

## MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES with RISD

Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom in a system of higher education recognized for its excellence.

Up to forty Marshall Scholarships will be awarded in 2010. They are tenable at any British university and cover two years of study in any discipline at graduate level, leading to the award of a British university degree.

### Rules for applicants

[http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/rules\\_2010traditional.pdf](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/rules_2010traditional.pdf)

### Application process and FAQ:

<http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/>

### ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for 2010 awards, candidates should:

- be citizens of the United States of America (at the time they apply for a scholarship);
- (by the time they take up their scholarship ie September 2010) hold their **first** undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year college or university in the United States;
- have obtained a grade point average of not less than 3.7 (or A-) on their undergraduate degree. (Exceptions will be considered only on the specific recommendation of the sponsoring college.)
- have graduated from their **first** undergraduate college or university after April 2007.
- **not** have studied for, or hold a degree or degree equivalent qualification from a British University

### RISD internal process – Due Date: September 18

The Marshall application process requires five narrative portions. The RISD internal application requires applicants to submit the same responses they will be using on the Marshall application and to show a portfolio of work. Applications for non-art study in the UK do not require a portfolio. The RISD application form is available at:

[http://www.formspring.com/forms/risd\\_art\\_sale-marshall\\_scholarships](http://www.formspring.com/forms/risd_art_sale-marshall_scholarships)

The Marshall questions:

#### **Personal Statement**

This should be a short statement, in which candidates should describe their academic and other interests and pursuits. (1000 words)

#### **Proposed Academic Programme**

Candidates should describe below their proposed academic programme, giving reasons for their choice of course and preferred university. Those hoping to read for a research degree should give an outline proposal of the research they wish to undertake. If any postgraduate study has already been undertaken, state briefly the field, and list any theses or dissertations written or published. (500 words)

#### **Choosing the UK**

Candidates should describe their reasons for wishing to live and study in the UK and how they think this will benefit them in the future. The candidate should also think about how they will demonstrate their commitment to the UK through volunteer and extracurricular activities. In addition candidates should demonstrate how they will meet the Marshall Scholarships' objective of gaining an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain. (500 words)

**Post Scholarship Plan**

Candidates should describe their immediate plans upon completion of their Marshall Scholarship and why one year spent undertaking a degree in the UK would enhance these plans. As well as describing plans for employment or further study, candidates should indicate how they would develop ongoing connections with the UK, through their UK institution or some other contacts they propose to make while in the UK. In addition they should demonstrate how they intend to fulfil the Marshall Scholarships' objective of becoming ambassadors/representatives for the USA in the UK and vice versa thus strengthening British American understanding. (500 words)

**Brief Statement on future Career Aims**

Candidates should briefly comment on their future career aims. (100 words)

Applicants should register and begin their application at the Marshall site at the same time they complete the RISD internal application.

Following review by RISD's internal process, the college will endorse candidates felt to be most suitable for this award and whose applications best mirror the goals of the Marshall Scholarships.

RISD-nominated students must complete the entire Marshall online application which is then authorized by a designated member of staff at the applicant's undergraduate educational institution (Steve Whitten at RISD). That application goes to a regional (New England) review committee for consideration; selected nominees are then sent to a national jury. Approximately 40 awards are made.

**Information about UK institutions:**

1. The UK Institutions section on the Marshall Scholarship website [www.marshallscholarship.org/studyuk/](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/studyuk/)
2. Prospects Postgraduate Directory. Published in 3 volumes by Graduate Prospects Ltd. Detailed guides to postgraduate study giving information on courses and research opportunities in the UK. Also available as a database on the Graduate Prospects website ([www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)).
3. General information on studying in the UK, undergraduate and postgraduate, is available on the EducationUK website ([www.educationuk.org](http://www.educationuk.org)) and the British Council, British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC20008-3600, Fax: (202)588-7918 ([www.britishcouncil.org/usa](http://www.britishcouncil.org/usa))
4. 'Graduate Study At Universities In The United Kingdom' is available on the ACU's website [www.acu.ac.uk](http://www.acu.ac.uk)