Application Instructions | 2021-2022

**Campus Pre-Application Deadline:** June 10, 2021
**Application Materials Deadline:** Noon, Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Applicants should make an advising appointment with Gabi Schmiegel, gschmieg@ucsc.edu.

Applicants are required to obtain an institutional endorsement before applying to the Marshall Commission. The UC Santa Cruz selection committee makes endorsement decisions for the University.

**To apply for UC Santa Cruz endorsement, you must submit the following:**

- **Complete the** [2022 Marshall Scholarship Pre-Application form](#)
- **Applicants will be asked to:**
  - Answer questions about their interest and eligibility to apply for the scholarship
  - Submit a list of proposed references and explain the rationale for selecting them
  - Submit any documents relevant to the review as a potential UC Santa Cruz candidate, including a draft personal statement, current CV/resume, documentation of any correspondence with faculty at the proposed host university, etc.

The Pre-Application is designed to assess the likelihood of receiving a campus endorsement in which case the applicant will be invited to move forward in the application process.

- **Complete the** [2022 Marshall Scholarship online application](#) **by noon August 17, 2021.**
  - **Personal Statement:** (1,000 words maximum) Describe your academic and other interests and pursuits.
  - **Description of proposed academic program:** Include reasons for your choice of course and preferred university. If you hope to read for a research degree, give an outline of the research you wish to undertake and with whom you would like to work. Candidates should include an outline of why they have chosen their second choice courses and institutions.
  - **Post scholarship plan statement:** Describe your education/career plans upon completion of their Marshall Scholarship and why undertaking a degree in the UK would enhance these plans. Also, indicate how you would develop ongoing connections with the UK, through the UK institution or contacts made while in the UK.
  - **Leadership essay:** Describe a situation in which you were recognized and responded to a need for leadership. Please consider the Commission’s criteria on leadership potential.
  - **Ambassador Potential statement:** Describe why you want to undertake your studies in the UK, and how you will benefit from the experience. Discuss how work in your field of study (including your own research) can enhance the USA-UK relationship. Explain what you might do to contribute to improved relations in this area now and following the scholarship. (You should view the [Ambassadorial Potential Criteria](#) on the Marshall website).
  - **3 letters of recommendation:** Letters should be submitted via the online application. Enter your recommenders in the following order: The preferred recommender (should be academic), a general recommender (should have taught or supervised the applicant), and a leadership recommender. Two of these recommenders must be located in the U.S.
  - **Official paper transcripts:** from all colleges and universities attended. Upload a pdf of your transcripts to the application, please make sure they upload both the grades and the explanation pages. Note: portfolio system transcripts that are password protected cannot be uploaded.