

JACK KENT COOKE



FOUNDATION

COOKE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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The Cooke Graduate Scholarship is awarded to outstanding Cooke Scholars and recent alums to support them to complete graduate degrees at top institutions. Selected scholars receive up to \$150,000 total, with a \$75,000 annual cap, for up to four years of study in approved graduate degree programs. The Cooke Graduate Scholarship is a competitive award – the number of scholarships awarded varies depending on the number of competitive applications received.

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COOKE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Scholars applying for the Graduate Scholarship are eligible to apply for the Cooke Oxford and Cambridge Awards for graduate studies at the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge. Scholars selected to receive a Cooke International Award will receive up to \$85,000 per year for up to four years to study at Lincoln College or Brasenose College at the University of Oxford or Clare College at the University of Cambridge (including between terms).

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PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for the 2023 Cooke Graduate Scholarship, a Cooke Scholar must:

- Be graduating during the 2022-2023 academic year or have graduated within the last three years.
- Plan to begin **full-time** in-person or hybrid graduate studies in fall 2023 at an approved not-for-profit accredited institution.
- Not have already enrolled in graduate school or earned a graduate degree.

Cooke Scholars starting a blended undergraduate/graduate program during the 2023-2024 academic year may also be eligible to apply for the 2023 Cooke Graduate Scholarship.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Purpose for graduate studies:** Scholar thoroughly articulates their purpose for pursuing their chosen field of study and preferred graduate program.
 - **Achievement:** Scholar demonstrates high academic achievement, academic awards and honors, rigorous undergraduate studies, and a substantive assessment by a professor or supervisor providing a confidential recommendation.
 - **Unmet financial need:** Scholar demonstrates unmet financial need.
 - **Engagement and leadership:** Scholar has engaged in on- or off-campus experiences relevant to their chosen field of study and preferred graduate program.
 - **Involvement with the Cooke Foundation:** Scholar has submitted forms, bills, transcripts, and other required materials on time, provided substantive responses to periodic and annual surveys, and participated in other Cooke Foundation activities.
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APPLICATION TIMELINE & PROCEDURE

Cooke Scholars will receive an email announcing when the Cooke Graduate Scholarship application and where to access the program and application materials.

Applications, including all supplemental information, are **due January 10, 2023**. In addition to completing the online application, Scholars must also submit:

- Resume/CV
- Official college transcript
- 2021 U.S. Income Tax Return and supporting tax documents
- One recommendation letter from their graduate school applications
- Supplemental materials (including additional recommendation letters) if applying for the Cooke International Awards

Applicants will be informed of the Cooke Foundation's decision in March 2023.