



The Daniel M. Sachs Scholarship at Princeton

for

Graduates of Worcester College, Oxford



Purpose

The purpose of this Scholarship is to allow a graduate of or at Worcester College, Oxford, to spend a year as a Visiting Student in the Graduate School at Princeton University.

Stipend and Benefits

The Sachs Scholarship at Princeton provides a stipend sufficient to cover fees and tuition for one academic year as a Visiting Student at the Graduate School of Princeton University and to pay for living expenses for ten months. In 2025, the total value of the Scholarship is likely to be \$104,860, of which approx. \$62,860 represents tuition and fees, and the 10-month stipend is \$42,000.

As a Visiting Student, the Scholar has access to benefits typically available to Princeton graduate students, including health insurance, use of on-campus healthcare, library and network privileges, and assistance from university offices. Scholars can avail themselves of the Davis International Center, which supports the needs of international students, in particular in securing visas and other permits.

Sachs Scholars from Worcester are members of the Sachs Scholarship community on equal terms with their fellow Sachs Scholars from Princeton. They enjoy equal rights as Advisors to participate in governance and selection processes in the future.

Eligibility

The Sachs Scholarship at Princeton for Graduates of Worcester College is open to applications from: (1) final year undergraduates at Worcester College; (2) graduates from Worcester of the two preceding years; (3) graduate students at Worcester.

Fields of Study

The Scholarship takes as its premise that individuals engaged in all fields of study have the opportunity to craft careers that will serve the public good. In the past, Sachs Scholars have enrolled in courses in almost every major discipline in the humanities, the sciences, and engineering. Applicants are encouraged to apply in any and all fields supported by the Graduate School of Princeton University.

Conditions

The Scholarship is contingent upon the candidate's admission to a Department of the Graduate School as a Visiting Student or in an appropriate degree course. Candidates are free to initiate an application to the department of their choice either before or after entering the Scholarship selection process. The Scholarship Selection Committee may facilitate applications to the Departments of the Graduate School but cannot guarantee admission. The Scholarship may also be applied to the first year of a multiple year degree program at the Graduate School, provided the Scholar has secured admission and funding for the remainder of the course.

Application Process

The aim of the selection process is not to rank candidates by scholarly merit but to find the individual whose tenure of the Scholarship would be best in keeping with the purposes and the values represented in the man whose memory it honors (see below 'History of the Scholarship'). Applications are for entry to Princeton as a Visiting Student in the academic year 2025-26.

If the Selection Committee does not find a suitable candidate in any year, it may forego offering a Scholarship in that year. The Selection Committee does not choose alternates. It therefore expects that applicants who agree to interview will accept the award if offered.

Applicants are expected to provide the following materials to the Selection Committee:

A letter to the Selection Committee making the case for the applicant's candidacy. Within the letter, applicants should describe their proposed course of study, situate it within their life and career plans, and explain how their tenure might answer to the purposes and values of the Scholarship. There is no set length for letters, but experience suggests that 1,000 words is a useful target.

- 1) A one-page curriculum vitae.
- 2) An academic transcript from Worcester College and from any other university-level institutions attended.
- 3) Three confidential letters of recommendation from faculty members or other individuals who can speak to the applicant's scholarly qualities, personal integrity, leadership abilities, and suitability for the Scholarship.
- 4) The deadline for submissions for the Scholarship is 5pm on Friday of 2nd week or 25 October 2024. All materials should be submitted by email to provost.ea@worc.ox.ac.uk with the subject line 'Sachs Scholarship Application', and letters addressed to the Sachs Scholarship Selection Committee, Worcester College.

A limited number of candidates will be selected for interview with the Selection Committee.

Timetable

The interviews are likely to take place on Monday of 5th week, and the successful candidate notified promptly thereafter.

Further Information

Questions concerning the nature of the scholarship and the suitability of proposals may be addressed to the Chair of Sachs Scholarship, Matthew Stewart, at matthewx1@princeton.edu.

Questions concerning the submission of application material may be addressed to Sue Geddes in the Provost's Office, at provost.ea@worc.ox.ac.uk.

For additional information, see the Answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

History of the Scholarship

The Daniel M. Sachs Class of 1960 Scholarship program was established in 1970 to commemorate Dan Sachs, an outstanding scholar and fine athlete who intended to enter public service. Sachs made his mark at Princeton as a leader of the football team and graduated with the highest academic honors. At Worcester College, he read history and shone in rugby, taking home a Blue in 1962. When he died of cancer at the age of 28, his friends and classmates instituted the scholarship to provide students with an opportunity to enlarge their experience of the world. The center of gravity for the Scholarship in its formative years was Sachs' mentor at Princeton, Professor Charles C. Gillispie, an eminent scholar and a founder of the modern discipline of the history of science. In the last months of Sachs' life, Gillispie discussed with him the idea of a scholarship that would both send students from Princeton into the world and bring students to Princeton. Through the first half-century of its existence, the Sachs Scholarship program answered to the first part of this promise. When Professor Gillispie died at the age of 97 in 2015, he and his wife Emily bequeathed a substantial gift to the scholarship fund with the intention of fulfilling the second part of that promise. As of 2019, there have been 57 Sachs Scholars. About three-quarters of these Scholars have elected to study at Worcester College, while the rest have pursued independent projects around the world. Sachs Scholars have gone on to lead a wide variety of careers in the arts, sciences, engineering, law, medicine, business, journalism, government service, and philanthropy. Together these Scholars now constitute the governing body of the Sachs Scholarship program. Representatives from the group gather regularly to select and welcome new Scholars into their diverse, cross-generational, and international community. From 1970 to 2012, the program was limited to one scholarship per year. In 2013, the program began to offer two distinct scholarships to Princeton graduates every year: the Sachs Scholarship at Worcester, which provides Princeton graduates with two years of study at Worcester College; and the Sachs Global Scholarship, which allows Princeton graduates to pursue a one-year independent project of their own devising anywhere outside the United States. In 2016, a third scholarship was added to the program: the Daniel M. Sachs Scholarship at Princeton for Graduates of Worcester College. The first Sachs Scholar from Worcester College was selected in the Fall of 2016 for matriculation in the Fall of 2017.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. My interests do not lie in politics, or even in the social sciences. Am I a suitable candidate for the Sachs?

Sachs Scholars have been drawn from a wide range of disciplines, including the physical sciences, engineering, humanities, and the arts. Anyone interested in public affairs, broadly defined, and in the potential application of their work to enhance the public welfare is a suitable candidate.

Q. How do I find out about courses that might interest me in the Graduate School at Princeton?

Go to the website and follow the links: <https://gradschool.princeton.edu/academics>

Q. How do I obtain an application form for the Sachs Scholarship?

There is no application form. You need only write a letter to the Sachs Selection Committee setting out how you would propose to use the Scholarship, and why your proposal should command the interest of the Committee.

Q. Is there any requirement concerning my citizenship or residency?

There is no requirement with respect to citizenship. You may not be a resident of the United States at the time of your application. You will need to secure an appropriate visa for your stay as a student at Princeton. Princeton will provide assistance through the Davis International Center in the visa application process.

Q. I have other hopes for next year. Can I apply for the Scholarship, and defer it or decline it if I receive it?

No. In the course of their interviews, candidates will be invited to confirm that they are prepared to accept the Scholarship if they are selected. Candidates will be notified of the award promptly after all interviews are conducted.

Q. I graduated in June 2023. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes.

Q. How many letters of recommendation may I submit?

The maximum number of letters accepted is three. There is no minimum. Letters of recommendation are not required but, generally speaking, letters are helpful to the Committee in its efforts better to understand you and the context for your proposal.

Q. Must my letters of recommendation accompany my application?

Referees should send their letters directly and in confidence to the Committee, c/o The Provost's EA.

Q. How long should my proposal be?

There is no prescribed length. Your proposal should address with some specificity what you propose to do, and why. If your written materials do not make a compelling case, you will not be invited for an interview. At the same time, bear in mind that each reader must read thirty or more application packages, and may be put off by an unnecessarily wordy proposal. 500 – 1000 words might be a typical length.

Q. Will you accept my application after the published application deadline?

No, applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Q. If I am chosen as the Sachs Scholar, am I guaranteed a place in a Department at the Princeton Graduate School?

No. The scholarship award is contingent upon your acceptance at a suitable Department within the Graduate School. The Selection Committee will facilitate the application of the selected Scholar but cannot guarantee admission.

Q. How do I find out more about Visiting Student status in the Graduate School at Princeton?

Have a look at <https://gradschool.princeton.edu/admission-onboarding/nondegree-programs/visiting-students/daniel-m-sachs-scholarship> and the "Visiting" paragraph of <https://gradschool.princeton.edu/academics/nondegree-student-categories>

Q. When should I apply to a Department in the Graduate School at Princeton University?

For the most part, applications to the Graduate School are due after the selection of the Scholar. You are free however to make contact with your department of interest at any time and initiate an application. You should in any case familiarise yourself with the opportunities afforded at Princeton in the field of your choice.

Q. May I change my course of study after accepting the Scholarship and receiving admission to the Graduate School?

So far as the Scholarship is concerned, it is possible to change programmes within the Graduate School. Any such change would have to be accepted by the Graduate School and the relevant Departments.

Q. Where will I live?

Graduate students at Princeton live in a variety of on- and off-campus housing arrangements. Princeton University offices will provide assistance in finding an appropriate arrangement. The Sachs Scholarship Advisors are currently working on establishing an ongoing housing arrangement for Sachs Scholars at Princeton.

Q. When will it begin and end?

The academic calendar at Princeton generally runs from the beginning of September through to the end of May. You are expected to reside in Princeton during that time. The stipend is estimated to allow for ten months of living expenses, but you need not remain in Princeton outside the academic year.

Q. How will I receive my stipend?

Your tuition and fees will be paid directly by the Scholarship Fund. A quarterly stipend for living expenses will be paid into a U.S. Bank account, which you will have to set up. You will receive a portion of your stipend by direct deposit in a UK bank account in advance as a travel allowance.

Q. How do I ask a question not addressed in these FAQ?

You should feel free to email Matthew Stewart, Chair of the Sachs Scholarship, at matthewx1@princeton.edu with any questions.