

The Cambridge Trusts UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Scholarships and Grants for OVERSEAS and EUROPEAN UNION Applicants (excluding the United Kingdom) for Graduate Study at the University of Cambridge October 2005

Scholarship Application Form Instructions

Part I: To be completed by the APPLICANT

Applicants for awards from the Cambridge Trusts must complete **Part I** of the Scholarship Application Form.

As soon as the applicant has completed Part I of the Scholarship Application Form, they must request a referee who has personal knowledge of their qualifications, both academic and extra-curricular, to complete Part II of the form and send the **entire form**, both Part 1 and Part 2 to **The Secretary, Board of Graduate Studies, PO Box 338, Cambridge, CB2 1YP, England as soon as possible and NO LATER THAN 28 FEBRUARY 2005.**

NOTE: Applicants from the **USA** who have not previously studied at Cambridge must complete and return a USASAF 2005 form (available from www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk), together with their Graduate Application Form, to the Board of Graduate Studies by **1 NOVEMBER 2004** if they wish to be considered for the Gates Cambridge Scholarships.

NOTE: Question 13 in Part I of the SAF should only be completed by applicants from **developing countries of the Commonwealth** eligible to be considered for a DFID Cambridge Scholarship. To be eligible to be considered for the DFID Cambridge Scholarships candidates must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- be a citizen of a *developing* country of the *Commonwealth*
- gain an offer of admission to pursue a one-year course of study at the University of Cambridge
- be under the age of 35 on 1 October 2005, with priority given to those candidates under the age of 30
- undertake to return to their own country to work or study after completing the course at Cambridge
- not at present be living or studying in a developed country
- not have undertaken studies lasting a year or more in a developed country
- priority will be given to candidates wishing to pursue a course of study related to the economic and social development of their country

If you DO NOT meet ALL of the above criteria, please do not complete this question.

Applicants are reminded to sign and date the Scholarship Application Form in question 17 before they send it to their referee.

Part II – To be completed by the PERSONAL REFEREE

Part II of the Scholarship Application Form must be filled in by a referee who has personal knowledge of the applicant's qualifications, both academic and extra-curricular, for an award from the Trusts. The referee may be chosen from someone who knows the candidate and has taught them, or someone of appropriate standing who knows the candidate well.

The referee is kindly asked to return the **entire form**, both Part I and Part II, to **The Secretary, Board of Graduate Studies, PO Box 338, Cambridge, CB2 1YP, England as soon as possible and NO LATER THAN 28 FEBRUARY 2005.**

Decisions on awards

The Cambridge Trusts consider applications for funding on timetables which vary from scheme to scheme, and depend on many factors, including decisions from the Board of Graduate Studies, interviews and timetables of collaborators. The Cambridge Trusts consider well over 3,000 applications each year, so candidates may not hear from the Trusts until quite late in the day. The Trusts will make every effort to keep candidates informed, but seek the indulgence of applicants in being patient in waiting for a reply. It would be a kindness if applicants only contact the Trusts if absolutely necessary and, in the first instance, by e-mail (info@overseastrusts.cam.ac.uk) or by fax (00 44 1223 351449). Telephonic enquiries are to be avoided, except in the gravest emergency.

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All applicants for awards from the Cambridge Trusts for **graduate study** for the academic year commencing **October 2005 must complete Part I as soon as possible and then request a personal referee to complete Part II**. The form, both Part I and Part II, must be returned by the referee, and not by the applicant, to the **Secretary, Board of Graduate Studies, PO Box 338, Cambridge, CB2 1YP, England** as soon as possible, **to arrive NO LATER THAN 28 FEBRUARY 2005**.

(to be completed by the applicant)

1		Last/family name (as on passport): BLOCK CAPITALS	Nationality:
		Other names (personal):	Title (Mr, Ms, Dr)
		Country of residence:	
Full address: <i>for correspondence</i> If a PO Box address, you must provide a telephone number Tel: Fax: Email:		Country of birth:	
		Date of birth: Day Month Year / /19	
		Male/female:	
		Single/married*: number of children, if any:	
* All full-cost awards offered by the Cambridge Trusts provide a maintenance allowance at the single student rate only. Students who intend to bring a spouse and/or children to Cambridge will need to make separate financial provision for their dependants. See the Graduate Studies Prospectus for details.			
2 Candidates shortlisted for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship may be called to attend an interview. Please give below details of the best address for this purpose (<i>if different from the above</i>) at which you can be contacted between March and June 2005.			
Available for interview? Contact details for March to June 2005 Address: <div>YES<div></div></div> <div>please tick one</div> <div>NO<div></div></div> Tel:Fax:E-mail:			
3 Proposed course of study at Cambridge			
Degree (e.g. MPhil, PhD)		Subject (e.g. Archaeology, Engineering etc.)	
Length of course	Date of commencement if not October 2005	MonthYear/ 	College (if known)
Brief statement of proposed subject:			

4 Brief particulars of educational qualifications					
Name of university	Subject		Degree	Class/GPA	Date obtained/ to be obtained
5 Please give full details of your employment history to date					
From	To	Post held	Name and address of employer		
Are you currently employed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes/No					
6 Please give an outline of your future career plans and intentions.					
7 Have you applied to the Cambridge Trusts for a scholarship/bursary before?					
If yes, for which year of entry to the University?					
8 Have you received a scholarship/bursary from the Cambridge Trusts before?					
If yes, please specify below with details and dates.					
9 Are you currently, or have you been, a Cambridge student?					
If yes, please specify dates, course and results (if known or when expected).					

- 10 Applicants who are not successful in winning a Gates, or other substantial, scholarship will be considered for a means-tested part-cost grant. The value of the award will be determined in the light of the financial circumstances of the applicant. The Trusts will take into account not only the financial contributions from family, personal funds, and loans, but also other scholarships and grants for which the candidate has applied. Candidates are urged to apply to other sources which might contribute, wholly or partially, to the funding of their studies at Cambridge.**

It is, therefore, essential that questions 10 and 11 below be completed as fully, and as accurately, as possible, if you wish to be considered for a part-cost award from the trusts.

FINANCIAL GUARANTEE

£ a year

Total financial guarantee required by the Board of Graduate Studies:

If you have not yet received an offer of a place from the Board of Graduate Studies, please see the Graduate Studies Prospectus for details. The amount of the guarantee will represent the total amount each year of the University Composition Fee, College fees and a maintenance allowance sufficient to meet your living costs in Cambridge.

FUNDS YOU ARE CONFIDENT OF RAISING ANNUALLY

Please give as much detail as possible of the funds you are able to raise annually

Source **£ a year**

Family contribution

please give source, i.e. from income, savings, capital, etc.

Personal funds

please give source, i.e. from income, savings, capital, etc.

Loans

please give source, i.e. government, student, or bank loan, other etc.

Other sources

including other scholarships/grants (summarise here the answers to question 11 below)

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE ANNUALLY towards guarantee

£

ANTICIPATED SHORTFALL, if any, between funds available and financial guarantee

£

11 Applications for other scholarships/awards

Have you applied for any other awards? *If 'yes' please give details below*

Awarding body

Tenable at Cambridge?

Tenure (years)

Date awarded/ to be awarded

Annual value £

Note: Applicants must keep the Trusts and the Board of Graduate Studies informed if there are **any** changes to the information given in **questions 10 and 11**. In particular, they must inform both the Trusts and the Board, with full monetary particulars, if they win any award tenable at Cambridge for which they have already applied or which they are awarded subsequent to this application.

- 12 In not more than 500 words, please describe below how your interests and achievements, both academic and extra-curricular, demonstrate a capacity for leadership, commitment to using your knowledge to serve your community and to applying your talents to improve the lives of others. Please also explain how your proposed studies in Cambridge will help you with the aims of your future career. Candidates wishing to be considered for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship MUST complete this question.**

13 DFID CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants from **developing countries of the Commonwealth** who intend to pursue a **one-year postgraduate course of study** at Cambridge are eligible to be considered for a **DFID Cambridge Scholarship**. Applicants who meet ALL of the criteria set out below should complete and sign the following section. Candidates who do NOT meet ALL of the criteria should NOT complete question 13 *and go directly to question 14*.

I, (insert full name) _____

declare that:

- (i) I am a national of (or permanently domiciled in) a developing country of the Commonwealth (please state country below) and that I am not at present living or studying in a developed country;

Country _____

- (ii) I have not undertaken studies lasting one year or more in a developed country;

tick	
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- (iii) neither I nor my family have sufficient funds to pay for my study in the United Kingdom and without this scholarship award I should not be able to undertake this study;

tick	
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- (iv) I shall return to my home country to seek employment or to work or study as soon as the proposed Cambridge DFID Scholarship ends.

tick	
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Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Candidates are advised that false declarations will cause DFID to cancel the scholarship, even if the scholar has come into residence. The making of false declarations or the failure of successful candidates to fulfil the commitment made in paragraph (iv) above, will be treated as a grave offence and scholars will be required to refund any payments already made by DFID and the Trust.

14 English Language

Candidates from countries where English is not the first language or the medium of instruction will usually be required to take an English language test as one of the requirements of admission set by the Board of Graduate Studies. If you have taken an English language test (IELTS or TOEFL with TWE) please give below the date taken and the scores achieved.

Test	Date taken	Score

If you have not taken a test, please specify the test you intend to take and when the results of the test will be available.

15 Please briefly summarise your reasons for applying for the particular course of study at Cambridge and explain how this will help you to contribute to the development of your country.**16 Please describe, briefly, your most significant current and past activities and responsibilities.****ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN THE DECLARATION BELOW****17 I understand that my application will be considered for all the awards offered by the Cambridge Trusts for which I am eligible, and that I have answered as fully as possible the questions contained in this application form. I also undertake to keep the Trusts informed of material changes in this information.**

Name of applicant:
(in block capitals)

Signature of applicant:

Date:

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Part II: Personal Reference

(to be completed by a referee who has personal knowledge of the applicant and the requisite experience and standing to assess the applicant)

Please give below your candid assessment of the applicant's personal and social qualities, achievements, future plans and any other factors relevant to the application for awards from the Trusts.

The Trustees are looking for applicants with outstanding academic records but also with personal qualities which mark them out as potential leaders capable of making significant contributions to society.

Unqualified praise, without due evidence to support it, is unlikely to help the Trusts identify the best candidates for these awards. Even exceptional candidates have weaknesses as well as strengths and the Trustees need as full and as frank a view of the applicant as the referee can provide from personal knowledge.

The Trustees attach the greatest importance to the personal reference, warmly thank referees in advance for their help and apologise that the number of applications prevents them from acknowledging receipt of this reference.

1 Name of referee: <i>(in block capitals)</i>		
2 Address:		
	Tel: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	
	Fax: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	
	Email: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	
3 Name of applicant for whom this reference is being provided:		
4 In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?		
5 How highly, by the most stringent worldwide standards, would you rate the applicant for an award from the Trusts, bearing in mind the strength of the competition?		
(tick) Comments		
Exceptional	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Strong	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Respectable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Not strong	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6 Are the applicant's qualifications appropriate for the course of graduate study or research at Cambridge, and in what ways will the proposed study be relevant to the needs of the applicant's country?		

- 7** In not more than 300 words with a brief summary, please give below your candid assessment of the applicant's academic merit and potential, together with comments on his or her social commitment, achievements and future plans. Leadership potential and a commitment to help society will be as significant factors as academic merit in identifying and shortlisting the best candidates for awards from the Cambridge Trusts.

Summary/Precis:

8 Signature of referee:

Date: