

*The British National Memorial to
President Kennedy*

KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIPS

AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

AND THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

In 1965 a Fund was set up in the United Kingdom by public subscription to commemorate President John F. Kennedy. A Memorial was created at Runnymede in perpetuity; and Scholarships to the United States are offered every year to United Kingdom graduates.

The Scholarships are tenable at Harvard or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Boston was President Kennedy's home and he attended Harvard University, where his name is honoured in the Harvard Kennedy School.

PROSPECTUS FOR 2012 – 2013

1. Kennedy Scholarships, tenable for one year, will be awarded for the academic year 2012-2013 at Harvard University and MIT. Students who are applying for two-year Master's or PhD programmes will normally secure the necessary funding for second or subsequent years within their institution.
2. Candidates must, at the same time as applying for a Kennedy Scholarship, make a separate and independent application for admission direct to Harvard and/or MIT. See www.harvard.edu and www.mit.edu. A Kennedy Scholarship provides funding but does not carry automatic admission to Harvard or MIT, except in the situations described below:

Candidates wishing to study as non-degree students at the Harvard Kennedy School or as Special Students on the Technology and Policy Program at MIT will gain automatic admission upon their application to these programmes, once their award is confirmed. (Please comply with application deadlines in both instances.)

3. Those applying for awards must be:
 - British citizens at the time of application;
 - ordinarily resident in the UK;
 - wholly or mainly educated in the UK.Applications cannot be accepted from those already in the United States. Marriage is not a bar to the award of a Scholarship, but there is no financing for a spouse.
4. All applicants must have spent two of the past five years studying at a UK University or University College. In addition, they may be:
 - studying for a first degree and due to graduate in the academic year 2011-2012;
 - studying for a higher degree and due to graduate in the academic year 2011-2012;
 - studying for a PhD and hoping for a year as a Visiting Fellow, after which at least one additional year is expected before submission of the thesis;
 - a graduate of a UK university or university college who graduated not earlier than 2009.

5. In awarding Scholarships, the Trustees will take into consideration candidates' intellectual ability, readiness and ability to express themselves, wider interests and attainments, the focus and value of their proposed course of study at Harvard or MIT and their capacity for future leadership.
6. Candidates intending to apply to the Harvard Kennedy School for admission to degree programmes are advised to contact Annie Thomas at the Kennedy Trust office (020 7222 1151) for guidance.
7. Awards will not be made to post-doctoral candidates who wish to pursue further research in their own field.

Conditions

8. Scholars will be required to devote most of their time to one of the faculties of the university to which they are admitted. They may be registered on a degree programme, or may study as a Special Student/non-degree or as a Visiting Fellow.
9. Scholars will receive a stipend of \$24,000 to cover living costs, any special equipment needed, and some travel within the United States. Scholars are expected to spend part of their summer vacation in the United States after the end of the academic year and may apply for an additional grant of \$2,500 to pay for vacation travel. One outward and return air fare will be paid for by the Trust, and tuition fees will be paid direct to the institution concerned.

Applications

10. Applications are to be made online at www.kennedytrust.org.uk
11. In addition to completing an online form, applicants will be asked to submit an essay (which MUST NOT exceed 1,000 words) giving an account of their academic pursuits, general activities and intellectual interests, plus reasons for wishing to study in the United States, choice of course and institution and plans for the future.
12. The closing date for applications will be midnight on Sunday 30th October 2011.

References

13. Applicants will be asked to give names and professional email addresses of two referees. The first should have supervised some aspect of the applicant's academic work at university. The second may be non-academic but should be familiar with the applicant's performance at university and afterwards.
14. ***Both references must be submitted online by midnight on Sunday 6th November for the application to be accepted.***

Interviews and Selection

15. Selected applicants will be invited to London for interview on either Wednesday 4th or Thursday 5th January 2012. Interview candidates should ensure they attend in person in London on the date requested. A birth certificate or other nationality papers will be required at this time. Those awarded Scholarships will be asked to provide a medical certificate.
16. Candidates selected to receive Scholarships will be notified by the end of January but confirmation of the award cannot be made until May, when admission to Harvard or MIT has been granted.
17. Please note that it is not possible for the Trustees to provide candidates with comments on unsuccessful applications.

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