# COMPARISON CHART OF MARSHALL, MITCHELL, AND RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

UNC Chapel Hill's Office of Distinguished Scholarships

## PART ONE: Which Scholarship is Best for You?

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<td>Purpose</td>
<td>Grad study in any field at a UK university</td>
<td>Grad study in any field at an Irish university</td>
<td>Grad study in any field at Oxford University</td>
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<td>Eligibility</td>
<td>Must have a (first) bachelor’s degree from the U.S. no more than three years prior to starting Marshall</td>
<td>Must be between 18 and 30 (on Sept 29th of year of application) Bachelor’s degree from U.S. or international institution GPA above 3.7 usually expected</td>
<td>Must be between 18 and 24 as of October 1 in year of application. Bachelor's degree from institution located in the U.S. or its territories by October 1 of year starting at Oxford Nearly perfect GPA expected</td>
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<td>Source of Information</td>
<td>marshallscholarship.org</td>
<td>us-irelandalliance.org</td>
<td>rhodesscholar.org</td>
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(Please check the websites for up-to-date information)

## PART TWO: Selecting Your Course of Study and University

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<td>Length of program</td>
<td>1-3 years (applicants select the one-year or two-year program; two-year Marshall Scholars can extend to a third year)</td>
<td>1 year</td>
<td>2-3 years (renewable for a third year)</td>
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<td>Possible degrees to pursue</td>
<td>Master’s PhD</td>
<td>Master’s only</td>
<td>Second bachelor’s Master’s PhD (partially supported after three years, if it is longer than a 3-year program)</td>
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<td>University Affiliations</td>
<td>Marshall info: marshallsscholarship.org/studyuk/chooseuniversity</td>
<td>Mitchell info: Us-irelandalliance.org/content/9/en/Higher%20Education%20Institutions%20in%20Ireland.html</td>
<td>Oxford University Read about programs here: ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate</td>
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<td>Other sources: theguardian.com/education/universityguide</td>
<td>Other source: educationinireland.com/en/Where-can-I-study-/View-all-Universities-Colleges/</td>
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<td>study-uk.britishcouncil.org/prospects.ac.uk/universities</td>
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<td>More About the Programs</td>
<td>Exclusions: Marshall does NOT fund the following programs:</td>
<td>Mitchell Scholars may study at any of the following institutions of higher education:</td>
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<td>At any university: Second BA/BSc degrees; MBA; Professional degrees in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and law; Degrees that require extended periods away from the University or the UK, including joint degrees with Universities not in the UK; PGDip/Certificates in any subject; MSc/MFE Financial Economics; supervised research not leading to a degree</td>
<td>Dublin City University</td>
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<td>At Oxford only: MPhil Development Studies; MSc Global Health Science; MSc International Health and Tropical Medicine; MSc Law and Finance; MPP (Public Policy)</td>
<td>Dublin Institute of Technology</td>
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<td>University Choices to List</td>
<td>Must have first and second choices for each year.</td>
<td>List at least three options from the approved list.</td>
<td>Oxford University is the only choice.</td>
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<td>One year Marshall Scholarship candidates must be registered for degrees that are no shorter than 12 months.</td>
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<td><strong>Number of letters required</strong></td>
<td>3 for endorsement stage; 4 for Marshall application</td>
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<td>4 for endorsement stage; 5-8 for Rhodes application</td>
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<td><strong>Who should write the letters</strong></td>
<td>Two should be from professors who can speak in detail about your scholarly work &amp; potential. One may be non-academic. Choose someone who knows you well and can give specific comments on your ambassadorial and leadership potential for success outside of your scholarly work and/or research. Applicants must designate one Preferred Recommender and this recommender should have supervised your college or university training.</td>
<td>Two of your recommendation letters should be from professors with whom you have done academic work. Two recommendation letters may be character references.</td>
<td>At least three of your four letters should come from professors who can speak in detail about your scholarly work and potential. No more than one of these four letters should be character reference letters.</td>
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<td><strong>Contact recommenders</strong></td>
<td>Spring of your junior year if you are applying to go abroad after your senior year.</td>
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<td><strong>Other notes</strong></td>
<td>Letters must not exceed 1,000 words. Applicants who receive UNC’s endorsement will need to collect up to 1 additional recommendation letter (for a total of 4 letters) to apply for the Marshall Scholarships.</td>
<td>Letter must not exceed 750 words. Applicants who receive UNC’s endorsement will need to collect up to 1 additional letter (for a total of 4 letters) to apply for the Mitchell Scholarship. Must include email, mailing address and phone number of all recommenders.</td>
<td>Letter must not exceed 2 pages. Applicants who receive UNC’s endorsement will need to collect 1-4 additional letters to apply online to the Rhodes Scholarships, for a total of 5-8 letters. No more than two or three of these letters should be recommendations regarding the applicant’s character.</td>
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### Part Four: Preparing the Personal Statements

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| **Number and Length of Essays** | Personal statement – 1,000 word limit  
Proposed academic program – 500 words  
Leadership essay – 500 words  
Ambassador potential – 500 words | Personal Statement – 1,000 word limit | Personal Statement – 1,000 word limit |
| **Getting Help for your Personal Statement** | Allowed. | Not allowed.  
"I attest that this essay is my own work and is wholly truthful. Neither it nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application." | Not allowed.  
"All applicants must attest that their personal statements are their own work, is wholly truthful, and without edits or suggestions from others. Applicants must also attest that any such editing or review would disqualify their application." |
| **Resume/CV** | In application:  
Paid employment (200 word max)  
Unpaid employment (200)  
Publications (200)  
Personal interests/leadership (300)  
Foreign travel (50)  
Language proficiency (30)  
Grants, prizes, medals (100)  
Other applications for British scholarships (50)  
Post scholarship plan (300) | In application:  
List up to 5 awards/activities for each category (all descriptions 200 words max)  
1. Academic Achievements/Awards  
2. Leadership Activities  
3. Community Service  
4. Misc. Awards/Activities | Upload (2 page max):  
Curriculum vitae or factual list of principal activities and honors whilst at school or college, at or since leaving University. This should include details about prizes, scholarships, positions of leadership, involvement in student, voluntary, community or political activities and any cultural, musical or sporting accomplishments. |
| **Other things required** | Printed copy of transcript to mail; Short written discussions about personal interests and non-academic activities, future career aims, and foreign travel & languages | Mitchell also requires a personal video.  
Additional requirements: passport style photo, unofficial transcripts, signature, university choices and study options, resume. | A list not longer than 2 pages of activities and honors in college; headshot; endorsement letter, 5-8 rec letters.  
After endorsement: Proof of citizenship and certified transcript |
### PART FIVE: The UNC Endorsement Interview

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<td>Endorsement Deadline (for applying to ODS)</td>
<td>August 1</td>
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<td>UNC Endorsement Interview Info</td>
<td>Will take place during the first week of classes in the Fall</td>
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<td>Graduate students and non-students do not submit institutional endorsements.</td>
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### PART SIX: What happens if I am endorsed by UNC?

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<td>Foundation Deadline &amp; Final Submission</td>
<td>Early October (TBD)</td>
<td>Late September (TBD)</td>
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<td>Subsequent Interviews</td>
<td>Shortlisted candidates will be called for interview in November. Interviews are usually in the first two weeks of November.</td>
<td><strong>Video Interview:</strong> Once your application has been received and certified as complete after the initial deadline, you will receive information about the required video interview. You will have approximately 48 hours to submit the video interview. <strong>Semi-Finalist Skype Interviews:</strong> Late October <strong>Finalist Weekend:</strong> Weekend before Thanksgiving</td>
<td>The applicant must be prepared to attend a reception and personal interview, and remain for possible repeat interviews and the election announcement, in the city serving the respective district region, on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday. Students will have at least two weeks’ notice that they are invited to the final interviews.</td>
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<td>Winners Announced</td>
<td>The final selection will be announced shortly after interview—mid November.</td>
<td>The winners are selected and notified at the time of the final interview.</td>
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