

2020 University of Pennsylvania Marshall Scholarship Process

The Marshall Scholarship seeks applicants who demonstrate:

- Academic Merit
- Leadership Potential
- Ambassadorial Potential

The specific qualities that the Marshall seeks are [defined in detail on the Marshall website](#)

Action	Date
Request access to CURF's Canvas site for Fellowships (Penn login required), and review the Syllabus	ASAP
Attend a Fellowships Explained or Fellowships 201 session at CURF. If you are unable to attend a session, review the Fellowships 101 presentation on the CURF website	ASAP
Login to review Preliminary Spring Fellowships Consultation Form	ASAP
Schedule an appointment with Dr. Wallace Genser by visiting ARCH 205 or calling the CURF office at 215-746-6488 and email your resume at least 24 hours in advance of appointment to curf@upenn.edu	ASAP
Read Marshall's How to Apply page , including the Rules for Candidates, Evaluation Criteria, Marshall Partnership Scholarships, and the list of academic degrees that Marshall does not fund	ASAP
Use the UK's Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 to identify strong UK academic degree programs in your field(s). Explore UK university websites and "Academic and research staff" links on Degree Program pages to identify faculty with whom you might wish to work	ASAP
Complete Penn's preliminary Request for Endorsement Form (RFE) , which requests a tentative list of UK academic degree(s) you intend to pursue. Note: This academic degree plan can be revised later	ASAP
Complete Fellowship Advisor preference form (emailed to you) . When CURF assigns you an Advisor, send them your DRAFT responses to 4 questions on Preliminary Spring Fellowships Consultation Form	1 week after RFE form submitted
Converse with all potential academic and non-academic recommenders to confirm their willingness to write for you. Seek advice from your academic recommenders on the academic programs and faculty with whom you wish to work in the UK. Tell recommenders what you are applying for, why you wish to apply, and how you think they can help you by writing SPECIFICALLY what they have seen you accomplish.	ASAP
Submit Preliminary Spring Fellowships Consultation Form	ASAP
Schedule Spring Fellowships Consultation with Dr. Genser and CURF staff (link will be sent to submitters)	During May
Schedule a Progress Update Appointment with Dr. Genser (link will be sent to active applicants in May)	During June
Once you have finalized your degree plan, send your recommenders the link to CURF's Information for Recommenders , and complete a Recommendation Request Form for each recommender All recommendation letters are also due to CURF by August 1	By June 30
Remind your recommenders of Penn's upcoming August 1 deadline	July 20
Submit your Penn Internal Marshall Application . DO NOT submit your application to Marshall yet. Penn's Internal Marshall Application contains the same material you will submit to the Marshall Scholarship	By August 1
Interviews with Penn's Faculty Review Committee occur in late August – early September	Aug – early Sept
Submit recommendation requests on the Marshall website. Remind recommenders 10 days before due	September 10
Submit your application on Marshall website after you make final revisions and carefully review your application. Email a PDF of your completed application to curf@upenn.edu by the Marshall deadline	24 hours before Marshall deadline
Attend fellowship celebration	TBA, mid- October
Invitations for finalist interviews are sent by Marshall Regions at different times. CURF is NOT notified of your status by Marshall — please email genser@upenn.edu either way when you hear from Marshall!	Varies by Marshall Region
Practice Interviews for finalists	After you notify us
Final Marshall interviews	Varies by Region
Inform us of your result – we're here to talk and support your next steps!	Varies by Region

Email Dr. Genser at genser@upenn.edu if you have any questions about this process.