

HENRY, CHOATE, AND PROCTER FELLOWSHIPS 2025-26

HARVARD, YALE AND PRINCETON UNIVERSITIES

The Trustees of the Charles and Julia Henry Fund expect to offer three **Henry Fellowships** for the academic year 2025-26: one/two at Harvard University; one/two at Yale University.

The Trustees also expect to select candidates for nomination to two **Procter Fellowships** at Princeton University tenable for the academic year 2025-26. They will also nominate two Choate fellowships to Harvard for the academic year 2025-26.

Calendar

1 November 2024 Application form opens

3 January 2025 Closing date for receipt of application forms (from candidates)

10 January 2025 Closing date for receipt of referees' reports (from referees direct).

5 February 2025 Short-listed candidates invited for interview in London.

10 February 2025 Interviews of short-listed candidates in London

17 February 2025 Candidates notified of decisions.

There is a single competition covering all awards (Henry & Choate Fellowships and Procter Fellowships).

Candidates should apply in the following way:

- 1) Read this document in full
- 2) **Complete the online application form located on the website and submit.** Ensure the relevant documents are attached. Once submitted the Student Funding team will confirm receipt and email a copy of the completed form back to you for your records and to share with your referees.
- 3) **Share the referees' form and your application with your referees. We will also need to receive their references directly by email by the 10 January 2025 deadline.**

The deadline for receipt of all application forms is **03 January 2025**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. The receipt of all referee reports is **10 January 2025**. Reports received after this date will not be considered.

Two references are required. Candidates are asked to share the Notes for Referees with each referee, and request that their reference should be sent by the Referee *direct* to **hpreferences@admin.cam.ac.uk** by **10 January 2025**. It will not be possible for references returned later than this to be taken into account in short-listing. Candidates should ideally supply each Referee with a copy of their application, to assist them in writing their references.

Before applying you should **satisfy yourself** that you are eligible for the Fellowships concerned. It is not possible for the Trustees to advise on a prospective applicant's eligibility, etc.

Henry Fellowships 2025-26 (Harvard or Yale)

The Henry Fund was founded by the Will of the late Lady Julia Henry 'in the earnest hope and desire of cementing the bonds of friendship between the British Empire and the United States of America'. Income from the Henry Fund provides for Fellowships to study for a year at Harvard or Yale Universities, and for American subjects to study for a year at Oxford or Cambridge Universities.

The Fellowships are not renewable. Henry Fellows may not be candidates for a degree of the American University. The Fellowships consist of an assured place – as a Special Student – for which separate application is unnecessary, a maintenance grant, tuition fees for the course of study approved by the

Trustees, health insurance, and a grant towards the cost of travel. Currently, the maintenance grant is US \$37,500 (paid in two instalments) and the travel grant is £3,000. These amounts are reviewed annually.

Candidates for Henry Fellowships tenable at the Universities of Harvard and Yale in 2025-26 must be:

- (a) currently enrolled as full-time students at universities in the British Isles – which includes all universities and equivalent higher education institutions with degree-awarding powers in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland (the ‘qualifying HEIs’ in (b) below);

AND

- (b) either
- (i) **Undergraduates** of a qualifying HEI who have completed at least two years of undergraduate work on *1 January 2025*,
- or
- (ii) **Graduates** of a qualifying HEI who are in their first year of postgraduate study in a qualifying HEI in the academic year *2024-25*, *and* who are normally of not more than one year’s standing from the time of taking their first degree or equivalent,

While a very high, and sustained, standard of academic achievement will be required of successful candidates, the Trustees also attach importance to other attainments and personal qualities relevant to the Founder’s intentions. Candidates are therefore required to provide evidence of full engagement in the broader intellectual life of their university, and of participation – and achievement – in relevant non-academic activities, for instance the wider cultural, social, and community life of their university. In essence, the Trustees will wish also to consider the candidate’s potential for full involvement in the intellectual, social, and communal life of the host American university, his or her capacity for leadership, and his or her ability to make a mark in public life.

Candidates therefore must produce evidence of character and intellectual ability, and must also submit a **definite scheme of study or research** to be carried out at Harvard or Yale. The Trustees must be satisfied that the proposed work falls within the scope of ordinary university activities. The choice of the subject of study to be undertaken by the Fellow can be regarded as unrestricted, provided the scheme of work meets with the approval of the Trustees and that of the American university.

The Fellow will report on arrival to a representative of the American trustees at Harvard or Yale, who will act in an advisory capacity throughout the tenure of the Fellowship. Such emergency matters as a possible change of work or leave of absence will be at the American trustees’ discretion. The American university may naturally exercise its right to expel a Fellow in the case of grave misconduct. Such expulsion would terminate the Fellowship.

The Trustees will only consider candidates who are prepared to give their whole time to the objects of the Fellowships, which include study, social activities with fellow students, and travel within the United States. Fellows are also required to undertake to return to the British Isles (or some part of the Commonwealth) at the expiration of their term of tenure. This condition may be waived or modified in a special case.

Procter Fellowships to Princeton University 2025-26

The Graduate School of Princeton University offers four Jane Eliza Procter Visiting Fellowships (Procter Fellowships) to ‘young British and French scholars’: two upon recommendation made by the École Normale Supérieure; one upon recommendation by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and one upon recommendation by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford. The selection and nomination of candidates from Oxford and Cambridge is undertaken by the Trustees of the Henry Fund. The final appointment is made by Princeton University, after review and approval by the appropriate academic department of the University.

Candidates for Procter Fellowships must, under the terms of the deed, be **British Citizens**, and be enrolled as a **postgraduate student** at either **Oxford** or **Cambridge** Universities. Candidates furthermore: must by the time of taking up their Fellowships have taken at least the BA Degree or its equivalent at any university in the United Kingdom with First Class honours in the final examinations; 'must hold a degree in *distinctively liberal studies* and be in reasonably good health, possessing high character, excellent education and exceptional scholarly promise'. Candidates should normally have completed at least three terms (one year) of their current postgraduate course; Princeton furthermore has a preference for candidates who would be in their second or third year of *doctoral study* (and who have not submitted their dissertation) when, if elected, they take up their Fellowship, in order to optimize the particular benefits of the Fellowship.

A Procter Fellowship is tenable for one year, as a visiting award. Procter Fellows will, as visiting exchange students not in candidacy for any degree, be free to take courses, to meet with faculty on an informal basis, and to use the library and other research facilities as well as the health services of the University. Fellows reside in the Graduate College at Princeton, and will be required to devote themselves to advanced study and investigation in 'a branch of subjects of one of the Liberal Arts and Sciences, exclusive of professional, technical, or commercial subjects'. During the tenure of the Fellowship a Fellow must not engage in teaching or in any other remunerative work.

The emolument of the Fellowship consists of a stipend expected to be not less than \$42,000 (for ten months, 1 Sept. to 30 June), with full tuition and required fees paid by Princeton University. The stipend amount is reviewed annually by the Graduate School. Accommodation in the Graduate College at Princeton is set aside for Procter Fellows, should they require it; room and board charges at the Graduate College are deducted from the stipend (which is paid by Princeton University in ten monthly instalments). US federal income tax may be deducted from the stipend, and in some circumstances may be payable on tuition.

Choate Fellowships to Harvard University 2025-26

Ambassador Choate graduated from Harvard College in 1852 and Harvard Law School in 1854. He had a successful career as a lawyer working at law firms in New York City, often on cases that were of national interest. The Joseph Hodges Choate Memorial Fellowship at Harvard University was established in 1919 by members of the Harvard Club of New York City in memory of Joseph Hodges Choate, who died in 1917.

It is awarded each year by Harvard University on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, for study in any Department of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The selection and nomination of candidates is undertaken by the Trustees of the Henry Fund. The final appointment is made by Harvard University, after review and approval by the appropriate academic department of the University.

The Choate Fellowship is only open to British citizens and preference is given to Cambridge University students. Under the terms of the Trust, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge can only recommend a candidate from another university if there is no suitable candidate from Cambridge. Due to the number of Cambridge candidates each year, this eventuality is unlikely.

Cambridge Candidates must:

- Be British Citizens;
- Have a Cambridge BA where not more than one year has passed from the time of taking the undergraduate degree

or

- Be a Cambridge undergraduate where not more than four years have passed since matriculation.

Preference is also given to those who wish to study one of the fields covered by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University.

The emolument of the Fellowship consists of a stipend expected to be not less than \$34,000 (paid by Harvard University), with full tuition and required fees paid by Harvard University. The stipend amount is reviewed annually by the Graduate School. Accommodation in the Graduate College at Harvard is set aside for Choate Fellows, should they require it; room and board charges at the Graduate College must be paid for through the Fellows stipend. US federal income tax may be deducted from the stipend, and in some circumstances may be payable on tuition.

Interviews and Reports

Candidates for both Henry & Choate Fellowships and Procter Fellowships are normally interviewed, in person, on the same occasion. Interviews are to be held in London on 10 February 2025. Please note, however, that the Henry Trustees reserve the right to select candidates on the basis of the application and references alone, and to offer an award without in-person interviews.

The Henry and Procter Fellows for 2025-26 are required to send a report to the Henry Trustees on their year at Harvard, Yale, or Princeton by 30 September 2026. (The Henry Trustees reserve the right to publish Fellow's reports, suitably anonymised or edited, in promotional materials and within other information about the Fellowships.)

Feedback is not a feature of the scheme, and it is not possible for the Trustees to provide candidates with comments on unsuccessful applications at any stage of the process.

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