

HENRY, CHOATE, AND PROCTER FELLOWSHIPS 2026-27

NOTES FOR REFEREES

The fellowships offer the following opportunities. Candidates should tell you which they are applying for and have been encouraged to share their application form with you. They may apply for more than fellowship.

1. Henry Fellowship for a year's postgraduate study at Harvard University.
2. Henry Fellowship for a year's postgraduate study at Yale University.
3. Procter Fellowship for a year's visiting postgraduate study at Princeton University.
4. Choate Fellowship for a year's postgraduate study at Harvard University.

The Trustees of the Henry, Procter and Choate Fellowships would value a statement from you about the suitability of this candidate, based on personal knowledge and referring to the candidate's character, personality, specific interests and scholarly ability. The candidate should have given you a copy of their application, as submitted, to assist you in writing a reference.

The terms of the trusts establishing the Fellowships differ somewhat.

Henry and Choate Fellowships were established 'in the earnest hope and desire of cementing the bonds of friendship between the British Empire and the United States'. Candidates must produce evidence of character and intellectual ability and must also submit a definite scheme of study or research to be carried out at the American Universities. While a high academic standard is required for Henry and Choate Fellowships the Trustees also attach importance to other attainments and personal qualities relevant to the purposes of the Fellowships. Candidates are therefore required to provide evidence of full engagement in the wider cultural, social, and community life of their university. The Trustees also consider the candidate's potential for full involvement in the intellectual, social, and communal life of the host American University, their capacity for leadership, and their ability to make a mark in public life.

Procter Fellows are required to have 'a degree in distinctively liberal studies and be in reasonably good health, possessing high character, excellent education and exceptional scholarly promise'. Candidates must normally have completed at least 3 terms of their current postgraduate/doctoral course; Princeton furthermore prefers candidates who would be in their second or third year of doctoral study when, if elected, they take up their Fellowship.

The Trustees are very grateful indeed to those who act as referees for Henry, Choate, and Procter Fellowships. Their opinions are of great assistance in selecting candidates.

Please give your reference the file name of 'your name reference.pdf' email your reference to Bahar Abdi at hpcreferences@admin.cam.ac.uk. All references must be received by the end of the day on 10 January 2026.

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