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## THE MARSHALL AID COMMEMORATION COMMISSION'S REPORT TO HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

Pursuant to Section 2(6) of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Act 1953, we have the honour to submit the report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ending 30 September 2019.



### Welcome from Mr Christopher Fisher

In September 2019 it was my particular pleasure to welcome as many as 48 new Marshall Scholars to London at the start of their scholarship programme in the UK; this number compares with the 32 Scholars I had welcomed three years earlier. This 50 per cent increase in award numbers has arisen in two ways: firstly, the Prime Minister, in his then capacity as Foreign Secretary, decided at the end of 2016 to increase the Commission's FCO grant by one third, building up over three years, which enabled eight additional awards to be made; and secondly, the Commission responded to this renewed endorsement of the Marshall Scholarship Programme by seeking increased third party support and has succeeded in attracting a doubling in its value, enabling a further eight awards to be funded. Overall, therefore, 32 of the 48 awards have been provided by the FCO while 16 were effectively funded by third parties. The catalytic effect of the Foreign Office's strengthened commitment to the Programme is thereby self-evident, and we look forward to that level of commitment being sustained in the years ahead.

The greatest source of increased third party support has come from British universities and colleges where our partnership model has been both broadened and deepened. Nearly all our Scholars will be studying at partner institutions, and I thank them most sincerely for their valuable support.

If the scale and financial sustainability of the Programme have been transformed in recent years, the Commission has also been increasingly focused on the qualitative aspects of the Programme, starting with Scholar selection. Rightly we select on merit, looking for academic excellence and leadership and ambassadorial potential. I believe we have been very successful in meeting these criteria but, as future people of influence, we also want the Class we select to have the attributes of talented young America. Our efforts in relation to diversity and outreach are clearly yielding positive results, though we recognise this remains a work in progress.

We have also increasingly been turning our attention to the experience Scholars have while they are in the UK. Primarily this will be a function of where and what they choose to study and all that flows from this, but we have also been keeping under regular review the scope and nature of the UK programme itself. We have revitalised the Marshall Plus offering and last year launched, with the generous support of the Association of Marshall Scholars (AMS), our alumni organisation, Marshall Xtra, under which each Scholar received a supplementary annual award of £1000 to enhance the opportunities available to them while in the UK. In the summer we reached agreement with the Cabinet Office on a new partnership between the Scholarship Programme and the Fast Stream Graduate

Training Programme of the Civil Service. This new initiative – Marshall Connect, which I was able to announce in September 2019 - will pair each individual Scholar with a Fast Stream counterpart. The format is in its infancy and will inevitably evolve but the hope is that we can foster a range of connections at an individual, informal group and Class level which will both enhance the Scholars' experience while in the UK and provide a number of enduring and valuable connections.

To support these developments and other aspects of the Programme, in the summer the Commission also decided to form a Scholarship Experience Committee to give greater focus to its oversight on the non-academic aspects of the Programme, complementing the existing Education Committee, and to provide a more structured opportunity to consider Scholar feedback. Suzanne McCarthy had kindly agreed to be the first chair of this new committee. Underpinning our Scholars' overall experience in the UK is the continuing support and guidance they receive from our dedicated staff, led by Mary Denyer.

An established part of the Programme is the annual Easter trip to a part of the UK beyond London and the South East of England. On this occasion we visited Northern Ireland, having visited Manchester and Liverpool the previous year. We were made particularly welcome by Queen's University Belfast and by the authorities at Stormont, and the Scholars enjoyed a rich variety of experiences in Belfast and Derry/Londonderry. While the reality of the Troubles predates the firsthand memory of our Scholars, the fragility of the current peace was made evident by the murder of the journalist Lyra McKee the week after our visit.

The principal guest at our Annual Dinner in May was the broadcaster and journalist, Trevor Phillips, who was able to share a range of thoughts on contemporary Britain as well as insights into trans-Atlantic relationships, particularly drawing on his experience as the first chair of the UK's Equality and Human Rights Commission. The Dinner is an occasion to celebrate the achievements of those Scholars whose time with us is drawing to a close as well an opportunity to express our appreciation of the wider family of our supporters whose engagement is so important to the Programme.

During the autumn/winter of 2018/19, the Programme was subject to a Review initiated by the Cabinet Office the findings of which were published in March 2019. Such formal reviews of arms' length bodies, their activities and their sponsoring departments are routinely undertaken every few years to ensure programmes remain relevant and are discharged in accordance with the appropriate statutory and regulatory framework and observing best governance practice. The Commission welcomed this Review and the opportunity it presented to promote a wider understanding of the value and efficacy of the Scholarship Programme and of the nature of the Commission itself as a virtual organisation of volunteers supported by a small but highly effective team of contracted-in staff. The conclusions of the Review went very much with the grain of the Commission's own thinking, with some additional insights on priorities and current best practice which naturally arise from a fresh external perspective. A range of recommendations were made some of which apply to the Commission itself, while others extend to the FCO in London, the Embassy and Consulate network in the US, to our alumni organisation, the AMS, and to our service contractor, the Association of Commonwealth Universities, or to combinations of these parties. The Commission is in the process of responding positively to all relevant recommendations for which they are responsible and expects to reach a full conclusion on all the matters for which it is responsible by the end of March 2020.

In the course of 2018/19 four Commissioners concluded their time with us and I would like to thank them very much for their service and commitment. Professor Brian Cantor and Ms Barbara Ridpath stepped down on concluding their three year terms with us, while Ms Janet Legrand and Professor Simon Newman had given additional service in recent years as, respectively, Deputy Chair of the Commission and Chair of the Education Committee and accordingly merit our particular thanks. I am pleased to say we attracted a strong field of candidates to replace them as part of our orderly succession planning, and with effect from the summer of 2019 the Foreign Secretary appointed Professor Judith Buchanan, Mr Adrian Greer, Dr Leslie Vinjamuri and Professor Adam Smith as new Commissioners. They make a most welcome addition to our Board, bringing – as will be evident from the information later in this report – a strong range of relevant skills and experience and I thank them for their readiness to serve in this capacity. During the course of the year Caroline Harrison succeeded Joanna Newman as our Executive Secretary; may I thank Joanna for her support and engagement and welcome Caroline to her new role. Last year I reported that five chairs of our eight Regional Selection Committees in the US had concluded their time with us in the preceding two years. On this occasion I should report the retirement of Joanna Lau who chaired our Boston

committee with great distinction for many years and welcome her successor Prabal Chakrabarti. Our Regional Selection Committees are a great asset of the Programme, and I reiterate the Commission's appreciation of the care and diligence which all their members give in participating in our selection processes.

The Association of Marshall Scholars remains a vibrant and successful organisation. Its annual Forum this year was held in Washington and focused on economics and finance and its participants included the Governor of the Bank of England. The Association's presidency has passed from Andrew Klaber to Meena Seshamani, with continuing support from Nell Breyer. I thank Andrew for the energy and commitment he brought to this role and to the success he and Nell have had in bringing renewed strength and ambition to the Association, and wish Meena every success with her new responsibilities. The AMS is a generous supporter of the Programme and a number of individual alumni are particularly so; this is much appreciated. Our alumni continue to make significant contributions to their various fields of endeavor. In the last year this was notably symbolised by the active presence for some six months of NASA astronaut Anne McClain on the International Space Station in her capacity as flight engineer. Anne was a member of the 2002 Class of Marshall Scholars and studied at Bath and Bristol Universities.

I have now served for some four years as Chair of the Commission and last year I agreed with the Foreign Office that I would conclude my time in this role at the end of the summer of 2020, which I judged would be a good time to pass the baton to a new Chair. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve in this role and I have received much support and encouragement from the Marshall 'family' in endeavouring to meet the associated challenges, for which I am most grateful. While this is the last Annual Report which I shall be introducing, there is still a busy time ahead and I will remain fully engaged over my remaining months in office. I believe this Scholarship Programme to be a most worthy endeavour, of real value to UK-US relations and one with which it is highly rewarding to be associated. I wish the Programme and its past, current and future Scholars every continuing success, thank my fellow Commissioners and the Commission staff for their most valuable contributions and hope my successor will have at least as fulfilling a time as I have experienced.



#### **CHRISTOPHER FISHER**

Chair  
Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (MACC)  
January 2020

## The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission

The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission Act was passed by the British Parliament in 1953 in order to express gratitude to the American people for the post-war support and assistance conceived by Secretary of State George C Marshall, subsequently known as the Marshall Plan. The Parliamentary Act created postgraduate Scholarships in the United Kingdom for American students with the potential to excel in their chosen fields of study and future careers. As alumni of British Universities and as members of the community during their stay in Britain, Marshall Scholars create lasting bridges between the United States and the United Kingdom and become advocates for greater depth and breadth of interaction, co-operation and mutual understanding between the two countries. Scholars also participate in activities which make them effective spokespeople for the best in British society and education and, once they have completed their studies, continue to support the furtherance of international co-operation in the spirit of the Marshall Plan.

Each year up to 50 Marshall Scholarships are awarded, many in partnership with outstanding British Universities, thus providing continuing recognition for the generosity of the past while supporting the promise of the future. This unique testament plays a valuable role in developing a constituency for Britain in the United States of America.

The programme is largely funded by HM Government through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) alongside partnerships with British Universities and others, and is administered in Britain by the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, with the support of the British Embassy in Washington DC, and the Consulates-General in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco. HRH Prince of Wales is Honorary Patron of the Association of Marshall Scholars.



Secretary of State, George C Marshall

## Meetings and MACC Membership

In 2018/19 regular business meetings of the Commission were held on 9 October, 24 January, 19 March and 25 June. The Commission's Education, and Audit and Risk Management (ARM) Committees also met on several occasions. In addition, the Commission's new Scholar Experience Committee (SEC) met for the first time on 25 September 2019. The Ambassador's Advisory Council met in Washington on 3 December 2018.

As at September 2019 Commission members are as follows and their further details can be found at the end of this Report (page 33) including a note of their membership of the Education, ARM and SEC Committees.

**Mr Christopher Fisher (Chair)**  
**Mr Alan Bookbinder**  
**Professor Judith Buchanan**  
**Mr Adrian Greer**  
**Mrs Suzanne McCarthy**  
**Dr Alice Prochaska (Deputy Chair)**  
**Professor Adam Smith**  
**Dr Leslie Vinjamuri**  
**Ms Xenia Wickett**  
**Lord Wood of Anfield**

Commissioners are publicly appointed and are unpaid.

In addition, full details of the membership of the Ambassador's Advisory Council and of the Regional Selection Committees, as of the date of the selection interviews for the 2019 awards, are given on page 35 of this report.



The Chairs of the Regional Selection Committees with Ambassador Sir Kim Darroch

## Tailored Review

The Commission was subject to a Tailored Review in 2019 undertaken by the FCO under the supervision of the Cabinet Office. The review covered the contribution by the Commission to FCO priorities and to the Government as a whole. It looked at the current performance of the Commission and also how it is able to respond and adapt to those factors which are most likely to affect its position as a prestigious scholarship provider and effective public diplomacy tool for the UK. The final review document was published in March 2019. [https://www.marshallscholarship.org/media/1244/fco\\_tailored\\_revew\\_2019.pdf](https://www.marshallscholarship.org/media/1244/fco_tailored_revew_2019.pdf)

The Tailored Review was strongly positive about the programme concluding that:

*“We judge that the function of the Marshall Scholarship Programme is still needed. Proportionate to its size, it plays a small but important part in maintaining and strengthening the UK’s relationship with the US, which is of vital importance to the UK’s national interest. The programme is not only important from a political perspective. It also builds people-to-people links and collaborative endeavour which spans a broad range of issues and sectors, which are often well aligned with HMG priorities. It is a valuable soft power asset, from which the UK extracts a disproportionately good return on its relatively small financial investment. Beyond the immediate political prism of bilateral relationships, the Marshall Programme also fits into the broader strategic context of HMG’s Global Britain agenda and its fledgling International Education Strategy.”*

There were a series of 24 recommendations made in the Review and the Commission has been working on its response to these and will submit a formal response in March 2020.



## Scholars in Britain 2018/2019

At the start of the academic year 2018/2019, 83 Marshall Scholars were in residence at British universities. This number was made up of four 2016 Scholars, three of whom were completing a third year and one who had been deferred a year and was completing her second year, 36 2017 Scholars out of an original class of 40 and another 43 Scholars who had taken up their awards in 2018. Five of the 2018 Scholars held the one year Marshall Scholarship.

The Scholars were funded as follows:

35 Marshall Scholars were fully funded by the Commission, two were fully funded by external partners and 46 supported to varying degrees under partnership arrangements with UK academic institutions as set out below. This support is vital to the scale and sustainability of the Marshall Scholarship Programme.

### FOUR SCHOLARS:

Imperial College London

### THREE SCHOLARS:

University of Edinburgh  
King's College London  
University College London

### TWO SCHOLARS:

London School of Economics and Political Science  
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine  
Queen Mary, University of London  
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)  
New College, Oxford  
Somerville College, Oxford  
University of Oxford (Oxford Marshall Scholarship)

### ONE SCHOLAR:

Balliol College, Oxford  
Cardiff University  
University of East Anglia  
Exeter College, Oxford  
Emmanuel College, Cambridge  
Goldsmiths, University of London  
Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge  
King's College, Cambridge  
Magdalene College, Cambridge  
Magdalen College, Oxford  
University of Manchester  
Nuffield College, Oxford  
Pembroke College, Cambridge  
Peterhouse College, Cambridge  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
St John's College, Cambridge  
University of Sussex  
Trinity College, Oxford  
University College, Oxford  
University of York  
The two fully funded external partner Scholarships were provided by the British Schools and Universities Foundation (BSUF) and the Association of Marshall Scholars (AMS).

It should be noted that as part of the 83, five Scholars, who were members of the US Military, only received 50% of the stipend as agreed with the US Military and two Scholars received International Student House Marshall Scholarships in London and accordingly received a reduced stipend (out of London rate).

The Commission remains focused on growing third party support, particularly for the core Scholarships Programme. This enables more awards to be made than would otherwise be the case. In 2018-19 overall third party support grew by £387k to £1,226k.

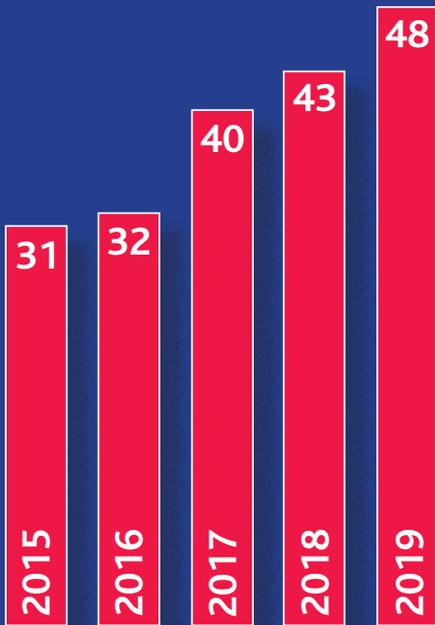
In addition, the Marshall Sherfield Fellow was supported by private funds from the Marshall Sherfield Fellowship Foundation.

24 Scholars pursued courses in Science and Engineering, including Mathematics, and 59 in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Creative/ Performing Arts. The range of individual subjects studied in the year under review was higher than last year. The percentage of Scholars undertaking Science and Engineering Subjects has increased from last year.

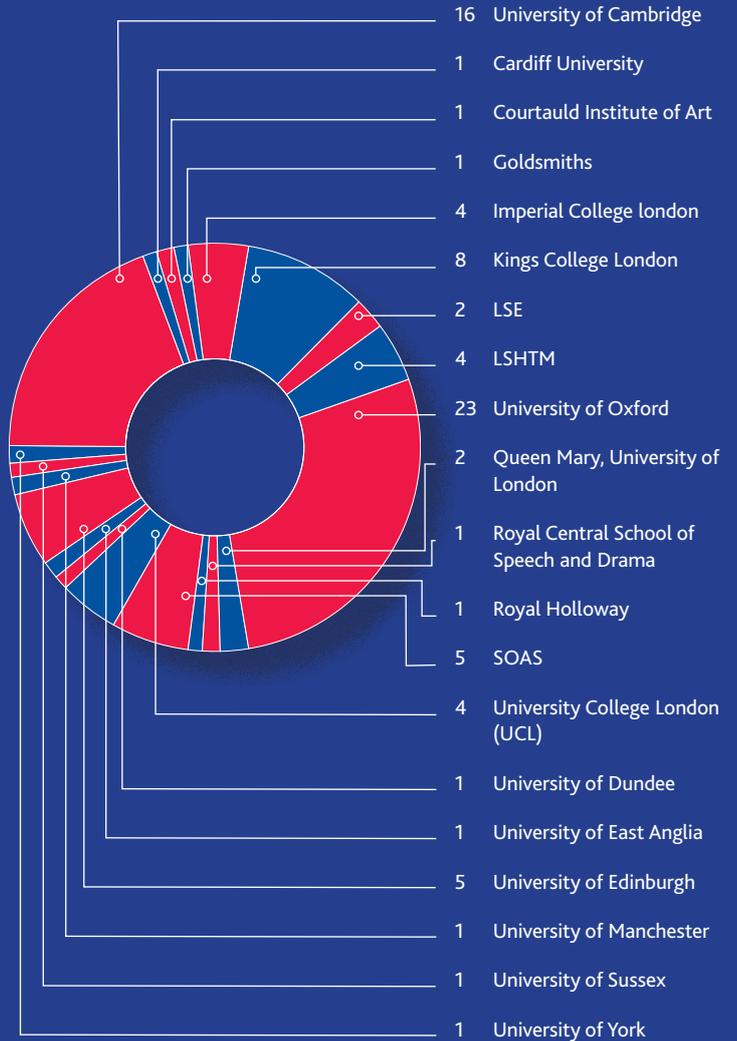
This breadth of subjects chosen by the Scholars enriches the programme and meets the Commission's objective to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, the humanities and social sciences and the creative arts at Britain's centres of academic excellence.

As future leaders the Scholars are studying programmes in Climate Change, Development, Modern Slavery, Migration and Public Health as well as undertaking cutting edge research in subjects including Materials, Energy Technologies, Neuroscience and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. The Scholars studying these subjects alongside the mathematicians, musicians, historians and artists creates a cohort of Scholars who work together to understand the issues the world faces today and will go on to influence the way these issues are dealt with in the future.

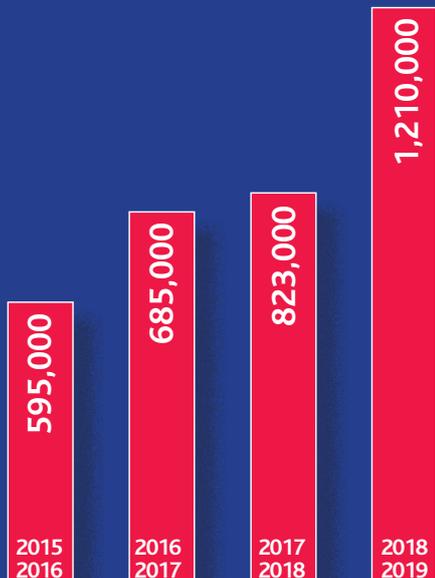
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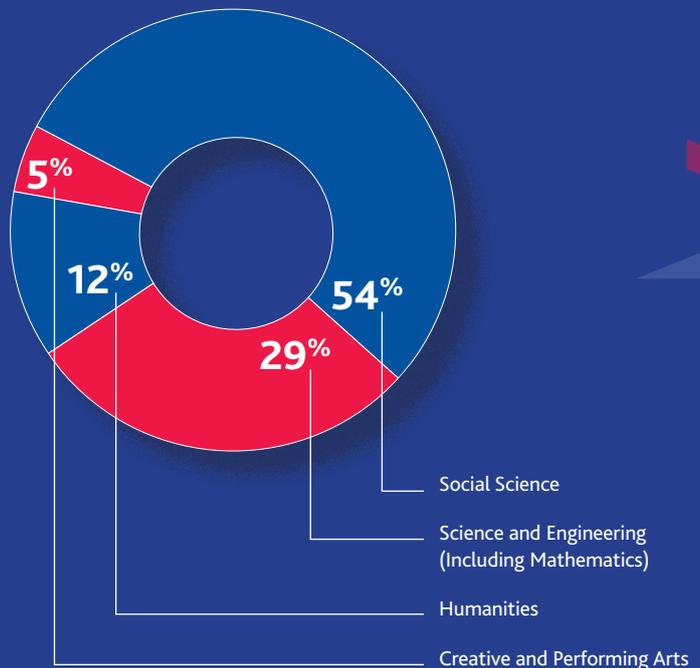
DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARS AT UK INSTITUTIONS 2018/2019



PARTNERSHIP FUNDING FOR THE LAST FOUR FINANCIAL YEARS



ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES 2018/2019



## Scholars Graduating in 2019



**2017 Scholar Aaron Solomon speaks at the dinner for departing Scholars**

45 Scholars completed tenure of their awards in 2019. Of these, 11 had graduated at the time of completion. The remaining Scholars, who are registered for Doctorates or research/taught Master's programmes, will complete the requirements for their degrees in the coming months.

The examination results of 37 Scholars were received during the year – two from the 2013 class, one from the 2014 class; six from the 2015 class; 17 from the 2016 class; nine from the 2017 Class and two from the 2018 class. Four of these obtained Doctorates, the rest obtained Master's degrees.

The names of all Scholars on whom degrees were conferred during 2018/2019 or for whom the Commission received results, are listed at the end of this Report (Page 38).

One Scholar was granted an extension for a third year of their tenure in 2019/20. This Scholar will be fully funded by the Commission. One further Scholar was granted an extension for a third year of their tenure under the Oxford Marshall Scholarship.

In 2018/19 two Scholars was funded by the EPA completing doctorates in the UK at Imperial College London and Green Templeton College.



**2018 Scholars Josie Cooke, Jamie Kwong and Shruthi Rajasekar**

## Scholars' Experiences



Faiza Masood

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### FAIZA MASOOD

**2017 Marshall Scholar**

**MA Islamic Studies**

**MA Islamic Law**

**School of Oriental and African Studies**

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Before studying in the UK as a Marshall Scholar, I received a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Hunter College in New York City. My undergraduate studies focused on Islam and questions of law and gender, which I hoped to continue in my graduate studies. Whilst an undergraduate, I was awarded university grants to study Arabic in Morocco and Jordan. There, I noticed the great variety in the practice of Islam. It was this heterogeneity in religious practice that ignited my passion to study how Islamic law is a system of dynamism, one that has built within it a methodology of change in accordance with shifting social realities.

However, the U.S. offers very limited opportunities to study Islamic law at the graduate level since the study of Islam in the U.S. is relatively new in comparison to the U.K. As a matter of fact, the MA in Islamic Law that I received at the School of Oriental Studies (SOAS), is the only Masters in Islamic Law in the UK, and nothing like it exists in the U.S. Hence, I was extremely fortunate to be given the opportunity to study Islamic Law at SOAS as well as pursue another Masters in Islamic Studies from SOAS. I was privileged to work with some of the best scholars in the field and received training that has prepared me to pursue a Ph.D. in Islamic Law. My Master's thesis for the program in Islamic Law looked at family court practices in Pakistan and concluded that the State's criminal courts continue to hinder Muslim women from actualizing their Islamic rights in marriage by criminalizing them for marrying without familial consent. This type of study reflects my passion to study gendered issues in Muslim-majority countries and understand the interplay between religious law and state law. Having just completed my tenure as a Marshall Scholar in 2019, I have already been given the opportunity to teach Islam at the university level at Hunter College. It has always been my aspiration to be a professor of Islam and teach it at a public university where knowledge is more accessible and affordable in comparison to highly competitive and expensive private institutions.

My eagerness to make Islamic knowledge more accessible to the average person was largely due to the current climate of anti-muslim hate that has led to an egregious amount of hate crimes against Muslims in the West. Actually, in both the U.S. and the U.K. hate crimes against Muslims and immigrants sky-rocketed both after the election of President Trump and the BREXIT campaign. In the face of similar challenges confronted by both countries, I sought to promote understanding through interfaith dialogue. My interfaith work started as an undergraduate, when I created Hunter College's first Interfaith club, and continued while I was a student in London. In London, I attended and eventually helped organize and host various interfaith events in synagogues and churches. It was an amazing experience getting to promote dialogue between people of all types of faith and further solidify the special relationship between the UK and the U.S. by learning and sharing interfaith techniques across the two countries.



Logan Brown with the Duchess of Sussex

## LOGAN BROWN

2018 Marshall Scholar

MSc Terrorism, Security and Society

King's College London

Prior to my Marshall Scholarship, I studied at Vanderbilt University. I majored in Human and Organizational Development and focused on International Development. I also studied abroad in Dubai as a William Jefferson Clinton Scholar and in Shanghai, China. I researched and worked in national security related subject areas.

I studied Terrorism, Security, and Society at King's College London. As the world becomes more connected, it's more important than ever to ensure that the United Kingdom and United States remain committed partners in preventing terrorism worldwide. The majority of major terrorism attacks occur via transborder cooperation. It's important that government agencies respond accordingly. Being able to learn and work with those actively working in counterterrorism is an unparalleled opportunity to enhance my career.

My time in the United Kingdom was truly transformative. I was not only academically enriched by my studies and classmates; I was able to experience the culture of London and the country. Exploring the neighborhoods surrounding London, I was able to try new foods, meet people from around the world, and attend community events. Whether I was attending the World Chess Championship or London Fashion Week, I was able to see how London and the United Kingdom are a global powerhouse. I learned more about the past culture and history and saw how that impacted the present. I also had the opportunity to meet with leaders such as HRH the Duchess of Sussex and local community organizers. Seeing another nation address their community issues was inspiring and allowed for a broader knowledge base for my return to the United States.

Returning to America to attend Harvard Law School, I am grateful to the Marshall Scholarship every day. The academics helped to ground me and provide more clarity for my future education and career. I also was allowed time to reflect and fully appreciate the difference in societies. This has allowed me to be more effective in my communication and hopeful about an international career.



Daniel Kinch

## DANIEL KINCH

**2017 Marshall Scholar**  
**MSc Mathematical Science**  
**Durham University**  
**MASt Pure Mathematics**  
**Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge**

Prior to my time as a Marshall Scholar, I completed a BA in Physics and a BS in Applied Mathematics at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. The farther I progressed in my courses, the greater an appreciation I developed for the inextricable bonds between maths and physics, and the clearer it became that I needed to delve deeper into these disciplines. A summer visit to the UK had given me a strong affinity for the country's culture and people, and the options for taught postgraduate programmes in the UK were much more suited to my interests than the straight-to-PhD route that is the norm in the US. Hence, when my fellowships advisor told me about the Marshall, submitting an application was a no-brainer.

Unlike many of the STEM-focused scholars in my cohort, I did not undertake any research during my tenure on the Marshall. Instead, I completed two consecutive taught courses — one focused on pure maths at Durham University, and one focused on theoretical physics at the University of Cambridge — in an effort to learn as much as I could about the myriad ways these two disciplines interact with and depend on one another. Completing these degrees in succession enabled me to study differential geometry before tackling general relativity, and to become familiar with representation theory before diving into the Standard Model.

In at least equal measure to my formal education, the education I received outside the lecture hall was an immensely valuable component of my time in the UK. From seeing shows on the West End to performing at the Edinburgh Fringe, from meeting justices and MPs to debating with the Durham Union Society, I was given firsthand experience of British culture in a way that I had scarcely had access to in my own country. The diversity of natural beauty was another major boon, and I took full advantage of it by hiking in the Peak District and Scottish Highlands, swimming in the frigid waters of the North Sea, and cycling through the rolling fields of Cambridgeshire.

And of course, one of the greatest joys of my Marshall tenure was the friendships I made with my British and international peers. Though I only spent a single year in each city, the connections I formed there are among the closest I've ever made, and I know that we will maintain that closeness for years and years to come.

Contrary to my expectations when I first arrived in 2017, my study in the UK didn't lead directly into a PhD. It didn't even lead to a high-flying job in the US or UK, as quantitative degrees from a pair of esteemed institutions could well have done. Instead, my gratitude for the education I got to receive (and to the people who made it possible) awakened an intense drive in me to work toward improving educational opportunities for others. Toward that end, and thanks to a fortuitous encounter at an info session in my department at Cambridge, the end of my Marshall tenure saw me relocate to Chennai, India to work for the edtech company HeyMath! Their goal as a company is quite well-aligned with my own impact goals — they strive to provide teachers and students around the world with the tools to create the best possible education in maths — so although the prospect of moving to India admittedly came as a surprise to me, it was nevertheless a clear next step on the journey that my time in the UK had started me down.

I have no idea how long this newest (ad)venture of mine will last, but I do know one thing for certain: I couldn't be doing this work had the Marshall Scholarship not been there to open the right doors for it. And it's impossible to overstate how grateful I am for that.



Devika Ranjan

## DEVIKA RANJAN

2017 Marshall Scholar

MPhil Sociology

Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge

MA Applied Theatre

Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

In 2017, I graduated with a Bachelor's in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, interested in merging questions of migration with theater but not sure how to do it. I had made theater in conflict zones, using it as a form of play, community building, and political advocacy in otherwise dangerous and harrowing situations. I wanted to continue to merge these passions. During my time as a Marshall, I was given the gift of time and a world-class education that allowed me to explore my interdisciplinary interests and pursue my wildest dreams.

In my first year, I studied Sociology at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. During the MPhil, I undertook ethnographic research about asylum-seekers who had been electronically tagged in the UK. This research took me up to Newcastle and Middlesbrough—areas that felt a world away from Cambridge—where I met incredibly generous people who shared their stories, introduced me to other people with similar experiences, and inspired me to continue working for human rights. They told me of the abuses that they faced under the 'hostile environment' and what they hoped for the future policy towards asylum-seekers. I brought my research to the attention of Amnesty UK and presented it at their General Meeting in 2019. Because of my research, the Amnesty UK voted to advocate against the abuse of immigration powers throughout the country.

I was drawn to the UK because of its progressive theater scene—not only in terms of ensemble and devised theater, but also its rich history in community-based and political theater. During my second year as a Marshall, I had the opportunity to study Applied Theatre at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. I conducted theater workshops with refugees and asylum-seekers all over London, deepening my skills as a facilitator and learning about the issues of migration through creative activities. These workshops aimed to help the participants learn and practice English, create community bonds with others who had newly arrived in England, and make space for some fun and relaxation in their otherwise difficult lives. I wrote about these experiences in my dissertation entitled "Moving Towards

a Migratory Dramaturgy," in which I discussed what migration can teach us about making theater.

During my time as a Marshall, I wrote and directed two plays with professional actors. My adaptation of *The Soldier's Tale* imagined Stravinsky's classic score in the context of drone warfare. Through an intimate performance featuring interview testimony from drone operators and survivors of strikes, I invited the audience to consider questions of modern warfare. My second project entitled *Homework* was a collaboration with the Windle Scholarship. I wove interviews with the Windle Scholars into an immersive ethnographic performance at the Migration Museum in London, telling real and fictionalized stories of displacement during conflicts in West Africa.

My academic and professional experiences were deepened by my personal explorations of the UK. I loved travelling on the train lines, taking trips with my friends to cliffs, walks, and castles in Scotland, Wales, England, and Northern Ireland. I witnessed the magic of the Edinburgh Festivals and Fringe for three years in a row and booked dozens of affordable and amazing theater tickets while living in Europe's theater capital. And I fell in love with London: roller skating in the parks, befriending the market vendors, visiting diverse neighborhoods, and flash-mobbing Punjabi folk dance with my Bhangra team on Bond Street.

After leaving the UK, I was offered a full-time position as Resident Director at Albany Park Theater Project in Chicago, Illinois. I now work with immigrant and first-generation teens, creating ethnographic theater about their lives and community. This job could not be more perfect for me—at the intersection between arts and politics, community-based work and advocacy. Without the Marshall, I never would have been able to pursue theater as a career and carve out my interdisciplinary niche. In February 2019, I had the privilege of sharing these experiences with HRH the Duchess of Sussex, who was incredibly supportive and encouraging of my work. I am so proud to be a Marshall, and so grateful for the ways in which it has enabled me to grow as an artist and advocate.



Aaron Solomon

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## AARON SOLOMON

**2017 Marshall Scholar**  
**MSc Genomic Medicine**  
**Imperial College London**  
**MPhil Advanced Computer Science**  
**Girton College, Cambridge**

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I arrived in the United Kingdom in 2017 after graduating from the University of Maryland, where I studied Molecular Genetics and Computer Science. At Maryland, I applied big data techniques and machine learning to challenges in genomic medicine, space exploration, and aviation. Advances in these disciplines - from the discovery of DNA to the development of radar - have long been driven by joint British-American efforts. Fascinated by our shared scientific history, I applied to the Marshall Scholarship to better understand the ties that drove the collaboration of our nations.

The Marshall Scholarship was the unparalleled ideal for this pursuit - enabling its recipients to pursue first-rate graduate education while simultaneously becoming absorbed into the life of a nation. During my first year, I read for the MSc in Genomic Medicine at Imperial College London. Our program was a comprehensive deep-dive into the medical, technical, and ethical facets of precision molecular therapies taught by leaders of the UK's 100,000 Genomes project. Imperial's institutional partnerships enabled me to explore everything from the economics of genomics to cutting-edge gene sequencing technology developed in Britain. I rounded out my year with research at the Alan Turing Institute, where I developed new methods for analyzing complex genomic data under the supervision of a 2012 Marshall Scholar alumnus.

In my second year, I moved to the University of Cambridge to read for the MPhil in Advanced Computer Science. My research focused on developing the next-generation of network machine learning, which will ultimately guide the creation of new drugs and therapeutics. The United Kingdom's role as a hub for international research collaboration manifested through our collaborations with researchers throughout the Commonwealth and around the world. Yet in spite of Cambridge's global bent, I was delighted to partake in distinctly British activities, including joining my college's boat team on the Cam and attending Royal Ascot.

The friendships, connections, and knowledge I built throughout my courses and my two years in the UK will last a lifetime and help me pursue a career as a technologist at the intersection of industry and policy. Professionally, I've learned that our nations are not merely united by joint pursuits of scientific technology, but by shared moral and ethical frameworks about its use. However, the most enduring result of my two years is unequivocally my deep-seated enchantment with the beauty of the United Kingdom and its people. I learned to fly gliders in Hampshire, cycled throughout the South Downs, hiked the Cairngorms, and have been welcomed with kindness by the British people all along the way. Being a Marshall Scholar has been one of the greatest privileges of my life, and I am incredibly grateful to all who support it and the enduring Special Relationship that it represents.

## Departing Scholars' Questionnaire



At the end of each year the departing Scholars complete a questionnaire giving an overview of their experience of their Scholarship.

Of the 45 Scholars completing their tenure 39 had completed the questionnaire at the time of analysis.

In the questionnaire 87% Scholars rated their academic experience in the UK excellent or good (51% rating it excellent) and 97% of Scholars rated their overall experience in the UK as excellent or good (79% rating it excellent).

### COMMENTS FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE INCLUDED:

*"I've seriously loved my time in the UK, both in terms of the cities I've lived in and the places I've visited during time off. While I haven't made it to absolutely every corner of the country I intended to when I moved here, I've made a pretty solid dent in my to-visit list, and I feel that I've accordingly gained a strong sense of what the UK is, as a whole. While I don't know that I will ever cease to think of myself as American, my sense of identity has noticeably shifted during these past*

*two years to "American who lives in the UK", and it will be deeply strange and sad when that ceases to be the case a month or so from now. I've found myself a home here, and while I have no idea whether I will ever live here again, I know I have been irreversibly changed by the two years in which I did."*

*"I have had countless opportunities that would not have been possible in the US, met some extraordinary people, learned about UK culture, and generally had a good time."*

**"I will always treasure the years I lived in the UK. As I conclude my program I feel fortunate to not only have become a much better scientist but also culturally enriched through the time spent with British**

**and European friends. Despite being a nation of immigrants, the US can be culturally insular due to its size and geographic isolation."**

**94% of the Scholars rated the way their Scholarship was administered as excellent or good (67% rating it excellent).**

*"The Marshall has been one of the most formative experiences of my life – both personally and academically. I have new knowledge and perspectives, but I also have new friends and love for the UK. One of the best parts has been studying and living in two different parts of the country. This has dramatically enriched my experience, allowed me to meet more people, and explore different aspects of graduate education in the UK."*

## Marshall Events



**2018 Class**

As part of the induction week for the 2018 Scholars which took place in late September 2018, HM Ambassador, Sir Kim Darroch, hosted the group at the Ambassador's Residence for a reception bringing together more than 120 alumni from the Washington, DC area. As part of the programme they participated in a series of policy workshops run by the British Embassy Policy staff. Additionally, the group participated in site visits and meetings with Marshall Scholar alumni working in prominent and influential positions at the National Institute of Health and the US State Department. They also toured the US Capitol Building and visited the Marshall House Museum.

After their arrival in the UK, the 2018 Scholars met with two members of the British American Parliamentary Group, the Rt Hon John Healey MP and Lord Fellowes, for a 'Question and Answer' session. The Scholars were welcomed to the United Kingdom by the US Ambassador Woody Johnson and other members of staff at the US Embassy. The Scholars also rode on the London Eye.

The FCO hosted a briefing during the induction where the Scholars heard from a panel of representatives from the FCO: Peter Jones, Chief Operating Officer, Paul Brummell, Head of Soft Power and External Affairs Department, Kara Owens, Director of the Americas

and James Kariuki, Multilateral Policy Director. This was followed by a Reception held at the FCO, hosted by the Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service Sir Simon McDonald KCMG, KCVO, on 20 September 2018 to welcome the 2018 Scholars.

In addition to these more formal social events, opportunities also arose during the year for some members of the Commission and Secretariat to meet and offer informal hospitality to Scholars at their university locations and in the homes of some Commissioners. The Scholars themselves organised the now traditional Annual Marshall Thanksgiving Dinner which was held at Goodenough College in London on 26 November 2018 and is supported by the AMS.

On the 31st January 2017 Scholar Devika Ranjan and 2018 Scholars Logan Brown and Attiya Latif attended the first official visit of the ACU's Patron the Duchess of Sussex at City University. They spoke to the Duchess about their research in the areas of access and inclusion; peace and reconciliation; and refugees.

The Marshall Commissioners hosted the annual Dinner, given in honour of Marshall Scholars who were completing their awards, on 5 May 2019 at the Stationers' Hall, London. The special guest and principal speaker at the Dinner was Mr Trevor Philips OBE. Mr Aaron Solomon, 2017 Marshall Scholar, who studied an MSc in Genomic Medicine at Imperial College London and an MPhil in Advanced Computer Science at Girton College, Cambridge, spoke on behalf of those Scholars returning to the United States.

The University of Bradford hosted a visit for the Scholars on 11 and 12 July. The Scholars visited the university and learnt about the research being undertaken at the university and also learnt about the city from Kersten England, CEO Bradford Council and David Baldwin, Chair of the Bradford Economic. They had a behind the scenes visit to the National Science and Media Museum. They also visited Saltaire Village and learnt about the city's history during the Industrial Revolution. The Commission is grateful to Professor Cantor and the University of Bradford for organising this visit.



**Devika Ranjan with the Duchess of Sussex**

## Marshall Scholar Trip to Northern Ireland

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The visit was hosted by Queen’s University Belfast and the University of Ulster. The Scholars arrived on Sunday 7 April 2019 and took a trip to visit the Giant’s Causeway. Monday 8th April was spent in Belfast hosted by Queen’s University Belfast, Professor Dominic Bryan introduced them to Northern Ireland and took them on a political bus tour of Belfast. In the afternoon Scholars learnt about the issues surrounding Brexit and Northern Ireland from Professor Phinnemore. In the evening they were hosted by the US Consul General Elizabeth Kennedy Trudeau at her residence.

On the 9th April the Scholars spent the morning at the Ulster Museum and were then hosted by Stormont for a tour and briefing and overview of the Northern Ireland Assembly. Mr David Sterling, Head of Civil Service, welcomed them to Stormont and talked about the role of the civil service in the current suspension of the Northern Ireland Assembly. A panellist of Members of the Assembly spoke to the Scholars about the issues they face in their constituencies.

On the last day of the visit the Scholars travelled to Derry/ Londonderry. They were welcomed by the Mayor of Derry and Stathbane District Cllr John Boyd at the Guildhall. They then took a tour of the City walls. The University of Ulster then hosted a panel discussion on “Beyond Brexit – Implications for the NW as a cross border City Region”.

The visit was well received, and the Scholars learnt a great deal about the region.

### SCHOLAR COMMENTS INCLUDED:

*“The focus on the political and social history of Northern Ireland was a fascinating and powerful experience for me. I hope every class of Marshall Scholars gets to experience Northern Ireland in the way I did on the trip.”*

*“The Marshall trip to Northern Ireland was also a profoundly thought-provoking experience”*

*“I would also like to praise the trip to Northern Ireland, which I thought was very well organized and informed me of the very complex and nuanced history of this part of the UK. I think these annual trips are crucial for us, as Marshall Scholars, to comprehend the history and politics that inform these different regions.”*

The Commission is very grateful to Queen’s University Belfast for organising the visit and to Stormont, the Ulster Museum, the City Council of Derry and the University of Ulster for hosting us.



Giant’s Causeway

## Marshall Plus Programme

The Marshall Plus Programme's aim is to contribute to the overall UK experience of Marshall Scholars by giving them insight into British history, culture and society by exploring topical issues ideally with a UK/USA aspect. The programme is specially varied in order to offer a variety of subjects that will appeal to the wide-ranging interests of the Scholars. The annual Programme is composed of both lectures (usually three) and events (usually two). These are arranged around the other activities laid on for Marshall Scholars such as regional visits as well as the normal rhythm of a Marshall Scholar's academic life.

### **DURING 2018/19 THE PROGRAMME CONSISTED OF TWO LECTURES AND ONE VISIT. THESE WERE AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **20 NOVEMBER 2018**

**Baroness Shami Chakrabarti,  
Shadow Attorney General for England  
and Wales**

Discussing her Leadership Story

#### **7 DECEMBER 2018**

**Visit to Churchill's War Rooms**

#### **7 MARCH 2019**

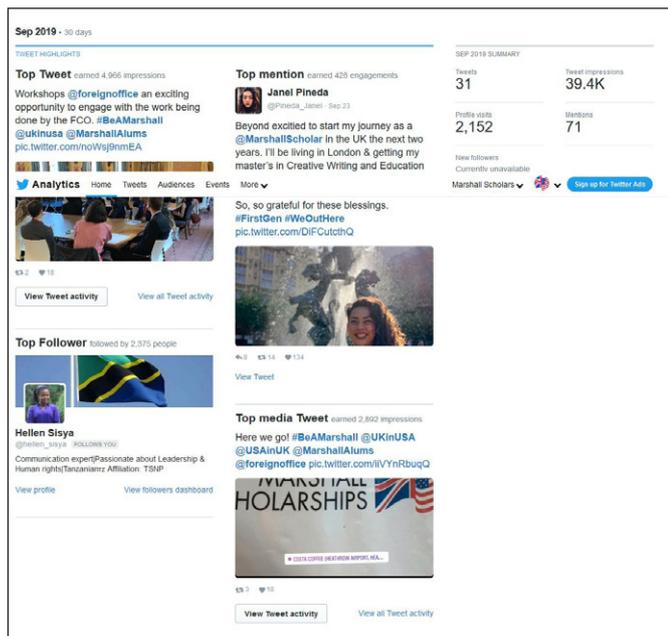
**Mr Lindsay Boswell,  
Chief Executive FareShare**

Food Poverty in the UK



Marshall Scholars visit the Churchill War Rooms

## Communication and Outreach



### Twitter Analytics

## SOCIAL MEDIA

The Commission co-ordinates social media campaigns through its own Twitter feed alongside the AMS and British Embassy feeds.

### TWITTER

@MarshallScholar is the Commission's Twitter account. This is used to tweet content on current Marshall Scholars under #BeAMarshall and tweet advice during the application process. December's top tweet had 12,943 impressions, 551 engagements and 4.3% engagement.

@MarshallAlums is the Association of Marshall Scholars' Twitter account. #ImAMarshall features snapshots of Marshall Alumni in the news and complements Embassy and MACC outputs.

@UKinUSA is the Embassy's twitter account and is used, amongst other things, to promote Marshall Scholarships. The Embassy leads key campaigns such as 'Meet the Marshalls', "Marshalls are..." and "UK University Profiles".

### INSTAGRAM

@MarshallScholar overseen by the Commission but run by the Scholar Class Communication Secretaries, primary campaign is #MarshallMonday which profiles a current Scholar each week.

Picture: #MarshallMonday

The Commission uses a media tracker to track media coverage round the world.

**Tweet**

Association of Marshall Scholars  
@MarshallAlums

The AMS met with @AstroAnimal at @NASA\_Johnson last spring to discuss how her time as a @MarshallScholar prepared her for her space expedition, the consequences of math, and the experiments on the @Space\_Station.

Check it out: [goo.gl/PRtkrZ](https://goo.gl/PRtkrZ)

#ImAMarshall

**You and 2 others**

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Anne McClain

Association of Marshall Scholars  
@MarshallAlums

#MarshallMonday scholar Aasha Jackson ('18) is pursuing a Public Policy MPhil at @Cambridge\_Uni. Aasha researches how to improve maternal/reproductive health outcomes for incarcerated women in the US. Outside of school she's trying to figure out the appropriate response to wagan

**Tweet**

**#MarshallMonday**

#MarshallMonday

## Marshall Alumni



Prabal Chakrabarti

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### 1995 MARSHALL ALUMNUS

#### PRABAL CHAKRABARTI

**BA Hons Philosophy, Politics, and Economics – New College, Oxford**  
**Senior Vice President – Federal Reserve Bank Boston**

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The Marshall Scholarship hugely changed the course of my life. For the past 14 years, I have worked in economic and community development at the Boston Federal Reserve, now Senior Vice President. Initially trained in the US as an engineer, I studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford. So the Marshall gave me considerable breadth and depth, in addition to the value of living in the UK. At the Fed, I have founded a grant competition to revitalize economically distressed, smaller cities through cross-sector collaboration called the Working Cities Challenge. This effort has shown promising results, been talked about by three consecutive Fed Chairs as a model, and is now replicated in other parts of the U.S. There are UK-US parallels, and at the invitation of the UK consulate, I met with a delegation from UK small cities that also face manufacturing job loss.

Earlier, following the Marshall and graduate study at MIT, I began work as an economic analyst at the US Treasury Department. There, I was a member of the U.S. Delegation to the UN Climate Change negotiations in 1999. I analyzed treaty options, and was present during negotiations between the US, the EU, and the world (and briefly meeting then UK Deputy Minister John Prescott).

Examining issues of climate change led me into development economics. I worked on an effort to connect their respective diaspora to the nations of Armenia and Rwanda, and I consulted to the UNDP on making entrepreneurship work for the poor. During my studies, the UK was (and remains) a center of thought leadership. I drew upon knowledge attending lectures in Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford.

Throughout, my Marshall network has been very helpful to my work, and I try to give back. I chair the Regional Marshall Selection Committee, and I have hosted UK embassy staff to meet the Boston Federal Reserve President and senior economists. My Marshall Scholar network has helped connect me to board service on an educational charity that reduces racial disparities in education, and to an environmental law organization that focuses on climate change. I am so very grateful.

# Report from the Board of the Association of Marshall Scholars (AMS)

**DR NELL BREYER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**DR MEENA SESHAMANI, PRESIDENT**

This year, the Association of Marshall Scholars (AMS) focused on its core priorities: strengthening alumni connections, building US-UK ties, increasing recognition for the work of Marshall Scholars, and supporting the Marshall Scholarship Programme. To this end, the AMS invested in strategic communications, development, and programming.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Since 2017, the AMS has been working to augment its social media presence through a pilot initiative begun in partnership with Dan Rather and his production house, News and Guts. The digital initiative is a series of Digital Portraits featuring Marshall Scholars addressing critical issues of our time and highlighting ways in which the work of Marshall Scholars is impacting significant global challenges. Filming, editing and production took place over the summer and the fall of 2018 and Dan Rather posted the videos online beginning in December of 2018. The partnership has produced the first three videos in this series, featuring alumni: Dr Doug Melton (1975), Harvard Stem Cell Institute; Professor Danielle Allen (1993), Safra Center for Ethics Professor at Harvard University; and Anne McClain (2002), NASA Astronaut who embarked on NASA's December 2018 mission to the International Space Station. To date, the Marshall Digital Portraits have reached 1.5 million social media users through Dan Rather's Facebook and have received nearly 600,000 views / clicks as of this writing.

### PRINT & NATIONAL MEDIA

In 2018, the AMS began a comprehensive rebranding process. As part of the diligence phase, we commissioned a national poll by Emerson College and conducted an internal survey of the Marshall community in parallel. The purpose of this research was three- fold: (1) probe current US perceptions of transatlantic ties in the wake of Brexit, (2) assess Marshall Scholarship brand awareness by the US public, and, (3) identify the AMS core values / identities as articulated by the Marshall community.

The AMS press release with results from the national poll run with Emerson College, was picked up by 168 outlets / news sources with a potential audience of 83.8 million. The coverage included citations by Yahoo Finance, Business Insider: Markets Insider, Market Watch, among several sources in addition to full articles in Breitbart and the Daily Mail.

A summary report of the American public's perceptions of US-UK ties, is available on the AMS website and a private report (comparing 350 Marshall Scholar responses with the national responses) was shared with the FCO, the Embassy and the MACC.

The AMS hosted the 2019 Marshall Forum at Carnegie Endowment on April 11 (see Program section for description). The program generated a total of 20 articles (US and UK news media such as New York Times, Wall Street Journal, The Telegraph, Politico). Media covered discussions of Brexit, including a wire piece (Reuters), and national security, drawn from remarks made by General Nakasone, Head of CyberCommand. There were a little over 1 million views of articles resulting from the Marshall Forum.

### BRAND IDENTITY, WEBSITE AND MARSHALL COMMUNICATIONS

The national poll run by Emerson College also included questions to assess public attitudes towards higher learning and expertise, as well as Marshall Scholarship brand awareness in relation to comparable scholarship schemes. 37.5% of Americans polled had never heard of the Marshall Scholarship (as compared with 23.4% for the Fulbright and 17.4% for the Rhodes.) 87% of those surveyed could not name a single Marshall Scholar. A year of social media "listening" produced similar findings wherein comparable scholarship schemes had twice the social media "mentions" and significantly greater "reach" than the Marshall. The research underscores an important challenge for the Scholarship: how to build more awareness of the impact of the Marshall community and the Marshall Scholarship more broadly.

In December of 2019, the AMS Board approved the adoption of an updated logo, style guide and web materials as part of our brand audit and renewal process. The website will be updated over the fall and winter of 2019 to reflect the re-brand.

Finally, the Fall 2018 AMS Newsletter was produced by new Managing Editor Stanley Chang (1991) and distributed at the beginning of September. The issue highlights Marshall Scholars working in the arts and includes alumni working in music, film, theater, dance, writing, and more. The Spring 2019 AMS Newsletter was produced and distributed at the beginning of May. The issue highlights Marshall Scholars and the Natural World.

## FUNDRAISING

### SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

The AMS is delighted to be supporting a 2019 Marshall Scholar through the AMS Marshall Scholarship endowment of \$1.2 million created through contributions from 200+ Marshall alumni and a matching grant from Reid Hoffman CBE (1990). In addition, the AMS is pleased that alumni continue to contribute support for Marshall Scholarships at their respective alma maters including: Sussex University; Magdalene College, Cambridge; Magdalen College, Oxford; Lincoln College, Oxford; and Emmanuel College, Cambridge / Kellogg College, Oxford. Through co-ordination with the AMS, the Commission, and the aforementioned Colleges, as well as additional contribution from the British Schools and University Foundation (BSUF), since 2016, alumni have given and pledged ~ \$900,000 toward Marshall Scholarships at these schools.

The AMS received great gratitude from the current Scholars in the 2018 year for the "Marshall Xtra" funds, a £1,000 grant from alumni to each of the 83 enrolled Marshall Scholars. The grant was intended to enrich each Scholar's time in the UK. In August of 2019, the AMS conveyed to the MACC its second "Marshall Xtra" awards for all Scholars enrolled in the 2019 academic year. Overall, the AMS was pleased to have directed roughly \$320,000 in 2019 towards strengthening the Scholarship program in different ways.

### MARSHALL CHALLENGE

As reported previously, the Marshall Challenge fundraising campaign surpassed its goal of raising \$1.5 Million by year-end 2018. The Marshall Challenge fundraising campaign was launched in the spring of 2017 to support new initiatives that engage Marshalls Scholars to benefit the public, strengthen US-UK ties, and bolster the scholarship program.

The one and 3/4 year campaign raised a total of ~ \$2.26 million dollars in cash and pledges. Bolstered by a generous million-dollar challenge grant from Reid Hoffman (1990), the campaign received gifts from approximately 850 donors, including over 15 Foundations and 30 major donors. Over 80% of these gifts came from small donors, who helped the AMS to raise ~ \$135,000 and reach nearly 20% Marshall Scholar participation. 79 new donors gave to the AMS in 2018, thanks in part, to the encouragement of a Marshall Scholar's matching gift for any new donations.

## PROGRAMMES:

### REGIONAL & PARTNER PROGRAMMING

In 2018, alumni were welcomed at 25 events (regional, partner, and annual gatherings) across the country, including Denver, Providence, New York, Boston, Washington, Atlanta and San Francisco. The AMS is grateful for the collaboration and generosity of the British Consulates throughout the United States and the British Embassy. Over 700 Marshall Scholars and guests attended AMS events in 2018. Regional event highlights, since September of 2018, include an outing to see Garrett Turner (2012) star in the play "The Royale" with the Consul General in the Atlanta region and a themed dinner- discussion on the economic impacts of populism with HM Consul General to New England, Harriet Cross, and Harvard economist Richard Cooper (1956), hosted at the home of alumni Elizabeth Harmer Dionne (1992).

From January through the beginning of October 2019, over 550 Marshalls and guests attended over 12 AMS regional and partner events held across 7 cities (including: Boston, Washington DC, Chicago, Aspen, New York, San Francisco and Seattle.) For some of these, such as the San Francisco Consular reception for Marshall, Rhodes and Gates Scholars or the DC orientation for new scholars, the AMS worked closely with officers of the British Government to produce a rich and impactful program with alumni of the Marshall Scholarship program.

Highlights from the AMS regional events included: several themed Marshall Salon dinners; a behind the scenes discussion on the United Nations with Permanent Representative to the United Nations from the United Kingdom, Ambassador Karen Pierce, followed by a private tour of the United Nations, led by Sophie Rutenbar (2007); the AMS Annual Meeting & Reunion in Aspen, CO, featuring a conversation on "Digital Currency, Blockchain and the Future of Commerce" between Mitch Edwards (1982), CFO, Chia Network; and Bryan Leach (2000), CEO, Ibotta; and a spoken word performance by Deshawn McKinney (2017). In addition to regional and partner events, the AMS invited alumni to host the 2019 Scholars in small dinners as part of the UK Embassy-led orientation program for 2019 Scholars, and helped facilitate a conversation on art between Arvind Manocha (1994), CEO of Wolfrap and Avery Willis Hoffman (2000) Public Program Director at the Park Avenue Armory moderated by Nell Breyer.

The reception and discussion was held by the Acting Ambassador at the British Residence in Washington DC before approximately 125 Marshall Scholars and invited guests.



Scholars at Murrayfield

## ANNUAL EVENT / MARSHALL FORUM

On April 11, 2019 the AMS hosted the third consecutive Marshall Forum: a US-UK Strategic and Economic Dialogue at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, on the sidelines of the annual International Monetary Fund's Washington DC convening. The event brought together 125 industry executives and CEOs with diplomats, government dignitaries, Marshall Scholars, and experts for sessions on trade; global markets; and security and transatlantic ties.

Lunch speakers included:

- AMS Board of Directors President, Meena Seshamani (1999 Marshall Scholar);
- Vice President for Studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Thomas Carothers (1978 Marshall Scholar);
- Governor Mark Carney (Bank of England);
- Ambassador Michael Froman (Mastercard, Obama US Trade Representative);
- Ambassador Carla Hills (Hills & Company, Bush US Trade Representative);
- Bob Kyle (1977 Marshall Scholar, Clinton's Special Assistant to the President for International Trade & Finance);
- Daniel Price (Bush Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs) and moderator Heather Long, (Economics Correspondent at the Washington Post. Economic Editor for The Economist);
- Henry Curr, led a discussion on global markets with panelists Afsaneh Beschloss (RockCreek); Mark Shafir (1979 Marshall Scholar, Citigroup); David Golub (1983 Marshall Scholar, Golub Capital); and Ambassador Isobel Coleman (1987 Marshall Scholar, Give Directly).

Finally, Sarah Nakasone, a 2019 Marshall Scholar introduced her father, General Paul Nakasone (Commander of United States Cyber Command and Director of the National Security Agency) who gave the keynote speech on Peace, Security & Transatlantic Ties, and was subsequently joined by National Security Reporter for the Washington Post, Paul Sonne (2007 Marshall Scholar) for a fireside chat.

Her Majesty's Ambassador from the United Kingdom to the United States, Sir Kim Darroch; spoke with President of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Ambassador Bill Burns (1978 Marshall Scholar); for the concluding conversation moderated by Dr. Karen Donfried, President of the German Marshall Fund.

The 2019 Marshall Forum received widespread international press coverage (1 million+ views) including in The Financial Times, Telegraph of London, Bloomberg, Reuters, The New York Times, and Politico, among others. The full program, photographs, and audio transcripts can be found on the AMS website.

<https://www.marshallscholars.org/forums/>

The Host Committee for the 2019 Marshall Forum included: Sir Kim Darroch, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States; Ambassador Isobel Coleman (1987 Marshall Scholar), Chief Operating Officer, Give Directly; Robert Wood Johnson, United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and William J. Burns (1978 Marshall Scholar), President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

## UK RELATIONS

The AMS continues to work closely with the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, UK Consulates, and UK Embassy on outreach efforts to potential applicants. The Standing Committee is supporting a pilot effort to link alumni with Fellowship Advisors. It is also pleased to be helping the MACC to cover expenses for the production of short promotional videos about the work and research of the current Scholars.

## Selection of 2019 Scholars

At the Commission meeting held in October 2018, consideration was given to the budget for financial year 2019/2020. The Commission agreed to recommend to the Ambassador's Advisory Council that 48 new awards should be made for 2019. The selection of the 2019 Scholars was undertaken by the Regional Selection Committees, listed on page 24 and confirmed by the Advisory Council held in Washington on 4 December 2018. An At-Large Selection Committee was formed in 2018 to consider the award of Scholarships to reserve candidates. A list of the members of this Committee can be found on page 24.

The number of Scholarships which the Commission is able to award reflects the level of FCO funding and the potential support available through partnerships with British Universities, Oxford and Cambridge Colleges and with other institutions.

The Commission has been proactive in negotiating with UK universities and others to provide additional funding support. This additional resource is worth over £1.1 million each year, and is generated from our 58 partner universities and colleges; and from the Annenberg Foundation; the National Institutes of Health in the US; the Association of Marshall Scholars; and the British Schools and Universities Foundation donations. (See Appendix 2)



Marshall Scholars explore the UK



Marshall Scholars visit the Magee Campus of the University of Ulster

# Applications

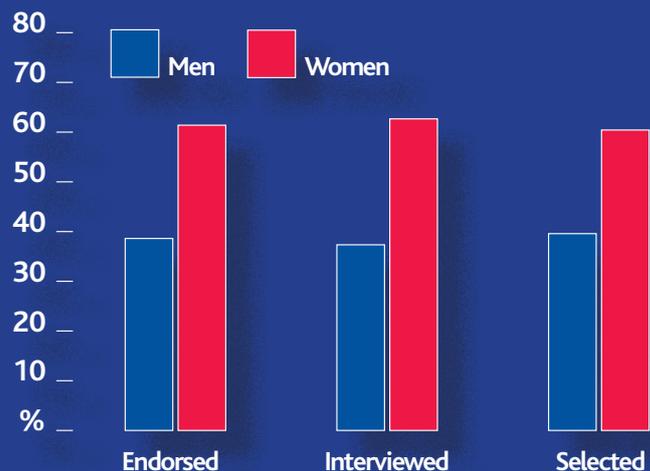
The Commission received 1010 endorsed applications for the 2019 Scholarship Competition. This was an increase on 928 applications submitted the previous year.

The Regional Committees interviewed 158 applicants and the final selection was 48 Scholars.

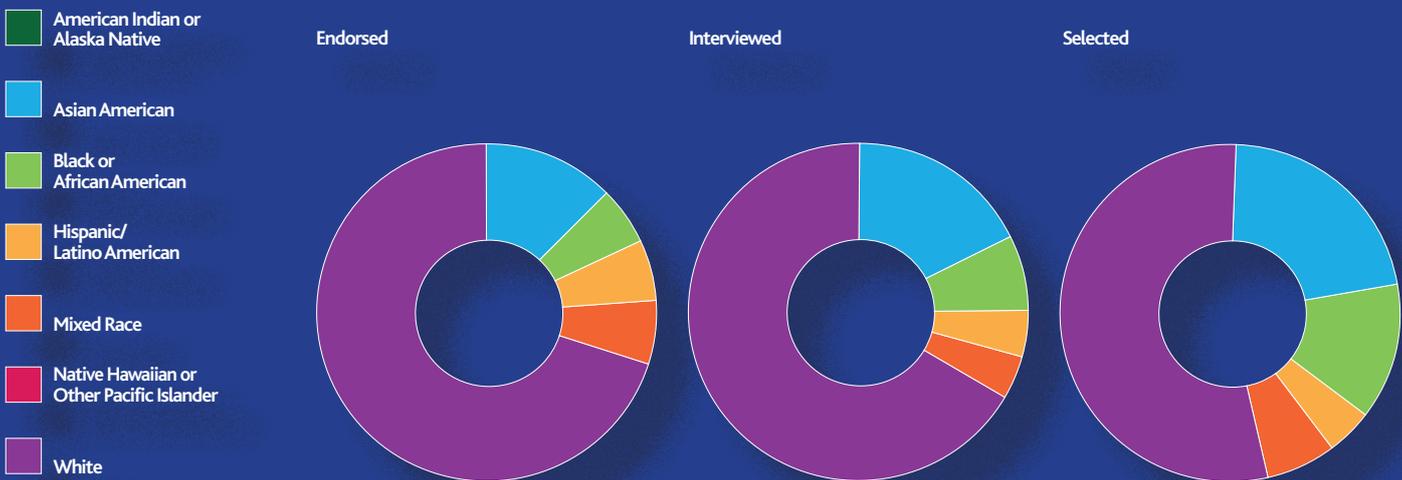
The following tables detail the breakdown of applicants through application, interview and selection:

Applicants were asked for their self-identified race or ethnicity. Definitions were not provided. The United States government permits individuals from any race to identify as Hispanic and uses a multi-step question to determine ethnic and racial demographic data. The simpler and more applicant-friendly self-identification approach used by the Commission may therefore undercount Hispanic applicants, interviewees, and Scholars

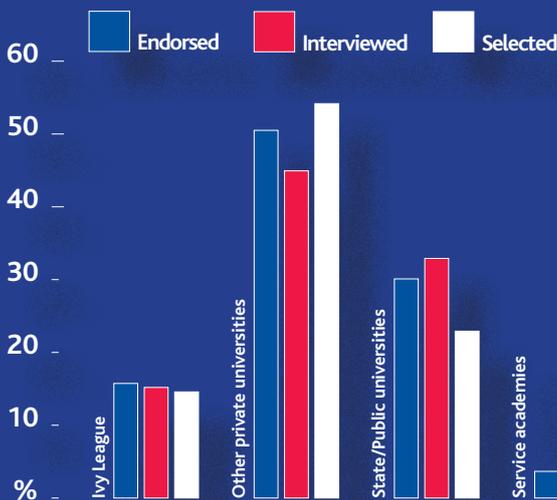
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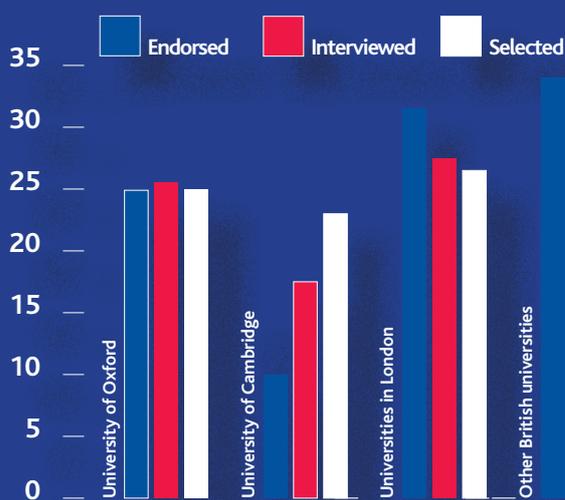
## ETHNICITY



## US UNIVERSITIES PRESENTING CANDIDATES



## PREFERRED UK UNIVERSITIES



# Placement

After the necessary places at British Universities had been confirmed, the 48 Marshall Scholarships for 2019 were awarded as follows:

NAME	US INSTITUTION	UK INSTITUTION	DEGREE
<b>ATLANTA REGION</b>			
Mallika Balakrishnan	Agnes Scott College	University of St Andrews	MLitt Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy
Dina Eldawy	Syracuse University	University of Sussex	MA Migration and Global Development
Margaret Hilderbran	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	University of Edinburgh	MSc Science and Religion
Vaibhav Mohanty*	Harvard University	Christ Church, Oxford	DPhil in Theoretical Physics
Kevin Morris*	Georgia College & State University	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	MSc History of International Relations
Clarissa Pacyna*	Johns Hopkins University	Pembroke College, Cambridge	PhD Biological Sciences
Crystal Winston*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Imperial College London	PhD in Aerospace Materials and Structures (Aerial Robotics Research)
<b>BOSTON REGION</b>			
Theodore Caputi*	University of Pennsylvania	University of York	PhD Health Sciences
Claire Celestin*	Northeastern University	King's College London	MSc Women and Children's Health
Akshayaa Chittibabu	University of Connecticut	Trinity College, Oxford	MSc Comparative Social Policy
Lyndon Hanrahan	Harvard University	Royal College of Art	MA Contemporary Art Practice - Moving Image
Jonah Herzog-Arbeitman	Princeton University	Exeter College, Oxford	MSc Mathematical and Theoretical Physics
Radha Mastandrea*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge	MASt Physics
<b>CHICAGO REGION</b>			
David Bindon*	United States Military Academy	King's College London	MA War Studies
Amanda Burcroff*	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	St John's College, Cambridge	MASt Pure Mathematics
Sofia Carozza*	University of Notre Dame	Magdalene College, Cambridge	MPhil Basic and Translational Neuroscience
Nina Finley	Whitman College	Royal Veterinary College	MSc One Health (Ecosystems, Humans and Animals)
Katherine Gallagher	University of Notre Dame	New College, Oxford	MSc Mathematical Science
Myrial Holbrook*	Princeton University	Newnham College, Cambridge	MPhil Education (Critical Approaches to Children's Literature)
Patrick Liu*	Northwestern University	Magdalen College, Oxford	DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
Noah McNeal*	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	University of Sussex	MSc Science and Technology Policy
Anne Richter*	United States Naval Academy	University of Sheffield	MSc research Additive Manufacturing and Advanced Manufacturing Technologies
<b>HOUSTON REGION</b>			
Christopher Crum*	Bates College	Balliol College, Oxford	MSc Social Science of the Internet
Laura Hallas*	University of Texas - Austin	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)	MSc Public Health
Lucy Mahaffey*	University of Oklahoma	University of Nottingham	MA Politics and International Relations
Kaytie Nielsen	Carnegie Mellon University	University College London (UCL)	MA English: Issues in Modern Culture
Shomik Verma	Duke University	St John's College, Cambridge	MPhil Materials Science and Metallurgy

NAME	US INSTITUTION	UK INSTITUTION	DEGREE
<b>LOS ANGELES REGION</b>			
Manuel Medrano*	Harvard University	University of St Andrews	PhD in Social Anthropology
Kathryn O’Neill*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	New College, Oxford	MSc research Experimental Psychology
Janel Pineda*	Dickinson College	Goldsmiths, University of London	MA Creative Writing and Education
<b>NEW YORK REGION</b>			
John Brake*	University of Virginia	Christ’s College, Cambridge	PhD in Politics and International Studies
Gabriella Cook Francis	City University of New York - Hunter College	Somerville College, Oxford	MPhil Politics (Comparative Government)
Ararat Gocmen	Princeton University	University College London (UCL)	MSc Economics
Justin Lee	Harvard University	University College, Oxford	MPhil Economic and Social History
Madeleine Schneider	United States Military Academy	University of Edinburgh	MSc High Performance Computing with Data Science
Kyle Swanson*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Trinity College, Cambridge	MASt Mathematical Statistics
Julie Uchitel*	Duke University	Peterhouse, Cambridge	MPhil research Paediatrics
<b>SAN FRANCISCO REGION</b>			
Rachel Bass	Grinnell College	University of Edinburgh	MSc Particle and Nuclear Physics
Deepti Kannan*	Stanford University	King’s College, Cambridge	MPhil research Chemistry
Havana McElvaine*	University of Washington - Seattle	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	MSc Inequalities and Social Science
Aneesh Pappu	Stanford University	University College London (UCL)	MSc Machine Learning
Jeremy Ratcliff*	Johns Hopkins University	Exeter College, Oxford	DPhil Clinical Medicine
<b>WASHINGTON DC</b>			
Ariana Benson*	Spelman College	Royal Holloway, University of London	MA Creative Writing
Robert Drummond*	United States Military Academy	Imperial College London	MSc Advanced Materials for Sustainable Infrastructure
Brian Ferguson* ♦	Georgetown University	Oriel College, Oxford	MSc Comparative Social Policy
Morgan King	West Virginia University	University College London (UCL)	MSc Environmental Systems Engineering
Sarah Nakasone*	University of Chicago	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)	MSc Control of Infectious Diseases
Anna Sappington*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University College London (UCL)	MSc Machine Learning

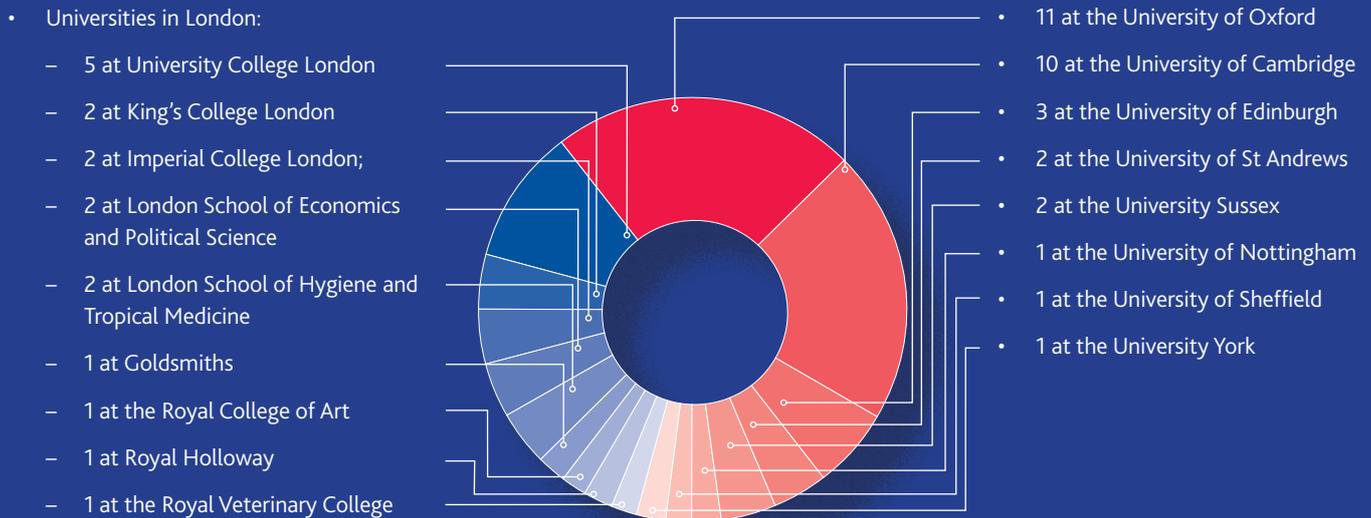
♦ One year Scholarship

\* Funded under Partnership agreement.

## Placement (continued)

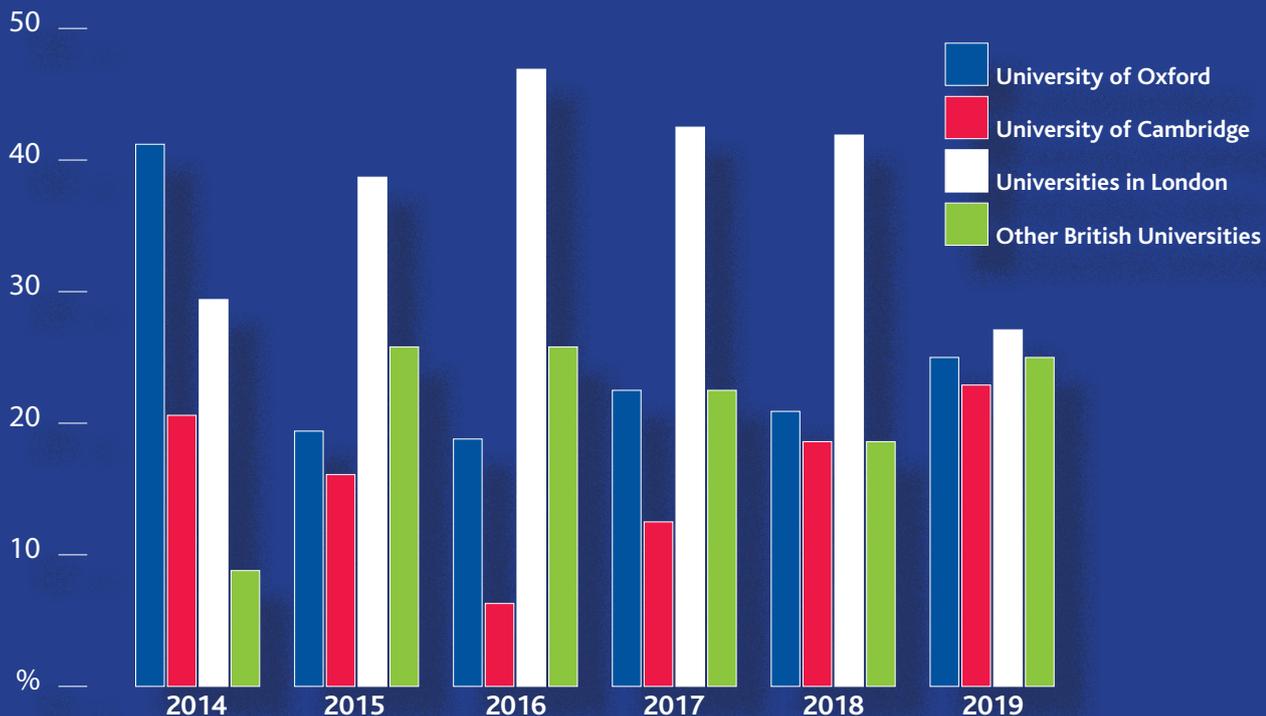
The 2019 Scholars represent 32 different United States universities and colleges, this was an increase on the previous year. Two institutions appeared on the list for the first time –Georgia College and State University, and Whitman College. One of the 2019 Scholars took up the one year Marshall Scholarship.<sup>1</sup>

### THE GROUP WILL TAKE UP THEIR PLACES AT THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020 AS FOLLOWS:



### DISTRIBUTION OF NEW SCHOLARS AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES 2014-2019

The Commission encourages Scholars to consider a wide range of institutions at which to study, reflecting the academic excellence of UK Universities.



<sup>1</sup> Further statistics from the selection process, including numbers of applications received, gender and US universities of origin is available in the Marshall Scholarships 2019 Competition Statistical Report, available on the Marshall Website [www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org).

## Marshall Sherfield Fellowship

The Marshall Sherfield Fellowship scheme, which was established in 1997 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, enables up to two American post-doctoral scientists and engineers to undertake a year of research at any British university or research institute. The Fellowships are named after Lord Sherfield (1904-1996) who was the main architect of the Marshall Scholarship programme in the 1950s and are funded by the Marshall Sherfield Fellowship Foundation which is based in the US.

After the interviews held in Washington DC on 1 December 2018, one candidate was nominated for the award of a post-doctoral Marshall Sherfield Fellowship from October 2019. This nomination came after applications for the new Fellowships had been reviewed by a specially appointed UK-based Selection Committee of scientific experts, and shortlisted candidates had been interviewed by a specially appointed committee in Washington DC.

Full details of the membership of the Sherfield Selection Committees are given in Membership of the MACC and its Committees (Page 33).

### THE AWARD WAS MADE TO:

Dr Jaqueline Knee (Georgia Institute of Technology) Disease Control, LSHTM

## Scholarship Stipends

The revised stipend schedule from 1 October 2019, as determined by HMG, resulted in increases to the allowances payable to Marshall Scholars as follows: - basic monthly living allowance from £1,084 to £1,110 (and from £1,330 to £1,362 for those registered at institutions within the London Metropolitan Police district); book allowance from £421 to £431 for first year Scholars. As a result of the stipend adjustments announced the Commission revised the annual grant for approved research travel and the thesis grant from £280 to £285 and £396 to £406 respectively in October 2019.

In addition, the Association of Marshall Scholars (AMS) funded an additional stipend payment of £1,000 per Scholar, known as Marshall Xtra.

## Secretariat

The Commission continued the arrangement under which its Secretariat is provided by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, whose offices at Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HF, serve as its headquarters. The detailed work was undertaken by Miss Mary Denyer, Assistant Secretary and Head of Scholarship Administration, Ms Aoife Dudley, Programme Administrator (until April 2019), and Ms Helen Ullock (from April 2019), Ms Anna Gane, Scholarship Assistant and Mrs Margaret Benjamin, Team Assistant under the direction of the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Dr Joanna Newman MBE until June 2019 and Ms Caroline Harrison from June 2019.

## Access to Information

The Commission operated under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information 2018, and had also developed a Publication Scheme to comply with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Further information can be found at <https://www.marshallscholarship.org/the-commission/policies-and-open-data>

## Expenditure

Under Section 2(7) of the 1953 Act the Commission is required each financial year to prepare accounts of expenditure in such form as the Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury direct. The total expenditure of the Commission for the year ended 31 March 2019 was £2,412,907. The Summary Accounts are attached at the end of this Report (Page 44). These figures have been scrutinised by the National Audit Office and, as provided by the Marshall Aid Commemoration Act 1953. The full accounts have been published separately and laid before Parliament. The Association of Commonwealth Universities, on behalf of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, administers and recovers the costs of the Marshall Scholarship Scheme from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



**CHRISTOPHER FISHER**

Chair

# Membership of the MACC and Committees

## MARSHALL AID COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

(as of 30 September 2019)

Mr Christopher Fisher (Chair)	Non-executive director of SEGRO and National Savings
Mr Alan Bookbinder	Master, Downing College, Cambridge
Prof. Judith Buchanan (1 August 2019)	Master, St Peter's College, Oxford
Mr Adrian Greer (1 August 2019)	Chancellor's Assessor and Member of Court, University of St Andrews
Mrs Suzanne McCarthy	Chairman of Depaul UK
Dr Alice Prochaska (Deputy Chair from July 2019)	Warden, Somerville College, Oxford (retired)
Prof. Adam Smith (1 August 2019)	Director of the Rothermere American Institute, Oxford
Dr Leslie Vinjamuri (1 August 2019)	Director, US and the Americas Programme, Chatham House
Ms Xenia Wickett	VP Political Analysis, Equinor
Lord Wood of Anfield	Member of the House of Lords

## MARSHALL AID COMMEMORATION COMMISSION MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED THEIR TENURE IN 2018/19.

Prof. Brian Cantor	Vice-Chancellor, University of Bradford (until 30 June 2019)
Ms Janet Legrand QC Hon (Deputy Chair)	Partner, DLA Piper (until 31 July 2019)
Professor Simon Newman	Sir Denis Brogan Professor of American History, University of Glasgow (until 30 December 2018)
Ms Barbara Ridpath	Director, St Paul's Institute (until 30 June 2019)

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr Alice Prochaska (Chair)
Prof. Judith Buchanan
Prof. Jonathan Erichsen
Mr Christopher Fisher
Prof. Adam Smith
Lord Wood of Anfield

## AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(until August 2019)

Mr Alan Bookbinder (Chair)	
Mr Timothy Hornsby CBE	Former Marshall Commissioner
Dr Laura Lafave	
Ms Janet Legrand QC Hon	
Mr Simon Morris	Former Marshall Commissioner
Ms Barbara Ridpath	

## AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(from September 2019)

Mr Alan Bookbinder (Chair)

Mr Adrian Greer

Dr Ruth Kosmin

Former Marshall Commissioner

Dr Laura Lafave

Mr Simon Morris

Former Marshall Commissioner

Ms Xenia Wickett

## OBSERVERS

Mr Benjamin Coates

Head of FCO Scholarships Unit, Communications Directorate, FCO

Dr Laura Lafave

1993 Scholar, Chief Technology Officer of OnCorp

Prof. Jonathan Erichsen

1972 Scholar, Professor of Visual Neuroscience, Cardiff University

## SECRETARIAT

Dr Joanna Newman MBE (Executive Secretary)

Secretary General and CEO ACU (until June 2019)

Ms Caroline Harrison (Executive Secretary)

Chief Finance Officer, ACU (from June 2019)

Ms Mary Denyer

Assistant Secretary and Head of Scholarship Administration

Ms Aoife Dudley

Programme Administrator (until April 2019)

Ms Helen Ullock

Programme Administrator (from April 2019)

Ms Anna Gane

Scholarship Assistant

Mrs Margaret Benjamin

Team Assistant (from July 2019)

## ADVISORY COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON

(as at 3 December 2018)

Sir N Kim Darroch KCMG

HM Ambassador

Mr Christopher Fisher

Chair, Marshall Commission

Prof. Jane Hawkins (1976 Scholar)

Chair, Atlanta Region

Ms Joanna Lau

Chair, Boston Region

Mr Adam Mortara (1996 Scholar)

Chair, Chicago Region

Prof. Mary Edgerton (1976 Scholar)

Chair, Houston Region

Dr Katie Clark (2005 Scholar)

Chair, Los Angeles Region

Mrs Diane Flynn

Chair, New York Region

Dr Jacob Chacko (2000 Scholar)

Chair, San Francisco Region

Mr A Benjamin Spencer (1996 Scholar)

Chair, Washington DC Region

Dr Nell Breyer

Executive Director of the AMS

## REGIONAL COMMITTEES IN THE UNITED STATES

### ATLANTA REGION

Prof. Jane Hawkins (Chair)	1976 Scholar, Professor of Mathematics, University of North Carolina
Dr Mark Bell	1998 Scholar, Managing Principal, Diversified Trust
Dr Ambika Bumb	2005 Scholar, Founder and CEO Bikanta
Mr Errol B Davis Jr	Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools (Retired)
Ms Linda Merrill	1981 Scholar, Director of Undergraduate Studies in Art History, Emory University
Mr Andrew Staunton	Her Majesty's Consul-General in Atlanta

### BOSTON REGION

Dr Joanna Lau (Chair)	Founder and CEO of LAU Technologies
Mr Prabal Chakrabarti	1995 Scholar, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
Dr Esther Freeman	2002 Scholar, Instructor in Dermatology at Harvard Medical School
Dr Tad Heuer	1999 Scholar, Partner, FoleyHoag LLP
Prof. Sylvia Sellers-Garcia	1998 Scholar, Associate Professor of History, Boston College
Ms Harriet Cross	Her Majesty's Consul-General in Boston

### CHICAGO REGION

Mr Adam Mortara (Chair)	1996 Scholar, Partner, Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP
Mr Peter Barack	1965 Scholar, Partner, Barack Ferrazzano
Dr Mona Knock	1997 Scholar, Research Associate, Stepan Company
Prof. Parag Patil	1989 Scholar, Associate Professor, Neurological Surgery, University of Michigan
Ms Aasha Spencer	Partner, Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP
Mr John Saville	Her Majesty's Consul-General in Chicago
Ms Mary Denyer	Observer

### HOUSTON REGION

Prof. Mary Edgerton (Chair)	1976 Scholar, Associate Professor, Division of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Prof. David Alexander	Professor and Director, Rice Space Institute, Rice University
Dr Ulcca Joshi Hansen	2001 Scholar, Founder Educating Potential
Dr Richard Johnston	1999 Scholar, Assistant Professor, English, United States Air Force Academy
Prof. Brian E Roberts	Professor, Department of Government, University of Texas, Austin
Ms Karen Bell	Her Majesty's Consul General in Houston

**LOS ANGELES REGION**

Dr Katie Clark (Chair)	2005 Scholar, Owner and CEO, The Applied Humanities
Mr Patrick Cunningham	2005 Scholar, Creative Director, Belzabar Software
Ms Sally Liu Baxter	2009 Scholar, Chief Resident, Ophthalmology, UC San Diego
Mr Jeff Modisett	1976 Scholar, Senior Counsel, Dentons
Mr Chris O'Connor	Her Majesty's Consul General in Los Angeles

**NEW YORK REGION**

Mrs Diane Flynn (Chair)	Director of National and International Scholarships, Boston University
Prof. Luis Montaner	1991 Scholar, Director, HIV-1 Immunopathogenesis Laboratory, Wistar Institute
Ms Megan Towle	2007 Scholar, Chief Strategy Office, Tembo
Ms Avery Willis Hoffman	2000 Scholar, Program Director, Park Avenue Armory
Ms Laura Hickey	Her Majesty's Deputy Consul General in New York
Dr Alice Prochaska	Observer

**SAN FRANCISCO**

Dr Jacob Chacko (Chair)	2000 Scholar, CFO, Ignyta
Prof. Deborah Baumgold	Emerita Professor Political Science, University of Oregon
Ms Elizabeth Chapman	1965 Scholar, Poet
Professor Frances Brodsky	1976 Scholar, Professor of Biochemistry UCL
Mr Robin Newmann	Independent Writer and Consultant
Mr Andrew Whittaker	Her Majesty's Consul General in San Francisco

**WASHINGTON DC**

Prof. A. Benjamin Spencer (Chair)	1996 Scholar, Earle K. Shawe Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law
Dr Danielle Dooley	1995 Scholar, Medical Director of Community affairs and Population Health, Child Health Advocacy Institute
Dr Anna Quider	2007 Scholar, Director of Federal Affairs, University of Northern Illinois
Ms Marisa Van Saanan	2002 Scholar, Attorney, Skadden
Dr Aliza Watters	2005 Scholar, Lecturer in Writing, Johns Hopkins University
Ms Shruti Dudhia	Head of Communications & Public Diplomacy British Embassy, Washington

**AT LARGE COMMITTEE**

Dr Alice Prochaska (Chair)
Mr Alan Bookbinder
Mr Christopher Fisher
Ms Mary Denyer

# Marshall Sherfield Committee and Association of Marshall Scholars Officers

## MARSHALL SHERFIELD SELECTION COMMITTEES

### UNITED STATES

Prof. John Mumford (Chair)	1975 Scholar, Professor, Imperial College London
Ms Elisabetta Cortesi	Analog Devices, Marshall Sherfield Fellowship Foundation Board Member
Dr John Hanover	Chief, Laboratory of Cell Biochemistry and Biology NIDDK, NIH
Dr John Malin	Marshall Sherfield Fellowship Foundation Board Member
Dr Craig Schiffries	1980 Scholar, Director, Deep Carbon Observatory
Ms Mary Denyer	

### ASSOCIATION OF MARSHALL SCHOLARS OFFICERS

Dr Meena Seshamani (President)	1999 Marshall Scholar
Ms Nell Breyer (Executive Director)	
Mr Scott Grinsell (Vice President)	2004 Marshall Scholar
Prof Ted Leinbaugh (Director of British Affairs)	1975 Marshall Scholar
Dr Zachary Kaufman (Director of Communications)	2002 Marshall Scholar
Ms Betsy Scherzer (Director of Programs)	2007 Marshall Scholar
Mr William Coquillette (Treasurer/Clerk Secretary)	1971 Marshall Scholar



Female Marshall Scholars visit statue of Millicent Fawcett in Parliament Square



2017 Scholars Devika Ranjan, Deshawn McKinney and Julius Bright Ross

# Appendix 1

## MARSHALL SCHOLARS GRADUATING AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SINCE SIXTY FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

NAME YEAR & REGION	UK INSTITUTION	DEGREE OBTAINED
Dr Aditya Balasubramanian (DC,2013)	Trinity College, Cambridge	MPhil Economic and Social History PhD History (Tenure ended 2015)
Dr Ethan Butler (BOS,2013)	Imperial College London	MSc Advanced Chemical Engineering [Distinction] PhD Chemical Engineering (Tenure ended 2018)
Dr Colleen Loynachan (LA,2014)	Imperial College London	PhD Materials Research (Tenure ended 2017)
Dr Nicholas Ader (NY,2015)	Hughes Hall, Cambridge	PhD Biological Sciences (Tenure ended 2017)
Mr Jacob Calvert (CHI,2015)	University of Bristol St Peter's College, Oxford	MSc Mathematical Sciences [Distinction] MSc Mathematical and Theoretical Physics (Degree finished 2017)
Ms Dahlia D'Arge (CHI,2015)	University of Glasgow	MLitt War Studies [Distinction] LLM International Law and Security [Merit] (Degree finished 2017)
Mr Felipe Hernandez (LA,2015)	University of Bristol St Antony's College, Oxford	MSc Education (Policy & International Development) [Distinction] MSc Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation (Degree finished 2017)
Mr Ashton Richardson (ATL,2015)	University of Sheffield Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge	MA International Development [Merit] MPhil Public Policy (Degree finished 2017)
Mr Spencer Wilson (ATL,2015)	Magdalene College, Cambridge Imperial College London	MPhil Engineering MSc Applied Mathematics [Distinction] (Degree finished 2017)
Mr Sean Alexander (HOU,2016)	University of Reading London School of Economics and Political Science	MSc Food Security and Development [Distinction] MSc Social Policy (Social Policy and Planning) [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)
Ms Jessica Bickel-Barlow (HOU,2016)	King's College London University of Surrey	MA Shakespeare Studies [Distinction] MA Creative Practices & Direction (Directing) [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Antonio Campelli (BOS,2016)	Goldsmiths, University of London	MFA Fine Art [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Mitchell Herrmann (CHI,2016)	University of Manchester Kingston University	MMus Composition (Electroacoustic Music and Interactive Media) [Distinction] MA Aesthetics & Art Theory [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Duncan Hosie (SF,2016)	London School of Economics and Political Science Oriel College, Oxford	MSc Comparative Politics [Distinction] MSt US History (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Jacob Imam (SF,2016)	St Antony's College, Oxford	MPhil Islamic Studies and History (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Sean Kaczmarek (NY,2016)	University College London	MSc Social Policy and Social Research [Merit] MSc Behaviour Change [Merit] (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Muhammad Ibrahim Khan (HOU,2016)	St Antony's College, Oxford St Edmund's College, Cambridge	MSt Islamic Studies and History [Distinction] MPhil International Relations and Politics [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)

NAME YEAR & REGION	UK INSTITUTION	DEGREE OBTAINED
Ms Emaline Laney (ATL,2016)	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	MSc Epidemiology
	Linacre College, Oxford	MSc Medical Anthropology (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Ryan Low (LA,2016)	University College London	MPhil Medieval History (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Ian Mauldin (HOU,2016)	London School of Economics and Political Science	MSc Applicable Mathematics [Merit]
	University of Edinburgh	MSc Artificial Intelligence [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Matthew Quallen (BOS,2016)	University of Manchester	MA History [Distinction]
	London School of Economics and Political Science	MSc Law, Anthropology and Society [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)
Ms Anu Ramachandran (DC,2016)	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	MSc Public Health [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Skyler Ross (NY,2016)	Royal Central School of Speech and Drama	MA Creative Producing [Distinction]
	King's College, London	MA Cultural and Creative Industries [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Alejandro Ruizesparza (CHI,2016)	University of Glasgow	MSc Sociology [Merit]
		MSc Data Analytics [Distinction] (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Jordan Thomas (CHI,2016)	University of Durham	MSc Sustainability, Culture and Development [Distinction]
	Wolfson College, Cambridge	MRes Social Anthropology (Degree finished 2018)
Mr James Williams (ATL,2016)	SOAS	MSc Politics of China [Merit]
	Trinity College, Oxford	MSc Economics for Development (Degree finished 2018)
Mr Seamus Caragher (CHI,2017)	University of Glasgow	MSc Cancer Sciences [Distinction]
	Pembroke College, Cambridge	MPhil Bioscience Enterprise
Mr Bill De La Rosa (DC,2017)	St Antony's College, Oxford	MSc Migration Studies
	St Hilda's College, Oxford	MSc Criminology in Criminal Justice [Distinction]
Ms Joani Etskovitz (NY,2017)	New College, Oxford	MSt English (1830-1914)
		MSt History - British and European History 1700-1850 [Merit]
Mr Zachary Hulcher (ATL,2017)	Pembroke College, Cambridge	MPhil Physics
		MASt Pure Mathematics
Mr Daniel Kinch (HOU,2017)	University of Durham	MSc Mathematical Sciences [Distinction]
	Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge	MASt Pure Mathematics
Mr Hasher Nisar (BOS,2017)	St Antony's College, Oxford	MPhil Islamic Studies and History
Mr Ian O'Grady (LA,2017)	Corpus Christi College, Oxford	MPhil Politics (Comparative Government)
Mr Evan Silver (CHI,2017)	King's College, Cambridge	MA Advanced Theatre Practice [Distinction]
		MPhil English Studies: Criticism and Culture
Mr Aaron Solomon (DC,2017)	Imperial College London	MSc Genomic Medicine [Distinction]
	Girton College, Cambridge	MPhil Computer Science and Technology [Distinction]
Ms Lucia Brunel (HOU,2018)	St John's College, Cambridge	MPhil Research Materials Science and Metallurgy
Ms Phoenix Rice-Johnson (CHI,2018)	King's College London	MA Public Policy

## Appendix 2

### UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS:

As at September 2019 the following academic institutions offered partnership support, usually through fee waiver programmes.

#### MORE THAN ONE NEW SCHOLAR PER YEAR:

- University of Bristol
- University College London
- University of Edinburgh
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- University of Liverpool
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- University of Manchester
- Queen Mary, University of London
- School of Oriental and African Studies
- University of Reading
- University of St Andrews
- University of Sussex (part funded by a senior member of the AMS)

#### ONE NEW SCHOLAR PER YEAR:

- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bradford
- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- University of East Anglia
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- Guildhall School of Music and Drama
- University of Keele
- University of Kent
- University of Leeds
- Newcastle University
- University of Nottingham
- Queen's University Belfast
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Royal Academy of Music
- Royal Northern College of Music
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- University of Warwick
- University of York

### COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS:

These Scholarships are jointly funded by the Commission and the partner Oxford/Cambridge College for any subject either at Masters or Doctoral level, except where otherwise indicated:

#### MORE THAN ONE NEW SCHOLAR PER YEAR:

- New College, Oxford

#### ONE NEW SCHOLAR PER YEAR:

- Balliol College, Oxford
- Christ's College, Cambridge
- Christ Church, Oxford
- Exeter College, Oxford
- Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge
- King's College, Cambridge
- Lincoln College, Oxford (part funded by 1965 Marshall Scholar Peter Barack)
- Magdalen College, Oxford
- Magdalene College, Cambridge (funded by 1996 Marshall Scholar Adam Mortara)
- Newnham College, Cambridge
- Nuffield College, Oxford
- Oriel College, Oxford
- Pembroke College, Cambridge
- Peterhouse, Cambridge
- St John's College, Cambridge
- Somerville College, Oxford -Somerville Janet Watson Marshall Scholarship
- Trinity College, Cambridge
- Trinity College, Oxford
- University College, Oxford

## FOUNDATION FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS:

- AMS Marshall Scholarship:  
Funded by an endowment donated by members of the Association of Marshall Scholars. One Scholarship at a time for two years.
- BSUF Marshall Scholarship:  
Funded by the British Universities and Schools Foundation and the AMS. One Scholarship at a time for two years.
- Walter and Leonore Annenberg Marshall Scholarship:  
Funded by an endowment donated by the Annenberg Foundation. One partial Scholarship at a time for two years.

## THIRD YEAR FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Oxford Marshall Scholarships:  
Fully funded by the University of Oxford, up to three Scholarships.
- Cambridge Marshall PhD Scholarships:  
Fully funded by the Cambridge Trust, up to two Scholarships.

## US PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS:

- NIH Marshall Scholarships:  
Jointly funded by the Commission and the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA. These scholarships support research specifically in the subject areas of bioscience, medicine and related disciplines with a predominant application in bioscience.

## OTHER PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS:

- ISH Marshall Scholarships:  
Contribution of £5,000 towards rent at International Student House London. These Scholarships are available to Scholars who can demonstrate financial need. Up to three Scholarships.

## Appendix 3

### CHAIRS OF THE COMMISSION

Sir Oliver Franks	1953-1956
Rt Hon Lord Coleraine	1956-1965
Rt Hon Lord Sherfield	1965-1973
Sir Colin Crowe	1973-1985
Sir Donald Tebbit	1985-1995
Dr Robert Stevens	1995-2000
Mr Jonathan Taylor CBE	2000-2007
Dr Francis Dow CBE	2007- 2011
Dr John Hughes CBE	2011-2016
Mr Christopher Fisher	2016-

### MARSHALL MEDAL RECIPIANTS

The Marshall Medal is awarded to people of outstanding achievement whose contribution to British-American understanding, distinguished role in public life, or creative energy, reflect the legacy of George C Marshall. It has been awarded on significant anniversaries in the life of the Scholarship programme or the Marshall Plan.

#### 2003:

##### **FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL AID COMMEMORATION COMMISSION ACT.**

*Justice Stephen Breyer*  
*Dr Ray Dolby OBE*  
*Mr Tom Friedman OBE*  
*Professor Nan Keohane*  
 Mr Christopher Makins  
 Senator George Mitchell  
 Secretary Colin Powell

#### 2014:

##### **SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST CLASS OF MARSHALL SCHOLARS.**

*Ms Anne Applebaum*  
*Secretary Bill Burns*  
 Dr Frances Dow CBE  
 Mr Bob Gray OBE  
 Rt Hon Lord Hague of Richmond  
 Lord Hannay of Chiswick  
*Professor Doug Melton*  
 Mr Jonathan Taylor CBE  
*Dr Daniel Yergin*

#### 2018:

##### **SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GENERAL MARSHALL'S COMMENCEMENT SPEECH AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCING THE MARSHALL PLAN.**

Secretary Madeleine Albright  
 Ambassador Matthew Barzun  
*Dr Nancy Cox*  
*Mr Reid Hoffman CBE*  
*Dr Bill Janeway CBE*  
 Rt Hon David Miliband

*Italics –Marshall Alumni*

## Statement of the Commission

The summarised financial statements are a summary of information extracted from the full annual financial statements and do not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission ('MACC'). For further information, the Commissioners' Annual Report, the full Annual Financial Statements and the auditor's report on those financial statements, should be consulted. These are all contained in the Annual Report and Financial statements, copies of which may be obtained free of charge from the Assistant Secretary and Head of Scholarship administration, MACC, Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HF.

The annual report and financial statements were approved on 28 June 2019 and were laid before Parliament as House of Commons paper HC 2525 on 8 July 2019. The full annual financial statements from which the summary is derived have been audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General, who gave an unqualified audit opinion.

On behalf of the Commission



**CHRISTOPHER FISHER**

Chair

21 January 2020



2017 Scholars Nancy Fairbank, Sarah Kock and Erin Schulte

# Summarised Statement of Comprehensive Net Expenditure

For the year ended 31 March 2019

	2018-19	2017-18
	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Scholarship costs	2,048,540	1,911,412
Selection process	88,353	85,732
Administration	268,728	278,066
UK Devolved Government itinerary	7,286	14,749
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>2,412,907</b>	<b>2,289,959</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grants and Donations from third parties	82,751	159,648
Other income	0	948
<b>Total income</b>	<b>82,751</b>	<b>160,596</b>
<b>Net expenditure before interest</b>	<b>(2,330,156)</b>	<b>(2,129,363)</b>
Interest receivable	4,660	1,152
<b>Net expenditure for the year</b>	<b>(2,325,496)</b>	<b>(2,128,211)</b>

# Summarised Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2019

	2018-19 £	2017-18 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Trade and other receivables	363,322	578,479
Cash and cash equivalents	789,648	284,410
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,152,970</b>	<b>862,889</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	(154,343)	(88,766)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(154,343)</b>	<b>(88,766)</b>
<b>Assets less total liabilities</b>	<b>998,627</b>	<b>774,123</b>
<b>TAXPAYERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>General reserves</b>		
Of which attribute to:		
Core reserves	618,031	618,031
Discretionary reserves	380,596	156,092
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>998,627</b>	<b>774,092</b>







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