



## 2020-21 Churchill Scholars

<b>Vinay Ayyappan</b>	Johns Hopkins University	Radiology
<b>Anna Biggs</b>	Harvard University	Applied Mathematics
<b>Azim Dharani</b>	Duke University	Chemistry
<b>Thomas Freitag</b>	University of Pittsburgh	Public Policy
<b>Elise Koskelo</b>	Pomona College	Physics
<b>Jamie Lee</b>	US Naval Academy	Machine Learning
<b>Harrison (Wei Tse) Li</b>	UC San Diego	Cancer Research UK
<b>Alice Lin</b>	Princeton University	Pure Mathematics
<b>Daniel Malawsky</b>	UNC Chapel Hill	Sanger Institute
<b>Srinivas Mandyam</b>	University of Pennsylvania	Physics
<b>Salvatore Pace</b>	Boston University	Applied Mathematics
<b>Mehtaab Sawhney</b>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Pure Mathematics
<b>Jasmine Stone</b>	Yale University	Engineering
<b>Macy Vollbrecht</b>	University of Minnesota/Twin Cities	Plant Sciences
<b>Tanay Wakhare</b>	University of Maryland/College Park	Advanced Computer Science
<b>Michael Xiao</b>	University of Utah	MRC Cancer Unit

The Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States is pleased to announce the cohort of 16 Churchill Scholars, including one Kanders Churchill Scholarship in Science Policy, for the 2020-21 academic year.

The Churchill Scholarship and Kanders Churchill Scholarship are for one year of Master's study at Churchill College in the University of Cambridge. The awards cover full tuition, a stipend, travel costs, and the chance to apply for a \$2,000 special research grant. The Churchill Scholarship dates to 1963. Churchill College was established in 1960 as a predominantly science and technology college and the National and Commonwealth memorial to Sir Winston Churchill. The Churchill Scholarship fulfils Sir Winston's wish that there always be American students of the highest caliber at the College that bears his name.

The Kanders Churchill Scholarship is awarded from a pool of applicants to the Cambridge Master's in Public Policy. For the 15 Churchill Scholarships in mathematics, science, and engineering, we received 127 nominations from 82 Participating Institutions. Both of those numbers are the highest ever in the history of this competition. The most popular department to which nominees applied, as it is most years, was mathematics, with 31 applicants. Women represented 35% of the nominees and 40% of the winners. Five nominees withdrew to accept other scholarships, meaning that the overall success rate of the remaining pool was 12.3%.

UC-San Diego is celebrating its third Churchill Scholar in four years, which is noteworthy because all three of them came out of a single lab and were supervised by Weg Ongkeko, Associate Professor of Head and Neck Surgery. The University of Maryland/College Park has had four Churchill Scholars in the past three years. The University of Utah now holds the longest active winning streak, with a Churchill Scholar in each of the past five years. The University of Minnesota/Twin Cities placed its fifth Scholar in six years. Both Princeton and Harvard had a successful applicant, cementing their position as the top two institutions in the history of the competition. Princeton has had 43 winners and Harvard has had 39. Among newcomers, Boston University placed its first Churchill Scholar in only its second year as a Participating Institution.

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