

# NIH OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## *Outstanding Doctoral Training for Biomedical Research Students*



Since 2001, The National Institutes of Health and Oxford and Cambridge Universities in the U.K. have partnered to create an exciting collaborative doctoral training program in biomedical research. The NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program is one of the NIH Graduate Partnerships Programs (GPP), in which students obtain a doctoral degree from the university while taking advantage of research in laboratories at the National Institutes of Health, in Bethesda, Maryland. Each new scholar designs an individualized research project with dual-mentoring by principal investigators at NIH and at one of the U.K. universities. Students begin their dissertation research by October of the first year they are enrolled and typically complete the Ph.D. in four years, a significant acceleration over the average time it takes to earn a Ph.D. in the U.S. The Scholars spend approximately half their time at each research location and select either the Oxford or Cambridge partnership shortly after admission to the program.



*Class of 2007 at Cambridge for Colloquium*

### ELIGIBILITY

- ✦ Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- ✦ Outstanding academic performance and exceptional promise for a career in biomedical research are required. Previous laboratory research experience is a highly regarded qualification for this program.

### BENEFITS

- ✦ Students receive an annual stipend of at least \$26,500, health insurance and other academic support while studying in the UK and at the NIH. All laboratory research expenses are covered and a \$3,000 per year travel budget is available to each student. Each Scholar also receives a free laptop.
- ✦ The NIH is the largest biomedical research facility in the world and employs some of the nation's most accomplished researchers including Nobel laureates.
- ✦ An option for combined MD/PhD training through a U.S. medical school is available to a limited number of students.
- ✦ Engagement in enrichment activities outside the lab enables Scholars to see first-hand the biomedical applications of medical research. A few examples include visits to biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical instrumentation companies, and meetings with science policy leaders.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

*December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

**INTERVIEW DATES**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*(Two-day process)*

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**PROGRAM WEB SITE**  
<http://oxcam.gpp.nih.gov>

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