

*The British National Memorial to
President Kennedy*

KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIPS

AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

AND THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

In 1965 a Fund was set up in Great Britain by public subscription to commemorate President John F. Kennedy. A Memorial was created at Runnymede in perpetuity; and Scholarships from Britain to the United States are offered every year to United Kingdom graduates.

The Scholarships are tenable at Harvard or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Boston was President Kennedy's home and he attended Harvard University where his name is honoured in the Kennedy School of Government.

PROSPECTUS FOR 2010-2011

1. Kennedy Scholarships, tenable for one year, will be awarded for the academic year 2010-2011 at Harvard University and MIT. In certain circumstances, students who are applying for PhD or two-year Master's programmes may be considered for extra funding to help support a second year of study, but normally the two institutions will provide ongoing funding for students admitted to their PhD programmes.
2. (a) Candidates must, at the same time as applying for a Kennedy Scholarship, make a separate and independent application for admission direct to Harvard and/or MIT. Lists of the addresses of admissions offices are available from the Secretary of the Trust or on the Harvard and MIT websites (www.harvard.edu and www.MIT.edu). A Kennedy Scholarship provides funding, but except in the situations described below, does not carry automatic admission to Harvard or MIT.
(b) Candidates wishing to study as Non-degree students at the Harvard Kennedy School or as Special Students on the Technology and Policy Program at MIT will gain automatic admission upon their subsequent application to these programmes.
3. Those applying for awards must be British citizens at the time of application who are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and who have been educated in a British school and institution of higher education at least from the age of 16 up to the completion of their first degree. Applications cannot be accepted from persons already in the United States.
4. Candidates must (a) already be graduates of a United Kingdom University, or University College (applicants who graduated before 2007 will not be eligible), or (b) currently be studying for a first or higher degree and have spent two of the last five years studying at a UK University or College. Applicants who are studying for a first degree must be due to graduate in the academic year 2009-2010. Marriage is not a bar to the award of a Scholarship, but there is no financing for a spouse.
5. In awarding Scholarships, the Trustees will take into consideration candidates' intellectual ability, readiness and ability to express themselves, wider interests and attainments, the focus and value of their proposed study at Harvard or MIT and their capacity for future leadership.
6. Candidates intending to apply to the Harvard Kennedy School for admission to degree programmes are advised to contact Annie Thomas at the Kennedy Trust office (020 7222 1151) for guidance.
7. Awards will not be made to post-doctoral candidates who wish to pursue further research in their own field.

Conditions

8. Scholars will be required to devote the major part of their time to study in one of the Faculties of the University to which they are admitted. They may be registered on a degree programme, or may study as a Special Student or as a Visiting Fellow.
9. Scholars will receive a stipend of at least \$22,000 to cover living costs, any special equipment needed, and some travel within the United States. Scholars are expected to spend part of their summer vacation in the United States after the end of the academic year. Students may apply for an additional grant of \$2,000 to pay for vacation travel. Air fares to and from the United States will be paid for by the Trust, and Tuition Fees will be paid direct to the Institution concerned.

Applications

10. Application Forms are available from University and College authorities or from the Trust at 3, Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London, SW1H 9JJ. Telephone 020 7222 1151. It will also be possible to download the application form from the Trust's website: www.kennedytrust.org.uk.
11. Candidates should submit one original form, legibly written in black and in its original format, along with 6 photocopies. Attached to each form should be a short, typewritten essay giving an account (which MUST NOT exceed 1,000 words) of their academic pursuits, general activities, and intellectual interests, plus reasons for wishing to study in the United States, choice of course and institution, and plans for the future.
12. Applications for Scholarships should be made to the Kennedy Memorial Trust via the candidate's UK university. Applicants should enquire which office in their particular university co-ordinates scholarship applications. The Kennedy Memorial Trust office may be able to help in this regard.

Referees and Testimonials

13. The forms call for the names of two persons as referees. The first should have supervised some aspect of the candidate's academic work at university, and his or her confidential reference is to come forward with the candidate's application papers. The second referee may be non-academic but should be familiar with the candidate's performance at university and afterwards. The referee should be asked by the candidate to send forward a confidential reference direct to the Secretary of the Kennedy Memorial Trust by the 3rd November 2009.

Interviews and Selection

14. Selected candidates will be invited to London for interview on the 6th or 7th January 2010. They will be required to produce a birth certificate, or other nationality papers. Those awarded Scholarships will be asked to provide a medical certificate.
15. Candidates selected to receive Scholarships will be notified by the end of January, but confirmation of the award cannot be made until May when admission to Harvard or MIT has been granted.
16. Please note that it is not possible for the Trustees to provide candidates with detailed comments on unsuccessful applications.

Entries

17. The application forms and accompanying essays should be sent to the *Head of the University College*, or the *Vice-Chancellor of the University* of which the candidate is or has been a student, *not later than 20th October 2009*.
18. Heads of Colleges, Vice-Chancellors or Principals are requested to transmit the application forms and accompanying essays in respect of those candidates whom their university or college is prepared to recommend, in order of preference if possible, together with their own confidential report and recommendation in addition to the references from the academic supervisors. Material should be sent to the Secretary, Kennedy Memorial Trust, 3, Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London, SW1H 9JJ, *not later than 3rd November 2009*.