Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Marshall, Mitchell and/or Rhodes Scholarships. All three awards require applicants at the national level to be endorsed by Kansas State University. You complete this campus application to be considered for that endorsement.

The campus deadline is March 30, 2020. Late applications will be accepted but may not receive prime consideration.

You may ask the committee to consider you for one or more of these three awards. However, the Rhodes and Mitchell interview nationally on the same day. Consider that as you plan your candidacy.

Students who are nominated at the campus level will be able to apply nationally with the general expectation that they will be endorsed in the national competition. However, since there is a distinction between the campus application and those required at the national level, we do retain the right to make the final decision regarding endorsement based upon the quality of the materials that are submitted nationally.

There are also several other major awards that could potentially support graduate study in the same region of the world. I encourage you to also explore the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, the Fulbright U.S. Student Grant, and the Erasmus Mundus program.

I will hold Informational Meetings concerning the Marshall, Mitchell and Rhodes in 215 Fairchild Hall at the following times:

- **February 25** Tuesday 4:00 PM
- **February 28** Friday 4:00 PM

I look forward to seeing you there and/or talking with you individually about these exciting opportunities.

Sincerely,

Jim Hohenbary
Director of Nationally Competitive Scholarships
Kansas State University
215 Fairchild Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506
785-532-3422
[jimlth@ksu.edu](mailto:jimlth@ksu.edu)
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**Helpful Websites**

Marshall

[www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org)  
Marshall Scholarship Homepage

Mitchell

[www.us-irelandalliance.org](http://www.us-irelandalliance.org)  
US-Ireland Alliance → Scholarships

Rhodes

[www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org)  
Rhodes Scholarship Homepage

Supplemental Resources

[https://www.studying-in-uk.org/uk-university-map/](https://www.studying-in-uk.org/uk-university-map/)  
Interactive Map of UK Universities

[www.studyinbritain.com](http://www.studyinbritain.com)  
Study in Britain & Ireland

[www.guardian.co.uk/education/universityguide](http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/universityguide)  
*Guardian* University Rankings

[www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings](http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings)  
University League Tables  
(another ranking of UK schools)

[www.ref.ac.uk](http://www.ref.ac.uk)  
2014 Research Excellence Framework  
(Use the REF “Results” to see which schools are ranked well in terms of research productivity by discipline).

Please note that, while ratings and ranking systems can help you generate a list of schools that merit further investigation, any ranking scheme should be taken with a grain of salt.

It is particularly important to note that some schools with less than stellar overall ratings may still be quite strong in particular disciplines. Likewise, top schools overall can also be weak in a particular discipline, or simply not have experts that align well with your area of focus.
Award Descriptions and Eligibility

RHODES
The Rhodes funds graduate study at Oxford University in England for two to three years. The award funds all costs of education, defrays travel cost across the Atlantic, and provides a stipend for living expenses and travel.

Nominees apply nationally (online) to the appropriate Rhodes District Secretary. Finalists are invited to interview in one of sixteen districts. Two scholars per district are chosen.

Conditions of eligibility:
- You must have been born after October 1, 1996 to compete in the Fall 2020 application cycle, or you have to be under 29 years old and have completed your first undergraduate degree within the last two years.
- You must complete your undergraduate degree by May 2021.
- You must hold United States citizenship or citizenship in another eligible country.
- If you are unsuccessful in your first application to the Rhodes Scholarships, you may subsequently re-apply only once more, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria.

MARSHALL
The Marshall funds graduate study at practically any school in the United Kingdom for one or two years, three years in some instances.

Nominees apply (online) to regions that are determined by place of permanent residence. Finalists are invited to interview in that region. Marshall Scholars are chosen from those finalists.

Conditions of eligibility:
- You should have completed at least two semesters at Kansas State by the national deadline (mainly applies to graduate students). Please talk with Jim Hohenbary if you have not met this criterion but meet all others.
- You must complete your undergraduate degree between May 2018 and May 2021.
- You must hold United States citizenship.
- You must have a 3.7 GPA or higher, excluding your freshman year. Higher GPAs are generally more competitive though.
- You cannot already hold a British degree.

MITCHELL
The Mitchell funds one year of graduate study in Ireland. Flexibility in program/school placement is important. Note that there is no campus nomination process for graduate students who want to apply for the Mitchell. Graduate students should make an appointment to meet with me individually before completing this application.

Nominees apply (online) to the national headquarters. There are computer-mediated preliminary interviews, and then finalists are invited to interview in Washington DC.

Conditions of eligibility:
- You must hold US citizenship.
- You must complete your undergraduate degree by August 2021.
- You must be under 30 on October 1, 2020.
- Slight preference is given to those who have not visited Ireland before.
Application Instructions

You are encouraged to type directly into the application (starting on page 6 of this file). However, please contact me to discuss alternatives if you are having compatibility problems with the MS Word format. Save often.

A completed campus application will consist of:

1. Transcripts from ALL schools where you have earned college credit.
2. At least five letters of reference.
3. Completed and printed copy of Pages 8-9 of this form.
4. Study proposal, essay, and résumé as detailed on Page 10.

Please DO NOT STAPLE anything together (it hinders duplication). Paper clips are fine.

SUBMIT the application to 215 Fairchild Hall. You may also submit electronically to jimith@ksu.edu.

The following comments address individual segments of the application in more detail . . .

1. You should review your ELIGIBILITY first to make sure your time is well spent. You can review that information quickly on Page 3. Check with Jim Hohenbary if you have questions.

2. TRANSCRIPTS cannot be obtained for you. You should order one official transcript from each and every college or university that has granted you college credit. An unofficial K-State transcript is acceptable (DARS reports are NOT acceptable though) and can be printed off of KSIS through the Other Academics section. You can submit the transcripts with your application or you can request that the schools mail them to . . .

   Jim Hohenbary
   Kansas State University
   215 Fairchild Hall
   Manhattan, KS 66506

3. For LETTERS OF REFERENCE start the process by asking each individual (politely) if they are willing to write a strong letter on your behalf. If they agree to help you, then please share Pages 6 and Page 7 of this packet with each willing recommender. It is also advisable to share your résumé and discuss your plans for the future with these individuals.

   Request at least five letters. We advise students to solicit more if they can. You should have taken university classes from at least four recommenders. Include at least two professors in your major. References need not all come from faculty though. Variety is good. Please request these letters in a formal, organized and timely way. As a general rule, it is good manners to request letters of recommendation at least three weeks before they are due. You want to obtain positive and carefully written letters without annoying the people who like you.

   Your letter writers should write one overall letter to the campus committee. If you are nominated, they will then delineate for each national competition.

4. The PERSONAL STATEMENT should discuss your future goals and current perspective in a way that introduces the reader to you and your relevant life experience. These awards seek individuals who aspire to make a substantial impact through their future plans. Thus, you should find a way to articulate why you believe your goals, if reached, matter. Your current major and future aspirations should show a logical progression.
Your essay should not exceed 1000 words. You may read samples of strong essays in my office if you feel this will prove helpful to you.

5. The RÉSUMÉ should focus primarily on activities and honors from your college years. However, please include older items that you view as truly significant. Include dates. You should also mention any unique interests or talents that you have. We would prefer too much detail over an incomplete account.

6. The PROGRAM OF STUDY should outline what you would propose to study in the UK and/or Ireland. You only need to provide details related to the awards for which you hope to apply. While we appreciate seeing thoughtful and informed choices that reasonably reflect your interests, the proposal is not binding. We expect that nominees will continue to refine their curriculum plans once they are chosen as candidates.

Here are some tips regarding the search for a plan of study:

- The Mitchell values flexibility. For the Mitchell, you should verify that there would be programs of interest at multiple schools in Ireland.
- Your proposed field of study does not have to be exactly the same as your undergraduate major. However, candidates who look like they are trying to “change directions” are typically not nominated.
- For Rhodes or Marshall you may combine two programs of study (one year each) instead of selecting a single degree. Marshall candidates may propose to split their tenure between two different universities.
- While Marshall will consider proposals for only spending one year in the UK, it is not their preferred option.
- It is not possible to pursue an MD through these degrees. This also applies to fields such as optometry and physical therapy. Future medical students will often target a complementary degree instead. MBA degrees and JD degrees are not typically workable either. Once again, choosing a research complement is probably your best option.
- Talk with your professors. Some have studied in Ireland or the UK, or know colleagues there.
- Use the 2014 Research Excellence Framework website to initially narrow your list of schools to those whose graduate programs in your field are rated highly.
- Many candidates apply for study at Oxford, Cambridge and/or LSE. However, the Marshall only permits you to list one of those three among your two choices. You can list Oxford as your first choice for the Marshall if you desire.
- Cambridge is strong in science and engineering fields (among others). Students in those fields should look carefully at the Gates Cambridge Scholarship as another good option.

### TIMELINE

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Marshall/Mitchell/Rhodes Recommendation Request Form

To:

From:

I am requesting a letter of recommendation for the campus nomination process for the scholarships listed above. If I am nominated I will also request a revised and/or updated draft for submission at the national level in early October 2020.

In both instances I grant you permission to include any information that is considered confidential under FERPA (the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) that you might deem relevant. This includes information about my grades/GPA/class rank and details regarding specific projects/tests/assignments. It also includes candid evaluation regarding my performance in relation to any of those elements.

In addition, I acknowledge that the Code of Ethics for the National Association of Fellowship Advisers states that students should: “Neither compose their own letters for faculty to sign (even at the request of faculty) nor ask faculty members to show them their letters of recommendation.”

I also waive [ ] or do NOT waive [ ] my right to request a copy of your letter at any time in the future. I do understand that letters written confidentially will generally carry more weight. I also understand that I will not – under any circumstance – be able to obtain a copy of your letter from the Kansas State University Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships or from the national organizations associated with these competitions.

Signed ________________________________

Date:
Instructions for Recommenders

Kansas State University can only endorse a limited number of candidates nationally in the Marshall, Mitchell and Rhodes competitions. Accordingly, the selection of nominees must reflect a very high standard. Letters of recommendation are an important part of this. We do very much appreciate your willingness to write on behalf of your student. Thank you.

Enthusiastic letters that supply meaningful detail are highly valued by the committee. Candid evaluations will help us make good decisions. A brief sketch of what is sought in each competition is included below:

- **MARSHALL**
  Funds graduate study at practically any school in the United Kingdom for one to three years. “Preference will be given to candidates who combine high academic ability with the capacity to play an active part in the life of the United Kingdom university to which they go, and to those who display the potential to make a significant contribution to their own society.”

- **MITCHELL**
  Funds one year of graduate study in Ireland. Intended to introduce future American leaders from all majors to Ireland. “Applicants are judged on three criteria: Scholarship, Leadership and Sustained Commitment to community and public service.”

- **RHODES**
  Funds graduate study at Oxford University in England for one to three years. “The intellectual standard sought is very high. Candidates will also be required to show integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings, the ability to lead and the energy to use their talents to the fullest. One may infer that Cecil Rhodes expected his scholars to play an influential part in the betterment of society wherever their careers might take them.”

Here are some additional details specific to the campus nomination process:

1. Please send/address your letter to: Jim Hohenbary  
   Kansas State University  
   215 Fairchild Hall  
   Manhattan, KS 66506

2. I will accept letters electronically. Send to jimlth@ksu.edu if that is your preference.

3. At the campus level, do NOT write distinct letters for each competition. There is only one campus committee.

4. Recommenders sometimes ask about the appropriate greeting. Dear Selection Committee is fine.

5. If your student is nominated, you will need to upload updated, delineated and distinctly addressed, letters to the appropriate national competitions in September 2020.

6. The campus deadline is **March 30, 2020**.

7. Please contact me (Jim Hohenbary) at (785) 532-3422 or jimlth@ksu.edu if you have questions or concerns. Thank you again for your time and effort in support of these excellent students.
# 2020 Campus Application

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I am applying for candidacy for the: Marshall ☐ Mitchell ☐ Rhodes ☐
I also intend to apply for the: Gates ☐ Fulbright ☐ Other ☐

I am a US citizen: ☐ OR I will apply for the Rhodes as a citizen of the following eligible country:

Have you studied at any British school previously? Please provide a short explanation if so:

## REFERENCES

Soliciting at least eight letters of reference is preferred for the campus competition (five minimum). At least four should come from faculty with whom you have taken classes.

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**AVAILABILITY**

A faculty panel will conduct interviews with the most qualified applicants as the final step in the campus nomination process.

Check those times when you are **NOT** free for an interview. Please indicate your availability as generously as possible (to keep me from pulling my hair out). The campus interview will only take 15-20 minutes.

Although formal dress is not required, applicants are advised to dress respectfully.

Select all the times you are **NOT** available for a 15-20 minute interview.

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Are there any exceptional dates where your availability might differ from the schedule above?

If you are currently studying abroad when do you anticipate returning to Kansas? Also indicate if you have access to Skype.
ESSAYS & RÉSUMÉ

The following documents are the essential heart of your application and closely mirror what you are asked to provide at the national level. Include the personal statement, study proposal and résumé with Pages 8-9 of this template when you hand in your application.

Letters of reference and transcripts may arrive separately.

Please use Times New Roman to complete the essays and limit your font size to either 11 or 12 pt. Double or 1½ spacing for essays is also appreciated. Do not staple the pages together.

1. STUDY PROPOSAL

Briefly indicate which award(s) you would like to apply for nationally: Marshall, Mitchell and/or Rhodes. Tell us what degree(s) you would seek, including the focus of your studies within that degree / what scholarly questions you hope to explore. Limit your answer to 750 words or less for the entire document.

☐ For Rhodes, tell us what you hope to study at Oxford University.

☐ For the Marshall, you can propose to study at virtually any university in the United Kingdom. Tell us your ideal program of study and what attracts you to it. Also tell us about an alternative UK program that would meet the same objectives.

☐ For the Mitchell, they value flexibility. Just tell us what you want to study and demonstrate that there are multiple schools in Ireland that would accommodate that topic rather than singling out a particular school.

2. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Limit your essay to about 1000 words or less. Write your essay in a clear and direct manner. We are looking for a biographical view of you that helps us understand your future goals and your view of the world that animates those goals. Make sure we know:

1. What you hope to accomplish in the future.
2. Why you care about and are committed to those goals.
3. What experiences have shaped your current outlook and direction.

The best personal statements make an argument about what the writer believes about the world and what they hope to accomplish while introducing the reader to an interesting person (you).

Do please note that the word “passion” is so overused that it becomes a liability in most essays.

4. LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES (RÉSUMÉ)

You may use an existing résumé as a starting point, both in terms of content and style. You are not limited to one page. Use as many pages as necessary for a complete listing.

Along with the employment, internship and extracurricular data that you would typically include in your résumé, we are also interested in travel and international study, research efforts, volunteer work, projects you have initiated, hobbies, athletic efforts, scholarships/awards/prizes, leadership roles and artistic projects. To put it another way . . . you should include anything that has claimed your time and enthusiasm.