The application process for the Gates, Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, and Churchill Scholarship competitions has a single important purpose: to maximize the likelihood that Hopkins students are truly competitive for these scholarships.

These five scholarships are handled together for several reasons. They all seek applicants of similarly high quality; and applicants are often interested in applying for two, three or more scholarships in this group. Although students may be interested in a particular scholarship from the start, we do not identify or select a ‘Gates applicant’ or a ‘Mitchell applicant’ initially. (The Churchill is different in being open only to STEM-field applicants.) The selection process begins by identifying students who could be competitive for at least one of these scholarships. As the process continues, we discuss which scholarship(s) best fit a particular applicant’s profile. The Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, and Churchill all require a university endorsement, and applicants for these awards must work through our campus process. The Gates does not fall into this category: applicants may apply directly, but we encourage them to work through the campus process because of the advising and resources we can offer.

The basic terms and eligibility of each scholarship are summarized below. For further details, please see the respective scholarship pages under the list of fellowships (http://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/fellowships/list-of-fellowships/) on our website as well as the official websites of each scholarship.

**Scholarship Terms & Eligibility**

The **Gates Cambridge Scholarship** supports one, two, or three years of full-time study at Cambridge University. May be citizens of any country outside of the UK. Age restriction: none. Field of study open, but applicants must make a convincing argument that their qualifications and aspirations accord with a particular postgraduate degree at Cambridge. 95 Scholarships are awarded each year (40 to US citizens). GPA of 3.7+ to be competitive.

The **Rhodes Scholarship** fully funds two years of graduate or undergraduate study at Oxford. Must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident to apply as a U.S. applicant; citizens of certain countries may for regional competitions; new “global” scholarships are open for all others (see Rhodes website for details). GPA of 3.7+ to be competitive. Age restriction: cannot have reached age 24 at the time of application. Field of study open. 35 scholarships are awarded in the US each year; 89 scholarships total are awarded to citizens of other countries.

The **Marshall Scholarship** fully funds one or two years of graduate study at any university in the UK. There are a limited number of one-year scholarships. GPA of 3.7+ to be competitive. Must
be a US citizen. Age restriction: applicants are only eligible to apply within two years of completing their first BA/BS/BM. Field of study open. Up to 40 scholarships are awarded each year.

The **George J. Mitchell Scholarship** supports one year of graduate study at an institution of higher learning in Ireland, including the seven universities in the Republic of Ireland and the two universities in Northern Ireland. GPA of 3.7+ to be competitive. Must be a US citizen. Age restriction: must be under 30. Field of study open. Up to 12 scholarships awarded annually.

The **Churchill Scholarship** fully funds one year of graduate or study at Churchill College, Cambridge University. STEM field of study open. Very strong research profile; applicants usually headed toward PhD, MD, or MD/PhD. GPA of 3.8+ to be competitive. Must be a US Citizen. JHU can nominate two students. At least 14 scholarships awarded each year.

**Application Process & Timeline**

For the upcoming Fall 2018 application cycle, JHU will use the following process and timeline:

**Pre-application phase: mid-March to May**

- Pre-application materials are due from prospective applicants by Monday, March 12th. These include an unofficial JHU transcript, CV with photo, and completed pre-application form). You may download the pre-application instructions and form from the Gates, Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell or Churchill Scholarships pages on our website.

- Students with sufficiently strong records and referees will be invited to a brief interview with the selection committee; at this point we’re looking for qualities necessary for successful interviewing (interpersonal skills, ability to address a range of topics, connection to the world outside of academic studies, sheer likability). The selection committee decides which applicants have been selected to proceed in the application process.

- Students who are approved to apply must attend a one-hour GRMMC workshop in May.

**Application phase: May – August**

**Pre-writing phase:**

- We meet regularly with individual candidates to discuss choosing academic program(s) in the UK, confirming the selection of letters of recommendation, articulating leadership experiences, and other preparatory work to help you identify which awards you should apply for.

- You discuss with faculty advisors your academic plans and specific graduate programs in the UK. Selecting the appropriate academic program (and/or research supervisor) is of paramount importance, as is contacting your prospective research advisor as early as possible. You must have a compelling rationale for studying in the UK, and this is tied directly to your choice of academic program.
• By early June, you submit an “intent to apply chart” that indicates which scholarship programs most closely align with your interests and why, along with an indication of your preferred research supervisor (if relevant).
• Applicants will work in small groups to discuss and revise their CVs, which is required in some form for all of these awards.
• Applicants participate in person or via Skype in 5-6 GRMMC junto sessions (usually late May through early July). The aim of these popular weekly gatherings is to build your cohort experience; help you to become more informed about US, UK, and global events in preparation for finalist interviews; and work on how to express your ideas concisely to a wide academic audience.

Writing phase:
• Drafts are due on a regular basis and you will frequently revise essays. Each scholarship has multiple, specific deadlines throughout June, July, and August.
• Applicants seek feedback from research mentors and faculty advisors on essay drafts connected to research projects and/or academic programs.
• If helpful at this stage, applicants are paired with committee members for direct feedback on the application.
• If applicants’ written materials have not developed as expected, they will not be allowed to proceed. Applicants making good progress – we strive to make sure that everyone is in this category – will be formally nominated to represent JHU.

Nomination phase: September – mid-November
• Nominees finalize their applications.
• Mock interviews for finalists (Churchill does not have interviews):
  ➢ First half of November: Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell
  ➢ January intersession: Gates Cambridge