLICATION**

Provide a copy of the email receipt that indicates your application for graduate admission to University of Cambridge has been submitted. The graduate program stated in the admission receipt must match the program for which you are seeking Herchel Smith fellowship support. If you have not yet submitted your graduate program application to the University of Cambridge at the time of application to this fellowship, you must provide proof that you have started the application in the graduate admission portal (e.g. a screen shot of your started graduate application will be sufficient.).

Note: The submission of complete graduate applications (with letters submitted!) by the month of **February or earlier** is strongly recommended. While there are graduate programs with deadlines that fall later than the month of February, students should be aware that most admissions offers are made in February and March. Applicants should review the postgraduate admission and offer timeline of the University of Cambridge here: <https://www.postgraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/application-process/after-applying> .

■ **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

These letters should comment on the suitability of your proposed plan of study as well as on any relevant personal attributes. At least one letter should be from an instructor in your field. Letters should be addressed to “The Herchel Smith Harvard Scholarship Selection Committee” and submitted online by your recommenders, following instructions they will receive once you designate them. (See below).

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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: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 at 11:59pm (ET)** ■ ■ ■