**Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes – Yale Application Timeline for 2016-17**

**Fellowship Programs, Yale Center for International & Professional Experience**

March - June

**Research appropriate degree courses at universities in the UK and Ireland** (as well as US options). Information is available online through the Fellowships website’s Resources for Study in the UK and Ireland (http://funding.yale.edu/fellowships/graduate-study-uk-ireland), and through official Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes websites. On UK/Irish university websites, see especially the graduate prospectus, and where available the “alternative” prospectus (this will be the one written by students for students—useful taken with a grain of salt). Consult faculty mentors about suitable graduate programs, make an appointment for a one-on-one Fellowships advising appointment, and talk to Graduate Fellowship Affiliates and other contacts (ask for suggestions from the wide Yale network).

**Review Yale application information** via the [Yale Student Grants Database](http://studentgrants.yale.edu). **Official online application systems** will be available for the Marshall from late spring, for Mitchell from April, and for the Canadian and US Rhodes from July. [Rhodes competitions in countries other than the US and Canada have different deadlines and requirements than those listed here, so check them individually](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/); although only the US and Canadian Rhodes require university endorsement via Yale, Fellowships staff gladly advise Yale applicants for other competitions.** For all these competitions, it is advisable to refrain from registering recommenders in the official online application systems until the autumn; and please **DO NOT** enter endorser information or click to submit applications electronically until asked to do so by the Fellowships office.

Think about who might write strong **letters of reference** in support of each of your applications (Kate at Fellowships can help with strategy). Make initial contacts with people you hope will write your references (see advice on Fellowships website about the best way to ask for letters) and acquire summer contact information.

- For the **campus endorsement process**, by the preliminary deadline in early August (see over), only 4 letters need be requested. (It is generally a good plan to get at least 3 academic letters for the Yale committee; one must be from your “primary academic recommender.” See Yale notes for recommenders via the Student Grants Database).
- **Should you win Yale’s endorsement**, you may need extra letters by the beginning of Oct, so plan ahead:
  - The final official Marshall application requires 4 letters of recommendation, **at least 2** of which must be from faculty who have taught you in relevant courses and/or supervised research, and one of which should ideally speak to your leadership potential/potential to be a leader in your field. **The official Mitchell requires** 4 letters, **at least 2** of which must be from faculty who have taught you.
  - **The US Rhodes requires** 5-8 letters, **at least 4** of which must be from faculty who have taught you/supervised research; the Canadian Rhodes requires exactly 6.

Begin work on **essays** and “proposed academic programme(s).” Seek advice on the Fellowships website, from your academic advisers, college writing tutor (if you’re a current student; alumni: contact Fellowships), Fellowships staff, Graduate Fellowship Affiliates, et al. ***NOTE:*** recent changes to the requirements for personal statements for the [Rhodes (Canadian & US)](http://studentgrants.yale.edu) as well as other national competitions) and Mitchell (see their websites) mean that you can receive no feedback or comments of any description on personal statements, from anyone (see over for further implications).

July-August

**Before the preliminary campus deadline** (see over), **begin an application** in the Yale Student Grants Database. **Work on drafts** of essays. **Transcripts:** we will pull your unofficial Yale College transcript for the campus endorsement process; but for **colleges and universities other than Yale:** if you are applying for the Marshall, please have official transcripts sent to the Fellowships office by the campus application deadline; if you are applying only for Yale’s endorsement for the Mitchell and/or Rhodes, you may for the campus endorsement process submit copies of unofficial transcripts via the Yale Database, but note that you may need official transcripts later in the process (see Yale application checklist and official guidelines). Plan ahead to avoid last-minute stress!

August might be a good time to begin working on applications for admission to British/Irish universities if planning to apply independently (this isn’t required to apply for Marshall, Mitchell, or Rhodes but is recommended if you want also to pursue other funding options). NB that other fellowship deadlines will follow soon… (e.g., the Keasbey, US Gates, and Churchill fall in October)

(see important deadlines on next page)
**PRELIMINARY CAMPUS DEADLINE**

To be eligible to apply for Yale’s endorsement for Marshall/Mitchell/Rhodes, you must by this deadline:

1. Begin an application in the Yale Student Grants Database (http://studentgrants.yale.edu) for “Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes - Common Application for Yale Endorsement.” (Alumni who have trouble accessing the Database should contact studentgrants@yale.edu for help.) AND

2. Via this application in the Yale Database, request your **4 letters of reference**. Before you request letters via the online system, you should first have asked these people to write for you they should have agreed to do so. **Note: only 4 letters will be read.** Letters should ideally be submitted by the campus application deadline on Aug. 22 (but may arrive later—as long as the applicant has submitted his/her own required materials before the deadline).

If you miss this registration deadline without prior permission (granted only in extraordinary circumstances) you may not apply for Yale’s nomination for these fellowships this year.

**DRAFTS** If it is permitted and you would like feedback before the campus application deadline this is the last date by which to submit drafts to Fellowships: email drafts and book an appointment in the usual way (as long as drafts are in by the deadline, appointments may be after Aug. 8). [See note on previous page about new Rhodes/Mitchell requirement; see further: http://funding.yale.edu/planning/writing-external-fellowships and Yale Database entries.]

**CAMPUS APPLICATION DEADLINE - Late applications will not be accepted!**

Application materials should be submitted via the Yale Student Grants Database. (Alumni who have trouble accessing the Database should contact studentgrants@yale.edu for help.) Please see the application checklist for details but in general a complete application for the campus deadline includes: a pdf of the appropriate official fellowship application (see application checklist to determine which one is needed; but please DO NOT yet enter endorser information or click to submit official applications, except via the Yale Database), a detailed résumé or list of activities and awards, and transcripts from all colleges attended other than Yale (see note on transcripts under July-August, overleaf).

In addition: the **four (4) letters of reference**, requested by Aug. 8th, should be submitted by their writers, ideally by Aug. 22, although they may come in a little later if the applicant has otherwise met the deadline.

Check your application in the Student Grants Database to track what’s been received.

It is also a good idea to let your RC Dean know you’re applying: although formal Deans’ reports are no longer required, the Fellowships office will be touching base with Deans about applicants as part of the campus application process.

Yale Marshall/Mitchell/Rhodes Committee reviews applications, and invites selected applicants to interview.

**Fellowships: email drafts and feedback**

**Finalization of applications** by endorsed candidates. Final letters of reference are uploaded—by their writers, not by candidates—into the official application systems to be received by the national deadlines.

**Sept. 26, 2016 5pm**

Deadline by which endorsed MARSHALL candidates must electronically submit final versions of their official applications; also the latest recommended date for uploading of letters, so that all may be officially submitted to the Marshall Commission by the Fellowships office by the national deadline.

**NATIONAL DEADLINES** Final applications, letters of recommendation, transcripts, and endorsements must be submitted by the deadlines. Plan ahead and avoid undue stress!

- The national deadline for MARSHALL is **October 3, 2016** (but see deadline above).
- The national deadline for the MITCHELL is **5pm on September 30, 2016**.
- The national deadline for the US RHODES is **October 5, 2016**.
- The national deadline for the **Canadian Rhodes** is **October 14, 2016**.

**October-early Nov.** Endorsed candidates may wish to apply for admission directly to British/Irish universities. Finalists are selected and notified of interviews. Finalists do practice interviews arranged by Fellowship Programs.

**Late Oct. — mid Nov.**

- **US Rhodes** districts may do—**semi-finalist interviews via Skype**
- **Marshall** regional committees interview selected finalists. Winners notified shortly thereafter, but official announcement is later.
- **Mitchell** finalists interviews in Washington, DC. Winners are announced shortly thereafter.
- **US Rhodes** district committees interview selected finalists. Winners announced on the spot.
- **Canadian Rhodes** provincial committees interview selected finalists. Winners are announced shortly thereafter.

**Resources**

- are available including advisers and library materials at CIPE, Yale faculty, residential college fellows, Deans, and graduate fellowship affiliates.
- Interested Yale applicants, having done some research on their own, are urged particularly to contact: Kate Dailinger, adviser for UK and Irish Fellowships at the Yale Center for International & Professional Experience, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd floor.

To schedule an appointment in person or via telephone/Skype see http://funding.yale.edu/contact/make-appointment. Other inquiries, email: katherine.dailinger@yale.edu or fellowships@yale.edu. Remember, too, that Kate can help with Yale contacts for advice about individual scholarships/universities/degree courses—please just ask!

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