

# Kennedy Memorial Trust

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## Kennedy Scholarships Academic Year 2020 – 21

**Taking British graduates to Harvard University &  
the Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

On behalf of the trustees, I am delighted to enclose information about the Kennedy Scholarships for 2020-21 which are the UK's living memorial to President Kennedy and offer generous funding to enable British graduates who are also British citizens to undertake further study in the USA at Harvard or MIT. **They are tenable across all disciplines and for non-degree as well as degree study.**

Those applying to **doctoral programmes** at Harvard and MIT are expected to accept departmental funding but can receive a maximum contribution of \$20,000 towards their tuition fees alongside all the additional benefits of being part of the Kennedy Scholar network.

Whilst still wishing to enable the newly-graduated to study at Harvard or MIT immediately, trustees also wish to enable those who have gained experience outside academia since graduating to benefit. *The cut-off for graduation from a first degree is therefore now 2015 and 2 of the 7 academic years prior to 01.09.2020 must have been spent at a UK university or university college.*

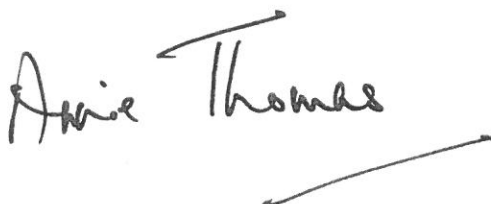
**Importance of personal encouragement to apply:** Whilst using a variety of avenues for publicity, it remains the case that personal encouragement by an academic yields the strongest applicants. A scholar from the '70s who has had a distinguished career in the public policy arena commented that he applied because his Vice-Chancellor specifically encouraged him to do so.

**Apply online:** It is easy to apply at [www.kennedytrust.org.uk](http://www.kennedytrust.org.uk) where the Prospectus gives full information.

**Application window:** Applications for **awards for 2020 - 21** opened on Monday 12th August and **close at 23.59 on Wednesday 23rd October 2019.**

**Publicity Materials:** The poster and prospectus for the current application season can be emailed on request to [annie@kennedytrust.org.uk](mailto:annie@kennedytrust.org.uk)

**Distinguished alumni:** The role of past Kennedy Scholars is impressive and varied. Please help us to continue to attract applications from those who will be leaders in their field.



# KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIPS

2020 - 2021

for postgraduate study at Harvard University and  
the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Open to: British citizens ordinarily resident in the UK who will have graduated by the time of taking up an award and will have spent at least two of the seven academic years prior to 1st September 2019 studying as an undergraduate at a university in the UK

Available for Graduate Programmes:

- Master's
- PhD
- Special Student/non-degree

*Award offers:*

***Full tuition fees & health insurance***

***Means-tested tax free stipend of \$27,250***

***Generous contribution towards flights***

***Additional vacation travel grant of \$2,500***

***Opportunity to be part of a Scholarship***

***Programme valued by the Kennedy family and  
with distinguished alumni in leading positions***

**CLOSING DATE: 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**[WWW.KENNEDYTRUST.ORG.UK](http://WWW.KENNEDYTRUST.ORG.UK)**

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The Kennedy Memorial Trust maintains the UK's memorial to President John F Kennedy, seeking to perpetuate the memory of his outlook and achievements. Kennedy Scholarships constitute a living memorial, in addition to the memorial in landscape and stone at Runnymede, Surrey.

*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 the United Kingdom by public subscription to commemorate President John F Kennedy. A Memorial was created at Runnymede in perpetuity; and it was resolved that Scholarships to the United States should be offered every year to British Citizens who are United Kingdom graduates. The Scholarships are tenable at Harvard or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

As the 50th anniversary of the Memorial Trust approached, the Trustees expanded the Scholarships to include not only recent graduates but also some who had gained a few years of experience outside academia and would now benefit from a course of study at Harvard or MIT. All candidates continue to be selected according to the criteria outlined in paragraph 5 below.

The broad context of Kennedy Scholarships remains President Kennedy's interest in bringing into fruitful combination the two great disciplines of traditional humane studies and modern technology and so making their strength effective in the activities of government and in the direction of world affairs. Applicants with a strong public-service ethos are particularly welcomed.

## PROSPECTUS FOR 2020 – 2021

1. Kennedy Scholarships will be awarded for the academic year 2020-2021 at Harvard University and MIT. A Kennedy Scholarship gives full fees' funding and a means-tested bursary for living expenses (see paragraph 7 below) for one academic year. Students who are applying for a two-year Master will normally secure the necessary funding for second or subsequent years within their institution. Doctoral applicants are expected to accept departmental funding and may receive a maximum contribution towards tuition of \$20,000 from the Trust in addition to the benefits associated with a Kennedy Scholarship and being part of the Kennedy Scholar network.
2. Candidates must, in the same application season as applying for a Kennedy Scholarship, make a separate and independent application for admission direct to their chosen programme at Harvard and/or MIT. See <https://www.harvard.edu> and <https://www.mit.edu>. A Kennedy Scholarship may provide funding but does not carry automatic admission to Harvard or MIT, nor is it associated with particular programmes.

UK-registered Doctoral students are welcome to apply for a Scholarship to support an additional year of research *towards their thesis*. The Trust particularly welcomes those with links to faculty in the Media Lab and CSAIL, or those working in digital technology and/or policy in other Harvard and MIT schools. Potential Harvard GSAS Special Student or Visiting Fellow applicants should consult the following list for eligible programmes of study: <https://gsas.harvard.edu/programs-study/non-degree-programs>

3. Those applying for awards must be **all** of the following:
  - British citizens at the time of application; this does not include those with indefinite leave to remain;
  - ordinarily resident in the UK;
  - wholly or mainly educated in the UK and (will be) graduates of a UK university.

Applications cannot be accepted from those already in the United States.  
There is no additional funding for dependents.

4. Graduate applicants must have spent at least two of the seven years prior to 1st September 2020 studying as an undergraduate at a UK university, graduating from their first degree not earlier than 2015.

Those studying for a first degree at a UK university and due to graduate in the academic year 2019-2020 are also eligible.

Awards will not be made to postdoctoral candidates wishing to pursue further research in their own field.

5. In awarding Scholarships, the Trustees will take into account candidates' intellectual attainment, readiness and ability to express themselves, and a well-researched and argued case for their proposed course of study at Harvard or MIT at this point in their careers. It should be noted that Kennedy Scholars typically have a First Class degree.

Trustees also look for:

- originality of mind;
- commitment to public service;
- potential to make a mark in public life;
- ability to overcome adversity.

## *Conditions*

6. Scholars will be required to devote most of their time to one of the faculties of the university to which they are admitted. They may be registered on a degree programme or as non-degree or Special Students.
7. A Kennedy Scholarship typically covers the full costs of tuition and health insurance, paid direct to the institution concerned. In addition, Scholars selected at interview may apply for a means-tested bursary of up to \$27,250 to cover living costs. Scholars are expected to spend part of their summer vacation in the United States after the end of the academic year and may also apply for an additional grant of \$2,500 to pay for vacation travel.
8. Awards are made in the expectation that Scholars will bring the benefits of their American experience back to the United Kingdom.

## *Applications*

9. Applications are to be made online at <https://www.kennedytrust.org.uk>
10. In addition to completing an online form, applicants will be asked to submit an essay (which MUST NOT exceed 1,000 words) giving an account of their academic pursuits and intellectual interests, their general activities, their reasons for their choice of course and institution and their current plans for the future.
11. The closing date for applications will be 23.59 on Wednesday 23rd October 2019.

## *References*

12. Applicants will be asked to give the names and professional email addresses of two referees. The first should ideally have supervised some aspect of the applicant's academic work at university. The second *may* be non-academic but should be able to write pertinently in support of the applicant's choice of programme at this particular stage in their academic and professional career.
13. Both references must be submitted online by 23.59 on Wednesday 30th October for the application to be accepted. Referees will be contacted automatically but only once the applicant has submitted an application. Please give them enough time to respond before the deadline.

## *Interviews and Selection*

14. Selected applicants will be invited to London for interview on either Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th January 2020. Interview candidates should ensure they *attend in person in London* on the date requested. A UK passport will be required to be shown at this time. Those awarded Scholarships will later 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 secured.
16. Please note that it is not possible for the Trustees to provide candidates with comments on unsuccessful applications at any stage of the process.



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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August 2019

**Frank Knox Fellowships Academic Year 2020-21**  
**For *British graduate students* to attend *Harvard University***

I have pleasure in enclosing material relating to Frank Knox Fellowships to be awarded for 2020-21 which will give ***full-funding to British citizens for graduate study at Harvard University.***

Please note:

- the wide eligibility window. British citizens who graduated from *their most recent* degree in 2015 or later may now apply.
- ***Harvard welcomes external funding secured by an applicant to its degree programmes, particularly including its PhDs. This means doctoral applicants should also apply for a Frank Knox Fellowship.***

Where a university has separate undergraduate and graduate departmental administrative structures, please ensure that publicity reaches both those who will graduate from a first degree in 2020 as well as those on early-stage postgraduate programmes.

Electronic copies of both the poster and the Information for Applicants can be supplied on request to [annie@frankknoxfellowschips.org.uk](mailto:annie@frankknoxfellowschips.org.uk)

Candidates are asked to apply online at [www.frankknoxfellowschips.org.uk](http://www.frankknoxfellowschips.org.uk)  
Applications for Fellowships are currently live and will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

I would like to underline that Frank Knox Fellowships remain a totally separate award from Kennedy Scholarships. They are offered by Harvard University and administered in the UK by the Kennedy Memorial Trust in arrangement with Harvard.

Annie Thomas



# **FRANK KNOX MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS**

## **2020 – 2021**

### **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Fellowships will be available for up to six graduate students, men or women from the United Kingdom, to study for up to two consecutive years in one of the Faculties of Harvard.

***The value of each Fellowship is at least \$32,000 plus tuition and health service fees per annum.***

Information about the fellowships can be found on  
**[www.frankknox.harvard.edu](http://www.frankknox.harvard.edu)**

Full details of the competition and online application can be found  
on **[www.frankknoxfellowsips.org.uk](http://www.frankknoxfellowsips.org.uk)**

The competition will be open to *British citizens at the time of application normally resident in the UK* who wish to attend the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard Business School, Graduate School of Design, Harvard Divinity School, Graduate School of Education, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Law School and Harvard School of Public Health and:

- are studying for a first or higher degree & will graduate from a British university in the academic year 2019-20; OR
- are a UK-registered PhD student hoping for an additional year as a Visiting Fellow at Harvard; OR
- have completed a first or higher degree at a British university and graduated most recently no earlier than 2015.

**Applications** will open on **12th August**  
& close at **23.59** UK-time on **23rd October 2019.**

Enquiries regarding the Fellowships are welcome.  
Please ring Annie Thomas on 020 7222 1151.

**FRANK KNOX FELLOWSHIPS 2020 – 2021  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

**Information for Applicants**

1. The President and Fellows of Harvard College have announced that Fellowships provided by Mrs Annie Reid Knox for the Frank Knox Memorial will be made available to enable students from the United Kingdom to study at Harvard University.

The value of each Fellowship is at least \$32,000 plus tuition and health insurance fee per annum. This should be adequate for the expenses and support of an unmarried Fellow who, it is hoped, will secure housing in one of the university dormitories or halls. Travel grants are not awarded but in cases of severe hardship application can be made to Harvard for financial assistance towards travel costs.

Recipients who are admitted to a Harvard degree program requiring multiple years of study are guaranteed two years of Knox funding, provided they remain in good academic standing. Degree candidates in their third year and beyond are eligible to apply for additional support. Recipients who are admitted to one-year degree programs or as Special Students or Visiting Fellows will, ordinarily, be guaranteed funding for one year.

2. Frank Knox Fellows must apply for and gain admission to one of the graduate or professional schools at Harvard University. They may apply as degree or non-degree students but should note that **preference will be given to candidates pursuing full-time degree programs**. Non-degree status is offered to full-time Special Students or Visiting Fellows with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences only. Visiting Fellows pursue their doctoral degree research with faculty and materials that are available within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Special Students are preparing for the next phase of their academic careers. For a list of eligible program/department affiliations for Special Students and Visiting Fellows, please consult the Programs of Study list at: <https://qsas.harvard.edu/programs-study/non-degree-programs>

Candidates considering applying to multiple graduate schools and programs should be sure their Frank Knox Fellowship application reflects this, both in the US Programme section of their form and in their personal statement.

**Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships do not support medical research or any other research appointment.** Frank Knox Fellows must be in residence in the Cambridge/Boston area for the entire academic year(s) during the first two years of their degree program. (The fellowships will not support students whose programs require extensive fieldwork during this period.) Frank Knox Fellowships are not available for part-time programs, on-line programs or Executive Education programs.

3. Candidates seeking admission to the Law School should note that the School requires students to have completed their resident university education and have graduated from their basic degree in Law by the time they would begin their studies on an advanced (Master of Laws) degree program.
4. Fellows must be enrolled in full-time, in-residence degree programs which run during the regular academic year. Students in part-time, summer, or on-line programs are not eligible for consideration.
5. UK-registered PhD students who will apply for a Visiting Fellowship should not have written up or submitted their PhD by the end of their year at Harvard.
6. Knox Fellowships are not awarded for postdoctoral or undergraduate study at Harvard.
7. It is absolutely vital that, in the same application season as applying for a Knox Fellowship, each candidate file an **ADMISSIONS APPLICATION** directly with the Graduate School of his/her choice at *Harvard University*; and each candidate must meet the admission requirements (including GREs) and timetable of the School concerned. Candidates are urged to begin correspondence with the particular School at the earliest possible date. Admission to a School is a prior condition of the award of a Knox Fellowship. Awards made at interview in January are therefore provisional, pending admission to the chosen School and programme in the Spring. Contact addresses for the various Graduate Schools are listed below:

**Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

Admissions Office, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Campus Center Suite 350, Cambridge MA 02138

[www.qsas.harvard.edu](http://www.qsas.harvard.edu)

Special Student and Visiting Fellow Office

1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Campus Center Suite 350, Cambridge MA 02138

Email: [special@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:special@fas.harvard.edu) [www.qsas.harvard.edu](http://www.qsas.harvard.edu) (then click on non-degree programs)

**Harvard Business School**

MBA Admissions Office, Dillon House, Soldiers Field Road, Boston MA 02163

[www.hbs.edu](http://www.hbs.edu)



**Harvard Divinity School**

Admissions Office, 14 Divinity Avenue, Room 218, Cambridge MA 02138

[www.hds.harvard.edu](http://www.hds.harvard.edu)

**Harvard Kennedy School**

Admissions Office, 79 John F Kennedy Street, Cambridge MA 02138

[www.hks.harvard.edu](http://www.hks.harvard.edu)

**T H Chan School of Public Health**

Admissions Office, 158 Longwood Avenue, Boston MA 02115

[www.hsph.harvard.edu](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu)

**Graduate School of Design**

Admissions Office, 422 Gund Hall, 48 Quincy Street, Cambridge MA 02138

[www.gsd.harvard.edu](http://www.gsd.harvard.edu)

**Graduate School of Education**

Admissions Office, 118 Longfellow Hall, 13 Appian Way, Cambridge MA 02138

[www.gse.harvard.edu](http://www.gse.harvard.edu)

**Harvard Law School**

Graduate Program Office, 1585 Massachusetts Avenue, Wasserstein Hall, Suite 5005, Cambridge MA 02138

[www.law.harvard.edu](http://www.law.harvard.edu)

**Main Harvard website** – [www.harvard.edu](http://www.harvard.edu)

Candidates should submit applications for admission to the appropriate School at the earliest possible time and need not wait for the deadline. This application is separate from your Frank Knox Fellowship application.

**Qualifications**

8. The Frank Knox Fellowships advertised in the United Kingdom are open to:

***men and women who are British citizens at the time of application, normally resident in the UK***, who

- i. are studying for a first or higher degree and will graduate in the academic year 2019-20; OR
- ii. are a UK-registered PhD student hoping for an additional year as a Visiting Fellow at Harvard; OR
- iii. have completed a first or higher degree and graduated most recently no earlier than 2015.

Please note that persons who graduated most recently before 2015 will not be eligible to apply.

9. No application will be considered from any student already in the United States.

10. In accordance with the Deed of Gift, special regard will be given to personal qualities. The following is an extract from the Deed:

"Candidates will be selected on the basis of future promise of leadership. Strength of character, keen mind, a balanced judgment, and devotion to the democratic ideal will be the qualities borne in mind in making the final selection. The Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships were established in the conviction that co-operation between the British Commonwealth and the United States of America based on an informed and understanding contact of the peoples of these two great countries is an essential to international peace."

11. Mrs Knox expressed the hope that holders of the Fellowships, after gaining knowledge and experience from study away from the United Kingdom, would return to their homes to become leaders in their chosen fields.

**Applications**

12. Frank Knox Fellowship applications are to be submitted online at [www.frankknoxfellowships.org.uk](http://www.frankknoxfellowships.org.uk)

13. In addition to completing an online form, applicants are asked to write a short essay (which *must not* exceed 1,000 words) giving an account of their academic pursuits, general activities and intellectual interests, plus reasons for wishing to study in the United States and for the choice of course and institution, plus their plans for the future.

14. Applicants will be asked to give the names and professional email addresses of two referees. The first should have supervised some aspect of the applicant's academic work at university. The second may be non-academic but should be familiar with the applicant's performance at university and afterwards.

15. Applicants should submit a completed online application **by 23.59 UK-time on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019**. References must be submitted online by 23.59 on Wednesday October 30th and referees will *only be contacted* automatically once a *complete application is submitted*.

16. Applicants will be updated re their progress in late November and informed whether they have been selected for interview before the Christmas holiday. The interviews of shortlisted applicants will be held **in London on Friday January 17th 2020** and candidates will be responsible for ensuring they attend in person if requested.