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THE GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gates Cambridge Scholarships web site: <http://www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/>
For a useful article with links on the Gates scholarship, go to: http://www.nafadvisors.org/newsletter_0302.htm

Application forms for the Gates Cambridge Scholarships are available online and from the Director for Graduate and Professional School Advising (Katerina P. King) in the Career Development Center. Additional information about study at the University of Cambridge is available from the website listed above.

TYPE: Nomination by Mount Holyoke NOT required, but assistance from the Director for Graduate and Professional School Advising is strongly advised. If you wish to apply, please contact the Director for Graduate and Professional School Advising. Apply as Senior or Alum.

PURPOSE: In October 2000, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced a donation to the University of Cambridge of \$210 million to establish the Gates Cambridge Trust. This benefaction creates an international scholarship program to enable outstanding graduate students from outside the United Kingdom to study at the University of Cambridge. The Trustees are required to award scholarships on the basis of a person's intellectual ability, leadership capacity and desire to use their knowledge to contribute to society throughout the world by providing service to their communities and applying their talents and knowledge to improve the lives of others. The approved courses of study are full-time residential courses of study as follows: research leading to the PhD degree, one year post-graduate courses, second Bachelor's degree as an Affiliated Student, and MBBChir in Clinical Studies. Gates Cambridge Scholarships are awarded only to students who gain admission to the University through the University's regular procedures.

Over time, Gates Cambridge Scholars will form an integral part and dynamic part of the University's influential international alumni network, bringing vision and new ideas to improving the lives of citizens throughout the world. Cambridge alumni take the lead in applying knowledge and skill to major problems in every walk of life: Gates Cambridge Scholars are expected to use their education for the benefit of others and to improve the commonwealth.

ELIGIBILITY: The Gates Cambridge Scholarship program is an international competition. Applicants from every country except the UK are eligible to apply. International students studying at U.S. institutions are eligible to apply. They must, however, follow the application guidelines and deadlines for students from their country of origin, as the competition may run along different timetables to meet the academic schedules of different parts of the world.

Please note that students are considered for the Gates Scholarship only following their admission to Cambridge. Applicants are advised to pay strict and particular attention to the quality of their Cambridge application, and to thoroughly research their proposed program of study there. For eligibility requirements, refer to the Gates Cambridge website at <http://www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/>, under "Who is Eligible to Apply".

SELECTION CRITERIA: The Gates Cambridge Trust takes advice from the academic committees in Cambridge responsible for determining admission to the University about the respective merits of the applicants. On the basis of that advice, applicants short listed for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship will be invited to an interview. Candidates who are not successful in winning a Gates Cambridge Scholarship will automatically be considered for awards offered by the other Cambridge Trusts. Candidates should note, however, that Trusts cannot admit students to the University or to any of its Colleges.

AWARDS: Gates Cambridge Scholarships cover the full cost of studying in Cambridge and they are awarded solely on merit as the result of competition worldwide. The program will offer a substantial number of scholarships for study as an affiliated student or to pursue taught or research courses of postgraduate study at the University of Cambridge. The scholarships will cover:

- University and College fees at applicable rates
- A maintenance allowance sufficient for a single student

- A further discretionary allowance for study-related activities
- One return economy airfare

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS:

In 2005, an alumna from the class of 2003 was named a Gates Cambridge Scholar.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants intending to pursue a course of graduate study or research at the University of Cambridge from October 2008 **must complete and submit the new 'GRADSAF' application form to the Board of Graduate Studies by the relevant deadline.** By submitting one GRADSAF form per course applied for, candidates will, where eligible, be considered for:

- Admission to a course of graduate study or research by the Board of Graduate Studies
- Admission to a College by one or more of the Cambridge Colleges
- Funding offered by the Cambridge Trusts
- Other awards offered by the University of Cambridge (Overseas Research Studentships, Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Awards and Domestic Research Studentships)

DEADLINES:

A summary of the application deadlines and important notes about eligibility and application procedures for the various types of study are located on the Gates Cambridge website at www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/ under "Application Procedure". Click on the link that applies to your course of study or research you intend to apply for funding, and select the link entitled, "Application deadlines for funding from the Cambridge Trusts".

U.S. Students

- **For new applicants applying for research leading to the degree of PhD or one-year postgraduate course study, the application deadline is Monday, October 15, 2007.**
- **For current or previous Cambridge students applying for research leading to the degree of PhD, the application deadline is Friday, December 14, 2007.**
- **For current or previous Cambridge students applying for one-year postgraduate course study, the application deadline is Thursday, January 31, 2008, or course deadline, whichever is earlier.**

All Other Countries (including candidates from countries of the European Union but excluding candidates from the U.K.)

- **For all applicants applying for research leading to the degree of PhD, the application deadline is Friday, December 14, 2007.**
- **For applicants applying for one-year postgraduate course study, the application deadline is Thursday, January 31, 2008, or course deadline, whichever is earlier.**

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that each portion of the application, including letters of recommendation, is received by the appropriate deadline. If you will be requesting transcripts from other institutions or letters of recommendation from outside the College (particularly outside the U.S.), please do so immediately, as these materials can take several weeks to reach us. If you anticipate a problem meeting a particular deadline or have any questions concerning your application, please contact the Director for Graduate and Professional School Advising at (413) 538-2080.