

From the press release:

"Ten of the 60 are from Canada, six from the United States, five from Germany and four from India and Australia. The full list of countries stretches from Peru and Argentina to New Zealand, Singapore and China. The majority of scholars this year will study for a PhD with subjects ranging from Zoology, Public Health and Primary Care and Engineering for Sustainable Development to Astronomy, Gender Studies and Classics. Several thousands of applicants applied for the Scholarship, after which academic departments in Cambridge ranked c. 350 of the very best candidates. A committee shortlisted 100 candidates for interview and four panels selected 60 Gates Cambridge Scholars after interview. The scholarship programme, set up in 2000 and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, enables academically gifted postgraduates with a strong interest in social leadership and responsibility to study at the University of Cambridge."