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WINSTON CHURCHILL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
For Graduate Study in Engineering, Mathematics and Science

Winston Churchill Foundation Scholarship web site: <http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org>
We encourage all applicants to visit this website for more detailed information about the program

Application forms for the Winston Churchill Foundation Scholarship are available on line at the above web site or from the Churchill Foundation Representative (CFR). If you wish to apply, please contact the Churchill Foundation Representative, (Dr. David Gardner) in the Career Development Center to discuss your plans. **Applicants for the Churchill Scholarship must apply separately for admission to the University of Cambridge using the online application. This application is due no later than October 1, 2008 (refer to the website of the Board of Graduate Studies of the University of Cambridge for all requirements and details at <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/gradstud/>).**

TYPE: Nomination by Mount Holyoke College required. Mount Holyoke College may nominate two candidates for this award. Apply as a Senior or recent Alum.

PURPOSE: The Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States was established in 1959 as an expression of American admiration for one of the great leaders of the free world. With the enthusiastic endorsement of Sir Winston, the Foundation undertook to encourage the exchange of knowledge and the sharing of ideas in science and technology between the United States and Great Britain. The Churchill Scholarship Program was established to enable outstanding American students to do graduate work in engineering, mathematics and the physical and natural sciences at Churchill College, Cambridge University. Refer to the above website for a list of eligible fields of study.

ELIGIBILITY: Basic eligibility requirements are:

- U.S. citizenship
- Be between the ages of 19 and 26 upon taking up the Churchill Scholarship
- Hold a bachelor's degree (by the time of matriculation into the Churchill program) or its' equivalent from a U.S. college or university and may not have attained a doctorate

SELECTION CRITERIA: Selection is based on the following: exceptional academic achievement as indicated by course grades (GPAs usually are of at least 3.7 or A-); scores on the Graduate Record Examination; capacity for pursuing original, creative work at an advanced level as shown by special recognition and letters of reference; and outstanding personal qualities as demonstrated by leadership, activities, and social engagement. Applicants in the sciences and engineering will show substantial independent work or other projects, laboratory experience, internships, or other related work, while applicants in math will show substantial independent work or other projects. A screening committee composed of previous Churchill Scholars (academic scientists or advanced graduate students) will review all applications.

AWARDS: The Churchill Scholarship is worth between \$44,000 and \$50,000 depending on the program of study. It covers all University and college tuition and fees (currently about \$25,000). At least twelve scholarships will be offered, tenable for nine or twelve months depending upon the academic program and in addition, students receive a living allowance if enrolled in a nine-month or full-year academic program. In addition, there is a travel allowance of up to \$1,000 for travel to/from the U.K. The Foundation also offers the possibility of a Special Research Grant of up to \$2,000 which may cover travel for presentations at international conferences, short stays at another university or institute for special research, and other activities.

Except for demonstrated health reasons or other emergencies, students who accept a Churchill Scholarship must complete the program of study for which they are admitted, including any such requirements as completion of a thesis and sitting for written or oral examinations. Students who fail to meet this obligation will be required to reimburse the Foundation for monies expended on their behalf. They must also submit two narrative reports to the Churchill

Foundation describing their experiences in Cambridge, one in January and the other upon completion of the academic program.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS: In 2002, the Churchill Foundation invited Mount Holyoke College to participate in the Churchill Scholarship Program and one MHC student was a finalist for the award that year. In 2006, a student majoring in biology was granted this prestigious award.

PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE, LAMINATE OR BIND ANY PART OF THE APPLICATION FORM OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AS THEY WILL BE COPIED FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE ON FELLOWSHIPS!

NOMINATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES:

Early September - Apply for admission to the University of Cambridge (see website for details and specific instructions: <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/gradstud/>). Applicants for the Churchill Scholarship **must** indicate on the Cambridge application that they are applying to Churchill College. **Note: You must use the online application and forms. Deadline is October 1, 2008.**

Monday, October 20, 2008

Submit the following documents directly to the CFR in the Career Development Center:

- A completed **Churchill Foundation Application Form** available at <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/gradstud/admissions/forms> - you may work on the application in sections and save your work if you wish. Once completed online, print, sign and submit it to the CRF (technical questions about the online application should be addressed to Mr. Vijay Renganathan at vrenganathan@iie.org)
- **Proposed program of study** – while your plan will be detailed and technical, it should be comprehensible to a highly educated reader in another field. You should describe in detail what you would like to accomplish during your year
- **Personal Statement** – should be an intellectual autobiography that describes the development of your intellectual interests, the importance of research for you, or other crucial aspect of your work in the sciences, engineering, or mathematics. Discuss other work and activities that provide a picture of who you are and who you want to be
- **Four academic letters of recommendation** – guidelines for the Scholarship Recommendation Reports are available at http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org/Forms/recommendation_form.pdf. Applicants should complete and sign the top portion of the form and forward it to the recommender. The recommender should complete the bottom portion of the form and return to the CRF along with his/her letter (**please remind recommenders that this form must be returned along with the letter of recommendation**). Note: It is useful to share your resume and draft of your Research Plan and Personal statement with your recommender.
- **Official transcripts** from each institution attended, including study abroad (note: MHC unofficial transcripts may be submitted to the Committee on Fellowships for the interview, however if nominated, official transcripts will be required for final application submission). Transcripts are to be sent directly to the CRF.

Tuesday, October 28 – Friday, October 31, 2008

The Committee on Fellowships will meet to interview and select Mount Holyoke College's nominee(s).

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Final application and materials must be submitted to the CFR. You must submit the following:

- Churchill Foundation application form including your revised statement of purpose
- **Cambridge University application form** (Special instructions – Applicants must indicate Churchill College as their first choice in Section A(4) "College membership." In Section B(3) applicants should indicate that they are applying for a Churchill Scholarship: indicate "Yes" as tenable at the University of Cambridge; leave blank the section "Awarded"; indicated one year for Tenure; indicate March of the appropriate year for Date: and indicate £22,000-£25,000 as the Value of the Scholarship.
- Official transcripts from the institutions attended
- **Eight passport-size photographs; and medical certificate signed by examining physician**
- Graduate Record Examination General Test - the Foundation no longer requires the Subject Test. Select a test date so that the Churchill Foundation will receive the score no later than the end of November. The Institution Code List number for the Winston Churchill Foundation is **3922**. Scores on the GRE taken in the past two years are acceptable and MCAT scores may be substituted for the GRE.

The CDC will make all necessary photocopies, assemble your application package, and mail it.

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Final application and materials must be received by the Churchill Foundation Screening Committee. Applicants are notified in January 2009 whether or not they have been endorsed by the Screening Committee.

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

The Winston Churchill Foundation makes final decisions and announces those chosen for the Churchill Scholarships.

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 Churchill Foundation Representative (CFR), Dr. David Gardner, at (413) 538-2080.