

**The Jardine Foundation Scholarships 2026  
for Postgraduate Studies at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge**

**Guidelines**

**Introduction**

In 1982, Jardine Matheson established an educational trust, The Jardine Foundation to provide scholarships to students who are nationals of Hong Kong, Mainland China, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Myanmar, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The Foundation in its discretion awards Jardine Scholarships annually to students to enable them to attend educational establishments, primarily selected colleges at the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge (the 'Universities') in the United Kingdom.

The Foundation aims to assist scholars who have the potential to become outstanding citizens with a high commitment to the community. Consequently, the selection of candidates is based on a number of criteria, which include academic achievement and academic potential, leadership qualities, and involvement in non-curricular activities and community affairs.

The Foundation is seeking applications from postgraduate students who have been **provisionally accepted** at either of the Universities and will be resident in one of the Foundation's partnered Colleges. **Applications must be made through the partnered Colleges.**

**General Information**

- 1) Scholarships for postgraduate studies (such as Masters or PhD) are for periods of up to four years. They are tenable for full-time courses at the Universities, with the applicants having been accepted by one of the following Colleges:

University of Cambridge

Downing  
Magdalene  
Peterhouse  
Trinity

University of Oxford

Exeter  
Oriel  
The Queen's  
Trinity

- 2) Eligibility

Applicants must:-

- a) apply for the scholarships through one of the Colleges stated in item 1 (and refer to item 5 for the list of documentations required);

- b) be a national, or resident of Cambodia, mainland China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam, for a period of at least 7 years;
- c) be within the early stages of their career at the time of application; and
- d) be in a satisfactory state of health.

### 3) Basis of Selection

In making awards, the Scholarship Committee will take into account of not only academic achievement and academic potential but:-

- a) personal qualities and character with particular regard to the extent to which the applicant has demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership and fellowship;
- b) community involvement and activities; and
- c) other attributes which, in the opinion of the Scholarship Committee, indicate that the applicant is likely to become an outstanding citizen with a high commitment to the performance of public duties and/or community involvement.

### 4) Value of Scholarships

Each Scholarship awarded will generally be sufficient to cover fees, tuition, board and lodging, and reasonable living expenses and travel expenses to and from the chosen educational establishment at the beginning and at the end of the course in respect of which the Scholarship is awarded.

The Scholarship will include:-

- a) University tuition fees payable directly to the University;
- b) College fees, payable directly to the College;
- c) an annual stipend to cover board and lodging and all other incidental expenses (the stipend will be payable in three instalments each year, with the first instalment a larger sum to cover initial costs);
- d) the cost of the UK Immigration Health Surcharge; and
- e) a standard economy class airfare to be reimbursed at cost to the Scholar from the place of residence to the United Kingdom at the beginning of studies, and for the return journey to the place of residence on completion of the Scholarship period.

Consideration will be given by the Trustees to applications for a reasonable amount to fund research and field work.

In cases of financial hardship, the Trustees may, in their absolute discretion, make arrangements by way of supplemental awards or such other means as they may think fit to assist Jardine Scholars in meeting their essential expenses.

No additional funding is available to support family members. The Foundation places no restriction on family members joining the Scholar in the United Kingdom, subject to them meeting the appropriate immigration requirements.

#### 5) Method of Application

Application forms can be obtained from the Colleges detailed in item 1, or from the Secretaries of the Jardine Foundation by email to **[jardine.foundation@jardines.com](mailto:jardine.foundation@jardines.com)**.

Application forms must be submitted to the Graduate Admissions Tutor of one of the eight Colleges (detailed in item 1) that have agreed to accept the applicant.

Application form must be submitted together with the following:-

- a) answers to the following questions in not more than 200 words per question (answers over the 200 words limit will be disregarded):
  - i) Describe, as precisely as possible, the applicant's professional objectives after completion of their course, how the course they have chosen would help them attain these objectives and what position they would like to occupy in ten years' time;
  - ii) Describe what the word 'leadership' means to the applicant, and outline an achievement or experience that they believe best reflects their leadership potential; and
  - iii) Describe areas of community involvement that the applicant has been, or still is, active in.
- b) CV / Résumé;
- c) a recent passport-size photograph;
- d) a copy of completed Cambridge / Oxford application;
- e) certified copies of all relevant academic qualifications subject to the examination system of the relevant territory; and
- f) a reference letter (with letterhead and referee's signature).

The Foundation reserves the right at its discretion to approach any organization, establishment or individual to check the substance of all statements made by any applicant and to take up references. By completing the application form, applicants will be giving consent to either of the Universities or other places of education or employment referred to the application providing any personal, professional or academic information concerning the applicant to the Scholarship Committee.

All applications will first be considered by the Colleges (detailed in item 1,) and those considered suitable for further consideration will be forwarded to the Foundation. Those candidates selected as finalists by the Foundation will be invited to meet the Selection Committee between the last week of April to the first week of May, with the final date to be confirmed. Applicants who are unable to attend the Selection Committee interview on the suggested dates will not be considered.

The decisions of the Foundation are final and under no circumstances will representatives of the Foundation be required to explain to applicants or their representatives why any application has been accepted or declined or has not passed any part of the selection process.

6) Condition

The award of a Scholarship is conditional upon the candidate taking up a place at one of the Universities and at one of the Colleges - detailed in item 1. Should the applicant withdraw from the course at any time, or should the candidate not meet any probational requirements of the University in continuing as a graduate student beyond year one, the commitment of the Foundation shall cease with immediate effect.

7) Regulations Governing Scholarships

By applying for and accepting a Jardine Scholarship, the Jardine Scholars agree to and acknowledge the following:

- a) to conduct themselves in a proper manner throughout the periods for which the Scholarships are awarded and use their utmost endeavours to complete their studies and achieve the best possible results in any tests or examinations which are part of the course;
- b) to complete an annual report for the Foundation on the progress of their academic works; to which their tutors, course directors or supervisors will also be asked contribute to;
- c) to the Foundation obtaining information from the Universities about their grades/progress during the course of their studies;
- d) to advise the Foundation in the event of any plan to change the course of study originally nominated when the Scholarship was awarded, and which will be subject to the written approval by the Trustees;
- e) to seek the written consent of the Foundation and to obtain the agreement of the University should the scholar wish to defer the commencement of the course, approval of which will only be given under exceptional circumstances;
- f) at all times to comply with the regulations of the Universities in which they are studying;

- g) not to accept without consent of the Trustees any employment during their Scholarship periods other than short-term employment during vacations;
- h) not to accept any other scholarship either in name or in substance during the term of the Scholarship;
- i) not without the consent of the Trustees be attached to the Embassy, Legation or High Commission or other diplomatic or governmental office of any country in the United Kingdom or elsewhere during the tenure of the Scholarships;
- j) the Trustees' right to terminate the Scholarship at any time for reasons of unsatisfactory conduct, breaches of University regulations, breaches of the regulations of the award, failure to make satisfactory progress, illness or conviction for any criminal offence on the part of the Jardine Scholar;
- k) the Trustees' right to terminate or amend the terms of the Scholarship for any reasons which they think fit without having to account therefore; and
- l) to the Foundation publishing an annual update containing details of the Jardine Scholars during their studies at the Universities and each year subsequently for circulation to the Scholarship Committee and to other Jardine Scholars.

#### 8) Insurance

All insurance will be the responsibility and for the account of the students concerned, but it is recommended that students should consider accident, medical, and personal effects insurance and/or any other insurance which they may themselves consider to be appropriate.

#### 9) Other

In certain circumstances, scholarship awards will be offered in the form of joint schemes co-funded by the Foundation and the Universities.

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