

## Winston Churchill Foundation Scholarship

From the Churchill foundation...

“Established in 1963 at the recommendation of Winston Churchill himself, the Winston Churchill Foundation is the only organization in the United States that bears his name and that was authorized by Sir Winston. The Foundation’s Scholarship Program offers American students of exceptional ability and outstanding academic achievement the opportunity to pursue one year of graduate studies in engineering, mathematics, or the sciences at Churchill College, the University of Cambridge. The newest of the colleges at the University of Cambridge, Churchill College was built in tribute to Winston Churchill, who in the years after the Second World War presciently recognized the growing importance of science and technology for prosperity and security. Churchill College focuses on the sciences, engineering, and mathematics, but Churchill Scholars pursue their research in a wide variety of programs and laboratories.

In addition to the academic treasures of Cambridge University, the Churchill Scholarships provide the opportunity to experience life in England and to visit the country’s archeological, historical, and artistic monuments, to forge new friendships with students from Great Britain and from around the world, to see the United States from a new perspective, and to gain the many personal insights that come from living abroad and adjusting to new ways and new challenges.”

### **Campus Deadline: October 30, 2006**

The Churchill Scholarship provides for a year of graduate study in engineering, mathematics, or science at Churchill College, Cambridge University. 11 awarded per year.

U.S. citizens between the ages of 19 and 26 with a B.A. or B.S. (a master's degree is acceptable, but not a doctorate) with a strong academic record (generally 3.7+) are eligible to apply.

### **Eligible Fields**

Anatomy, Biochemistry, Biological Anthropology, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Speech and Language Processing, Engineering, Environment and Development, Epidemiology, Genetics, Mathematics, Mathematical Statistics, Metallurgy and Materials Science, Microelectronic Engineering and Semiconductor Physics, Pathology, Pharmacology, Physics, Plant Sciences, Polar Studies, Quarternary Science, and Zoology.

Applicants should submit their materials to the Committee on Fellowships for review by October 30. Up to two students can be nominated to be put forward in the national Churchill Scholarship competition.

**1. Completed Churchill Application:** official application forms that can be downloaded from the Churchill web site <http://www.winstonchurchillfoundation.org>

**2. Proposed course of study at Cambridge (1 page typed):** *Include laboratory placement information, if applicable; here state preference for placement in a specific research laboratory and explain. If none, please indicate.* The student's proposed course of study at Cambridge should reflect a clear awareness of the faculty and facilities available there, and an understanding of the British higher educational system. Applicants should begin researching appropriate degree programs no later than spring term preceding the year of application.

**3. Personal Statement (up to two pages typed):** this is a brief autobiography, including an account of your interest in science, your reasons for wishing to attend Churchill College, and your career plans.

**4. One transcript from each college/university attended.**

**5. *Four two-page reference reports completed by referees*** (not two as stated in the Cambridge University Application form). Faculty members who know you well are asked to provide information on your academic qualifications, specifically your knowledge of the field, originality and imagination, and potential for success in the field. Recommenders are also asked to comment on your personal characteristics, particularly on your adaptability, maturity, and quality as an ambassador. If you plan to do a research degree, it is vital that your recommenders be able to comment on your ability to work independently and carry out research. Recommenders should use the form provided in the application.

**6. Scores on the GRE** (general test and subject test, the latter in a field of the applicant's choosing). Applicants should select a test date that will assure receipt of the scores at the Churchill Foundation by mid-December. Applicants may take the written GREs or the computer, walk-in tests. MCAT scores may be substituted for the GRE. Engineering students are not required to take a subject test.

Information about the Churchill Scholarship program and application materials are available from the official Churchill Foundation web page. The scholarship covers all tuition and fees and includes a living allowance will be paid in pounds sterling, either 6,400 or 7,500 depending upon the length of the course of study. In addition there is a travel grant of \$500. In all, the Churchill Scholarship, at current rates of exchange, is worth between \$31,000 and \$36,000, depending on the course of study.