

## Churchill Scholarship

The Churchill Scholarship was established at the request of Sir Winston Churchill as part of the founding of Churchill College, Cambridge. It fulfills his vision of deepening the US–UK partnership in order to advance science and technology on both sides of the Atlantic, ensuring our future prosperity and security.

The Churchill Foundation awards 16 Churchill scholarships annually. The scholarship is for one year of Master’s study (courses run between 9 and 12 months). The award covers tuition, roundtrip airfare to the UK, visa fees and health surcharge, and a stipend that is set 5% higher than the UK Research Council standard. Recipients are eligible to apply for a \$4,000 special research grant. The total value is around \$75,000.

The Churchill Foundation is looking for students with:

- Outstanding academic achievement. While there is no minimum GPA, most applicants have a very high average. The Churchill Foundation will look at the applicant’s achievement in STEM courses, especially in the major, as indicated by course grades and recommendation letters.
- Proven talent in research. Science and Engineering students should demonstrate extensive laboratory experience, internships, or other related work. Applicants in mathematics should show substantial independent work or other projects. All applicants should demonstrate originality and creativity.
- Outstanding personal qualities. The Churchill Foundation does not seek “well-rounded applicants.” Instead, it seeks applicants with interesting “jagged edges,” and takes into account interests and achievements outside of research but does not favor any particular kind of activity.

### **Eligibility**

Churchill Scholarship Applicants must meet the following:

1. Be a U.S. Citizen
2. Fully enrolled at UT Austin and graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Fall 2025 or Spring 2026

**OR**

Graduated from UT Austin within the last 12 months with a bachelor’s degree

### **Nomination**

The College of Natural Sciences will identify and nominate up to two students to represent The University of Texas at Austin for the Churchill Scholarship. Students interested in being considered for a formal nomination should complete the application process outlined below by the campus deadline. This information can also be found on the Churchill Scholarship [website](https://www.churchillscholarship.org/).

## **Application Process**

1. Select a Course. See the [Programs of Study](#) page for a list of eligible courses.
2. Fill out the online application. This will include the application form, a 1-page Proposed Program of Study, a 2-page Academic and Research History, transcripts, and correspondence with a potential lab supervisor (if applicable). Details on each of these parts can be found once you register and log in to the [online application portal](#).
3. Request four academic letters of recommendation from people who are directly familiar with your academic or research work. Instructions for the letter writers can be found [here](#).
4. Apply to the [University of Cambridge](#). You must put [Churchill College](#) as your first choice and your application must be for an MPhil or MAST. Since Cambridge has rolling admissions, it is strongly suggested that you apply no later than mid-October.
5. Complete the online application and press “SUBMIT.” CNS - UT Austin will still need to formally nominate your application but your application is not accessible to us until you have submitted it. If you are selected for nomination, we will request that your application is returned in order to make edits before submitting a final version.

Information above is directly from the “Apply” section on the [Churchill Scholarship Website](#). Students should visit the website for more application details.

## **Deadlines**

- Campus deadline: September 29, 2025 – 11:59 PM Central Time
- National Deadline: November 3, 2025 – 5:00 PM Eastern Time

Students wanting to be considered for an institutional nomination must meet the campus deadline. The campus deadline allows time for CNS – UT Austin to both determine its nominees and to allow the nominee(s) time to work on any edits necessary.

Questions? Contact [scholarships@cns.utexas.edu](mailto:scholarships@cns.utexas.edu).