What will this presentation cover?

- How to start: Think about what you actually want to do rather than being guided by the fellowship
- How to find who you should talk to
- How to make the most of your time while you’re here
- Getting used to the UK and Ireland – how do the universities work?
- Finding the right university and degree program for you
- More than just Oxford, Cambridge, LSE
• What are these fellowships?
  • All for graduate study in the UK
  • Make sure this is something you want/need before you start this process – don’t get caught up by the fellowships' prestige before thinking this through!

• Some questions to ask yourself:
  • What are you most interested in?
  • What would follow best on your preparation thus far?
  • What programs offer the best prep for what you want to do in the future?
  • Who is doing the most interesting work in your field and where? This is really important for graduate school - in contrast to applying for an undergraduate degree, the focus for graduate degrees is much more on who and that will guide the ‘where’
There are lots of folks who can help you think through this process
Now is the time to leverage your network of advisors and mentors!
Yale *Fellowships and Funding*

They do things a little differently across the Atlantic…

- Terminal Master’s degrees in 1–2 years
  - Two tracks: TAUGHT and RESEARCH
  - Test the waters before PhD!
- New perspective: some disciplines look very different
- Only a few hours of lecture/seminar a week
- Libraries closed evenings and weekends
- Degree courses have different names: MPhil, DPhil, MSt – use our ‘de-coding’ advice
- MORE focused….LESS structured…
• There’s more than just Oxford, Cambridge and London School of Economics!

• All have different strengths - FIND THE RIGHT FIT

• Going somewhere other than Oxbridge can be an advantage!

• Doing your research counts, and fellowship interviews rely on you knowing what you want and why
Here’s where to start:

- Find advice on de-coding UK degrees
- Click on UK Fellowships to find lists of fellowships by type
- Click on ‘UK Graduate Courses’ to search for post-graduate courses
The Research Excellence Framework 2014 (REF) is one of the best ways to search for UK degree courses.

- It is worth doing your research – this will open up a whole new range of universities out there for you!

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**RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK 2014**

- Shows where the best work is being done at universities in the UK
- Times Higher Education Supplement
- Link on our website
There are more fellowships than you might think.

These are just a few...

There are more on our website: https://funding.yale.edu/fellowships/uk-fellowships

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RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

➢ For study at Oxford
➢ Up to 3 years of funding – OK to do second BA!
➢ US, Canadian and Global Rhodes require Yale nomination
➢ 21 other countries/regions to apply through
➢ NEW: GLOBAL RHODES

• **What makes a strong candidate – what are the criteria?**
  • Energy to use one’s talents to the full!
  • Truth, courage, kindliness, unselfishness
  • Moral force of character and instincts to lead
  • High scholarly attainments

NO HELP ALLOWED ON RHODES PERSONAL STATEMENT AT ALL!!
MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS

➢ For graduate study at ANY university in the UK and N. Ireland
➢ 1 year or 2 year Marshall – funding can be extended for 3 years
➢ Requires Yale nomination
➢ U.S citizens only

What makes a strong candidate – what are the criteria?

▪ High academic achievement – 3.7 min GPA to apply, compelling reason to be in the UK, deep familiarity with institution & degree choice
▪ Leadership Potential: Ability to deliver results, strength of purpose, creativity, self-awareness
▪ Ambassadorial Potential: Knowledge of US/UK Relations, ability to engage with others, self-confidence, transferable extra-curriculars

⭐ You can get all the help you want with the essays!
➢ For graduate study at any university in Ireland OR Northern Ireland
➢ One year of study funded in any discipline
➢ Requires Yale nomination if you apply as a rising senior: you can apply directly as an alumnus
➢ Can apply up to age 30 – U.S. citizens only

Criteria for the fellowship:
• Scholarship – minimum 3.7 GPA to apply
• Leadership
• Sustained commitment to community and public service

☆ NO HELP ALLOWED ON MITCHELL PERSONAL STATEMENT AT ALL!!
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What else are they looking for?

➢ Real knowledge of the institution AND the degree program

➢ Commitment to make a difference in the world – seriousness of purpose

➢ Evidence of deep thinking about who you are now
  ➢ What is your case for the fellowship?
  ➢ What is your narrative?

➢ How will you connect the fellowship experience to what comes next?

➢ LOGISTICAL STUFF: Time of graduation, age, citizenship
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What should I be doing now?

Research your options!

Think seriously about Plan B, C, D...

Talk to possible recommenders

Make an appointment to see the UK Fellowships Advisor

Get organized – make a spreadsheet!

Start writing
• Hear from other Yalies – we have lots of past interview reports.
Preparing a Fellowship Application

To apply for fellowship funding to support a purposeful activity, you will need to prepare a fellowship application. Your fellowship application will comprise all or some elements of the following:

- Fellowship proposal
- Budget
- Resume
- Letter of recommendation
- Language evaluation
- Yale transcript

https://funding.yale.edu/applying/how-apply
• At this stage, you may well be feeling rather daunted...

• Yes, applying for these fellowships means hard work. And yes, winning one of these is definitely a lottery with high odds against that—but you definitely won’t win if you don’t apply.

• Fellowship foundations are not looking for ‘perfect’ candidates, they’re looking for compelling candidates who want to do all kinds of things and come from all kinds of backgrounds.

• You don’t need to have founded an organization or have published research

• Think about what the PROCESS of applying can do for you:
  • Good way to wrestle with tough questions
  • It gives shape to your academic and personal goals

• There’s LOTS of people around to help you – you can’t do this on your own!
Make an Appointment

Come talk with us

One-on-one advising appointments with Fellowship Programs advisers are available throughout the calendar year. They are 30 minutes in length and take place during office hours. Appointments can take place in person, via telephone or via Skype.

Check our calendar of events for details about group advising, workshops, and upcoming application deadlines.

- What topics can I discuss with an adviser?
- Why am I required to attend an information session and complete a questionnaire?

funding.yale.edu/contact/make-appointment

- Make an appointment to meet with a UK/Ireland Fellowships Adviser
- The Fellowships office is open all summer long: Monday through Friday, 8.30am-4.30pm (New Haven time).
- We do in-person, Skype or phone appointments
- The advising calendar is extremely crowded July-October, so start the conversation as early as possible!