

# The Rhodes Trust

A CENTURY OF VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP





There is a shortage of organisations and programmes committed to developing young ethical leaders and narrative changers.



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The current state of the world is characterised both by persistent crises in predictable spheres and by remarkable opportunity, often in the same regions and topic areas. The difference between chaos and promise is often decisive values-based leadership, coupled with distinctive expertise.

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- Principled leadership may be the factor in shortest supply, especially in the areas that have the biggest impact on future generations, including public health, medical innovation, and social justice.
- The leaders needed to better the planet include researchers, social entrepreneurs and other narrative changers, who can shape human institutions and aim for durable transformation.
- *Rhodes Scholars are truly international, impatient with the status quo, and determined to better the world around them.*





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The world's challenges require ethical, energetic and innovative leaders in every sphere. The Rhodes Trust's vision is to develop these leaders and help them make a global impact.

The Rhodes Scholarship is the world's oldest and most effective leadership development programme.

The model is proven over 116 years of success and is constantly being enhanced to reflect 21<sup>st</sup> century needs. Rhodes Scholars around the world today are well known advocates for expanded social justice, medical innovation and scientific breakthroughs. Nearly 8000 Rhodes Scholars have advanced the frontiers of human knowledge and have served at the forefront of government, science, medicine, research, commerce, the arts, education, social and environmental organisations and other sectors.

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**BEST YOUNG GLOBAL TALENT APPLY TO THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP**

- Huge reach: leading aspiration for graduates across 45+ countries
- More than 12,000 applications for 100 Scholarships per year
- The 'Nobel Prize for 23 year olds'

**LIFELONG CONNECTION TO PURPOSE**

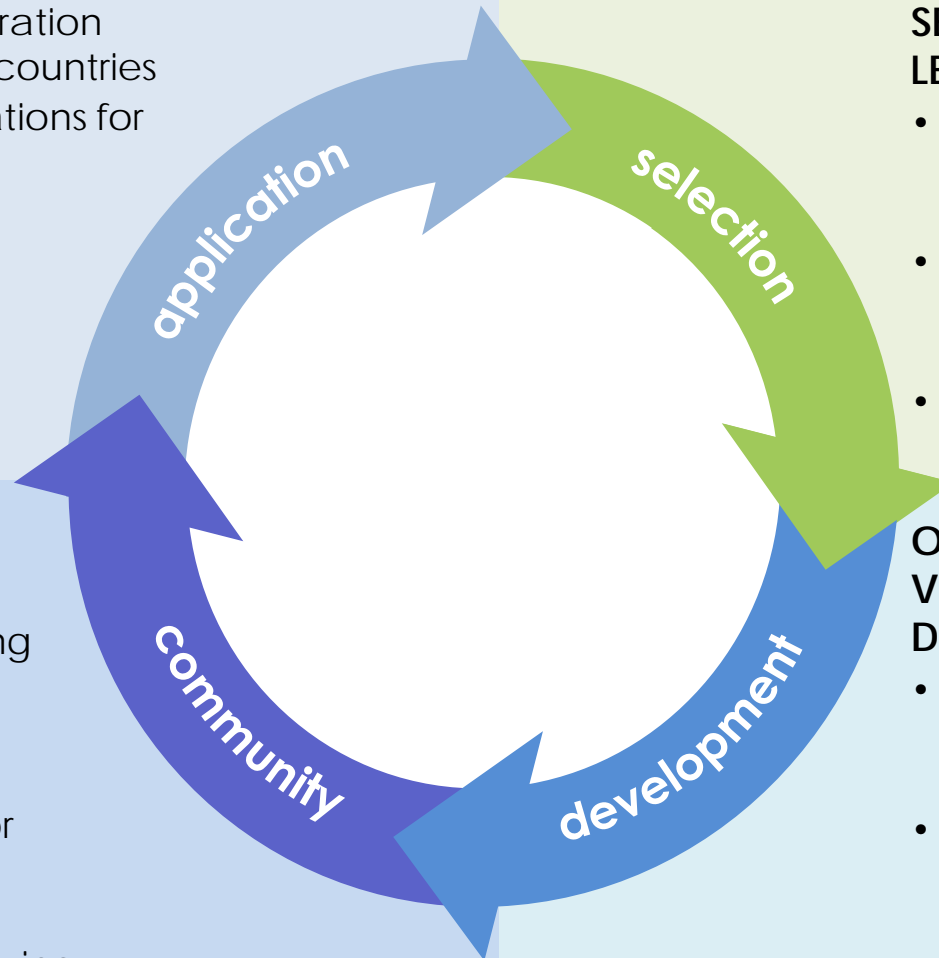
- Global network 5000 strong with online platform for Scholars
- Peer to peer guidance, mentoring and support for change programmes
- Convening to support collaborative problem solving across topic areas

**PROVEN SELECTION PROCESS IDENTIFYING SECTOR TALENT WITH LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL**

- 15,000 hours invested in selection each year by 60 committees worldwide
- Expert and wide-ranging selection committee members
- Constantly improving best practice approaches

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY PLUS VALUES-BASED CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

- International postgraduate education model at world renowned top 5 university
- Transformative retreats to examine models of service & leadership and building a life of impact
- Skills workshops, speaker series and internships



**Time tested criteria for the selection of future leaders:**

1. Literary and scholastic attainments
2. Energy to develop one's talents to the full, as demonstrated in sports, debate, music, dance, etc
3. Caring for others: truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship
4. Moral force of character and instincts to lead

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We have developed great expertise for identifying those with verve, energy and authenticity – those who will make a difference for future generations.

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60 committees worldwide, 500 volunteers



# The Rhodes Trust and the University of Oxford are closely connected

## The University of Oxford

- Oldest university in the English-speaking world, with teaching originating in 1096.
- Oxford has been rated number one in the UK for the quality of its research (Research Excellence Framework (REF)).
- Ranked number one in the world for medical sciences. Oxford is also ranked in the top ten globally in life sciences, physical sciences, social sciences and humanities.
- Over 22,000 students at Oxford: 11,703 undergraduates and 10,173 graduate students. They study at 38 Colleges.



*The University of Oxford offers a unique experience to graduate students, including the opportunity to work with leading academics and with some of the very best libraries, laboratories, museums and collections worldwide.*

# Development Programme

Overview – drawing on over 5000 Scholars and Oxford University faculty




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The Service & Leadership Programme is for current Scholars, and is based at Rhodes House, our own facility in the centre of Oxford. It has as its objectives to encourage Scholars to develop a lifelong commitment to lead and serve others, whatever their chosen field. In addition, it seeks to equip Scholars with the practical skills and tools to craft a life of purpose, meaning and balance.

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## Development Programme Calendar

**Welcome week** (5 days)

**Skills workshop sessions** (5 workshops repeated annually)

**Global challenges discussions** (1 per week)

**Speaker series** (20-30 talks per term)

**Scholar convenings** (1 or 2 per term)

**First year retreat**

Service and Leadership (3 days)

**Second year retreat**

Building the Good Life: Purpose, Meaning and Balance (3 days)

## Internships and Mentoring





## Skills Workshops

**Leadership workshop - Knowing yourself: your leadership style and impact on others:** In this workshop, Rhodes Scholars have a chance to explore their leadership styles and how they come across to others. They will complete psychometric questionnaires such as the Myers Briggs and the Enneagram.

**Public speaking workshop:** Scholars of all backgrounds learn how to speak engagingly, yet also with gravitas.

**Problem solving workshop:** Includes content on how to define a problem, how to develop logic trees, how to undertake critical analysis and how to eventually communicate the end result most effectively.

**Writing for impact workshop:** You might have a terrific idea for a new theory, a novel business concept, or a valuable opinion on a global issue. However, without the ability to persuade others through your writing, the overall impact will be in question.

**Media Training:** This session is based on role-play and practical techniques to show how to prepare key messages and take control of the interview, as well as demystifying the media.





## Global Challenges Discussions

Scholars are encouraged to look at a problem from many different angles. The sessions are led by the Warden, by a current Scholar or by an invited speaker. The end result is a focused look at a particular issue, often sparking rigorous debate. Recent topics include:

- **Causes and Cures for economic inequality:** What causes wealth disparity and what can practically be done to combat it on a local and global level? Does history have anything to teach us?
- **Big Data:** Is Big Data a powerful tool for change, or an instrument for social control? How should data be protected globally?
- **Human Population Growth:** What does a growing world population mean for food, the environment and education?
- **Should All Drugs be Legal?:** What position do you think governments should take?
- **Religion and Spirituality Today:** What is the value of religion and/or spirituality? Is the rise in popularity of mindfulness an indication that spirituality still matters to people?



## Speaker Series



**General Wesley Clark**  
*Don't Wait for the Next War*

Four-Star General and Former Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO, commanding Operation Allied Force in the Kosovo War.



**Maxine Williams**  
*Life as the Global Head of Diversity at Facebook*

Discussion about diversity in tech industries and how change happens within large organisations. She works to increase and reflect global diversity, inclusion and integration at Facebook.



**Denis Goldberg**  
*Bram Fischer Memorial Lecture*

South African campaigner, who was active in the struggle against apartheid and was imprisoned along with other key members of the anti-apartheid movement.



**Dr Trevor Mundel**  
*Global health challenges in the 21st century*

President of Global Health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and leads its efforts to address major global health challenges in the developing world.



**Dr Naomi Wolf**  
*Speaking and Writing with Power: How to write an OpEd*

Author and former political consultant. With the publication of the 1991 bestselling book 'The Beauty Myth', she became a leading spokeswoman of what was later described as the third wave of the feminist movement.

## Convenings

### Conferences

The Rhodes Trust organises regular conferences on topical global challenges. A recent conference on Higher Education looked at how to build modern research universities in Africa and Asia. Conferences on Climate Change and Social Justice were also held in 2018.

### Colloquiums

A strong Rhodes community focus on Biomedicine led to a two-day event. The objectives of the Biomedicine Weekend were to: brainstorm solutions to the opportunities and challenges in medicine over the next 20 years; to provide a space for Rhodes Scholars and industry experts to network; and to share ideas and career guidance with the current Rhodes Scholars at Oxford.

### Large-Scale Events

In 2013, the Rhodes Trust organised a multi-disciplinary conference over three days for over 900 delegates. Topics included entrepreneurship, human rights and the future of medicine.





## Retreats

### Year One: Service & Leadership

- What is leadership?
- Ethical leadership in action
- Justice, liberty and community
- Addressing Difference: Inequality, Race, and Redistribution
- Authenticity and Integrity

### Year Two: Building a Life of Purpose, Meaning & Balance

- What is vocation?
- Activity – Rivers of Life
- Conflicts between work, life & duty
- Risk, failure & courage
- Gratitude & Humility





# Vibrant Community of 5000 Rhodes Scholars

## Problem Solving Convening Events

2015: Higher Education / Research  
Universities in Africa and Asia  
2015: Biomedicine Careers  
2016: Social Justice  
2016: Climate Change

## Rhodes Scholar Network Online Connectivity

50% active participation (2300+ of  
4500 living Rhodes Scholars)  
Hundreds of discussion threads  
33 active groups

## Alumni Gatherings

Meetings at Rhodes House and  
around the world, class reunions,  
face-to-face connections across  
generations

Community as a lifelong resource

## Scholar Mentoring Conversations

1000+ Scholar to Scholar  
conversations in 2015

Annual internship programme  
with over 150 top companies





# The Rhodes Trust

A Century of Values-Based Leadership

*What inspires me most about Oxford is being surrounded by interesting intelligent people who teach me so much about life and the world around us. One becomes part of an extraordinary community.*

**Amanda Rojek**

Queensland & University 2012

*The Rhodes Scholarship has filled me with the confidence and belief that I can make a real difference in the world around me, and has continued to push me to use my talents to the full.*

**Joshua Chauvin**

Ontario & New College 2011



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*“No one imagined someone like me would ever be here.”*

## WHY APPLY?

**100 Rhodes Scholars are selected annually from countries around the world. They are young women and men from diverse backgrounds and interests who show potential to be public-spirited leaders for the world’s future.**

## RHODES SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection in each Rhodes constituency is by committees comprised of Rhodes alumni and distinguished non-Scholar members of the community. The selection criteria are:

- literary and scholastic attainments
- energy to use one’s talents to the full
- truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship
- moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one’s fellow beings.

*The Rhodes Trust warmly welcomes applications from talented young women and men of diverse backgrounds. Selection of Rhodes Scholars is made without regard to gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, social background, caste, or disability.*

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

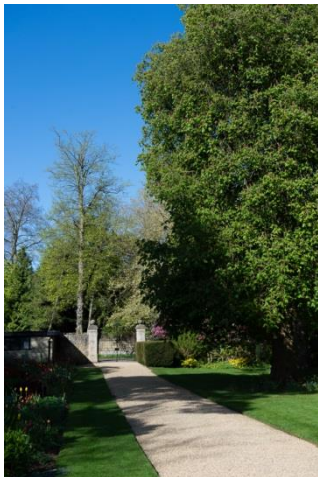
The following eligibility criteria apply to all applicants for the Rhodes Scholarships:

- **Citizenship & residency:** Each applicant must fulfil the citizenship and residency requirements of the Rhodes constituency for which they are applying.
- **Age:** Age limits vary between constituencies and are based on country specific circumstances. In the United States, applicants must be 18-23 by 1 October in the year of application.
- **Education:** All applicants must have achieved academic standing sufficiently advanced to assure completion of a bachelor’s degree by the October following election. Academic standing must be sufficiently high to ensure admission to the University of Oxford, which has very competitive entry requirements, and to give confidence that Rhodes Scholars will perform to a high academic standard in Oxford. Individual constituencies may specify a specific academic level to have been attained.





*“It was the moment my life changed.”*



## APPLICATION PROCESS

### 1. Application to the Scholarship:

Applications for Rhodes Scholarships open during the summer of the preceding year.

All candidates for the Scholarship should read the information about the Scholarships applicable globally, and then proceed to their country-specific page.

### In broad terms, all constituencies will require the following materials in differing forms:

- Evidence of academic record/transcript (complete or in progress) of undergraduate degree and any postgraduate study
- Curriculum vitae/resumé or list of principal activities
- Personal statement or essay (including, crucially, a clear statement of what the applicant wishes to study at Oxford and why)
- Evidence of age/birth certificate/passport
- English Language proficiency (where English is not the first language)
- Photograph (not visible to selectors until after short-listing)
- List of referees (several are required) who can attest in confidential references to the character and intellect of the applicant, including academic, personal, extra-curricular and leadership achievements.

### 2. Choice of course in the University of Oxford:

Subject to limited restrictions, Rhodes Scholars may read for any full-time postgraduate degree (including the BA with senior status over two years) at the University of Oxford. The basic tenure of the Scholarship is two years, subject always, and at all times, to satisfactory academic performance and personal conduct.

**For the full listing of degrees offered by the University of Oxford, visit [www.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ox.ac.uk).**

At the discretion of the Trustees, the Scholarship may be extended for a third year for those who take a recognised route to the DPhil. See the *Conditions of Tenure* on the Rhodes Trust website: [www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk)

### Note to applicants

*Successful candidates will be asked to provide original copies of academic transcripts (and other supporting documents as required). References may be checked during application review, and any applications deemed fraudulent will be rejected. Authors of fraudulent applications will be pursued to the full extent possible under the law.*

*A Rhodes Scholarship is confirmed once a successful candidate has been offered a place in a Department or Faculty of the University of Oxford and in a college.*

### 1) WHAT COSTS DOES A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

#### **A Rhodes Scholarship covers:**

- All University and College fees;
- The University application fee;
- A personal stipend which is fixed by the Trustees (last estimated at £14,276 per annum);
- One economy class airfare to Oxford at the start of the scholarship and one economy flight back to the student's home country at the conclusion of the scholarship;
- International Health Charge.

### 2) HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP?

Please read the information here:

**[www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/rhodes scholarship](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/rhodes scholarship)**

There is an online application process followed by in person interviews for the shortlisted candidates.

### 3) WHAT COURSE OF STUDY CAN A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP BE USED FOR?

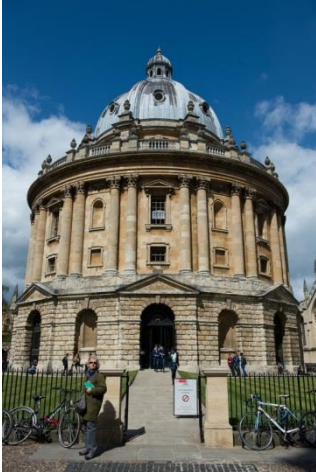
It can be used for the vast majority of courses of study offered by the University of Oxford. However, it is more than just support for a degree, it is an investment in an individual's potential. Rhodes House offers a comprehensive Service and Leadership programme which includes workshops, speaker series and retreats.

### 4) WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP?

The Rhodes Scholarship is a life-changing opportunity for exceptional young people with the potential to make a difference for good in the world. A Rhodes Scholar joins a remarkable global community of Senior Scholars working across all sectors. It is a life-long connection which goes far beyond financial value.

### 5) WHEN DOES A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP COMMENCE?

Scholars come into residence in Oxford in October of the year following their selection.





## 6) HOW IMPORTANT IS THE PERSONAL ESSAY/STATEMENT?

It is crucial. The requirements vary by country - consult the Memorandum for Candidates for your country. Keep in mind that the personal statement is your chance to tell your story: who you are, what matters to you, and what you hope to do in the world. Your academic transcript, your list of activities/CV and your reference letters will provide the substantive detail of your commitments and accomplishments, but this essay gives you the opportunity to cast the overarching narrative for the selection committee. You would also need to give a clear statement of what you wish to study at Oxford and why. The personal statement must be entirely your own work.

## 7) WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AT THE INTERVIEW?

Selection committees are made up of Rhodes Scholars and community leaders from diverse backgrounds. The interview is of core importance as it is here that selection committees have the opportunity to weigh up a candidate's depth of engagement, accomplishments, and aspirations. In posing their questions, committee members initiate discussion that will help them ascertain who best represents the selection criteria. Proven intellectual and academic attainment of a high standard is the first quality required of Scholars, but they are also required to show exceptional character, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and a commitment to service in the public good. The interview will therefore be wide-ranging in nature, designed to test candidates' intellectual skills and reasoning ability, but also to reveal their character, core commitments, and potential to make a positive contribution to society.

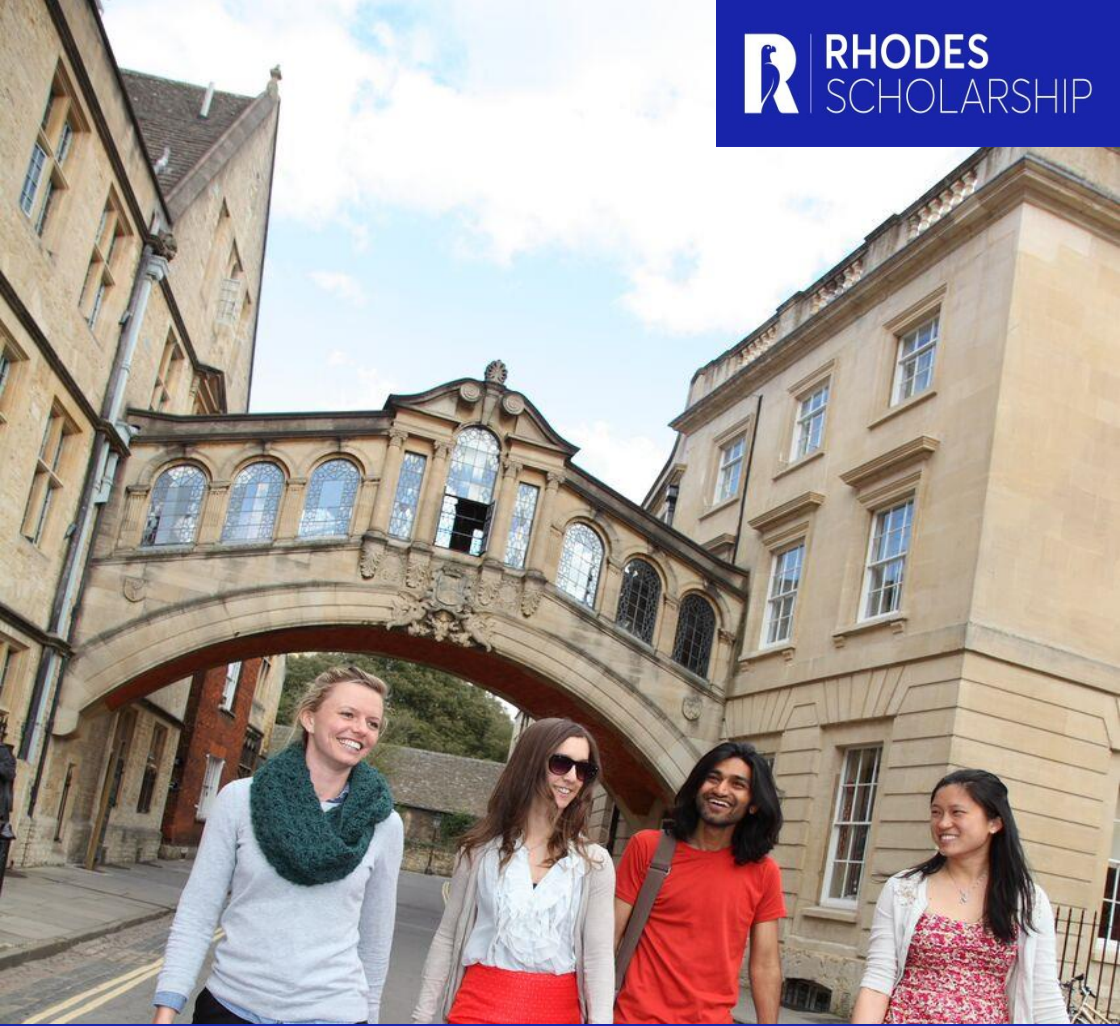
## 8) WHAT ARE THE RESTRICTIONS?

Please check the citizenship and age requirements for your particular country. Married students are very welcome to apply but should bear in mind that the Scholarship stipend is sufficient only for one person, and that the Trust takes no financial responsibility for the support of a Scholar's spouse/partner. Rhodes House warmly welcomes the partners of Rhodes Scholars, who are invited to Rhodes events.





RHODES  
SCHOLARSHIP



# *Frequent Misconceptions*

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ELITIST

YOU HAVE TO BE SPORTY

IT IS ONLY FOR TOP UNIVERSITIES



# FREQUENT MISCONCEPTIONS

## 1) “YOU HAVE TO BE SPORTY”

This is not true. The selection criteria mentions: “energy to use one’s talents to the full” but this can be demonstrated through a wide variety of extra-curricular pursuits and leadership opportunities.

## 2) “YOU MUST BE TOP OF YOUR CLASS”

Whilst excellent academic ability is important, and you will need to be able to thrive at the University of Oxford, the will of Cecil Rhodes made explicit reference to ‘not mere bookworms’. You have to be clever and able to think quickly, but even more important is your commitment to serve others.

## 3) “YOU HAVE TO HAVE DONE MONTHS OF VOLUNTEER WORK ABROAD / STARTED YOUR OWN NGO”

As long as you can demonstrate you have worked to improve the lives of others, that is what counts. It can be done in a multitude of ways, in your own neighbourhood. You will also need to be able to talk in the interview about what you hope to do in the future.

## 4) “THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ELITIST”

No, the Rhodes Trust actively encourages applicants from all backgrounds. The learning which happens in a community is much greater if there is genuine diversity amongst the group. Forty percent of the Scholars in Oxford are black or minority ethnic, many from first or second generation migrant families. There is no single political ideology, but there is a common ethic of service to others and bettering the planet.

## 5) “IT IS ONLY FOR IVY LEAGUE STUDENTS (OR EQUIVALENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES)”

Scholars come from all types of universities. Frequently students win the Scholarship who are studying at an institution which has never had a winner before.

## 6) “I CAN’T APPLY BECAUSE OF MY BACKGROUND / DISABILITY / SUBJECT I WANT TO STUDY”

Such fears should not stand in your way. We clearly state: The Rhodes Trust warmly welcomes applications from talented young women and men of diverse backgrounds. Selection of Rhodes Scholars is made without regard to gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, social background, caste, or disability. These are not mere words on a page, they are the lived experience of the Rhodes Scholars in Oxford which is an incredibly diverse group. There is a strong network of support both from the Rhodes Trust and from the University of Oxford for anyone with a disability. Finally, you can study almost any course offered by the University of Oxford.

## 7) “MOST RHODES SCHOLARS END UP AS POLITICAL LEADERS”

The public’s most immediate associations with the Rhodes Scholarships are often western world political leaders such as Bill Clinton, Bob Hawke and Malcolm Turnbull. Today’s Rhodes Scholars include Presidents and Prime Ministers, but also medical researchers, social workers, teachers and activists.

# THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP



- The Rhodes Scholarship application is available each year in early July.
- In 2019, the application deadline is 11:59 PM U.S. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.
- District receptions and interviews are held annually on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday. Districts will notify candidates regarding interview status at differing intervals, but in all cases no later than two weeks prior to the interviews. Election announcements are made at the conclusion of the Saturday interviews.
- For those contemplating application, rules and requirements will generally remain similar from year to year.
- Materials for applicants are posted on the U.S. Rhodes Scholarship site at: [www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org)

While not exhaustive, the following is a quick guide to eligibility:

### **At the time of application, an applicant must be:**

- a citizen of the United States, or
- a lawful permanent resident of the United States (conditional or temporary residents are not eligible), or
- a student with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) status (and able to provide proof of status).
- at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age (i.e., the applicant must still be 23 on October 1 in the year of application).
- sufficiently advanced academically to assure completion of a bachelor's degree before October 1 in the year following election.

The applicant must be eligible to apply through one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or one of the U.S. territories: either in the state or territory where he or she was legally resident on April 15 in the year of application, or where he or she will have received at least two years of college training and a bachelor's degree before October 1 in the year following election.

### **The applicant must produce:**

1. the endorsement of his or her college or university.
2. five, but not more than eight, letters of recommendation. At least four of these must be from persons whom you have received undergraduate or graduate instruction, and at least one letter (the fifth) must speak to your character.
3. a personal statement not exceeding 1000 words which the applicant must attest as wholly truthful and his or her own work. The main website below will provide specific statement and certification requirements.
4. a list of principal activities.
5. proof of U.S. citizenship, lawful permanent resident status, or DACA status.
6. a certified transcript (or transcripts).
7. a head and shoulders photograph.

The applicant must be prepared to attend a reception and personal interview, and remain for possible reinterviews and the election announcement, in the city serving the respective district region, on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday. A link provided below on this page titled 'District Regions' will display where interviews will be held, and the states and territories within each district. Please be aware that there may be changes in interview locations and the states and territories grouped within districts from year to year.

### **Links to The Rhodes Scholarship guidance material online:**

- U.S. Rhodes Scholarship Website: <http://www.rhodesscholar.org>
- FAQ: <http://www.rhodesscholar.org/applying-for-the-scholarship/frequently-asked-questions/>
- University Representative Guidance Materials: <http://www.rhodesscholar.org/university-representatives/>
- Scholarship Winners and Winning Institutions: <http://www.rhodesscholar.org/winners/>
- District Regions: <http://www.rhodesscholar.org/applying-for-the-scholarship/districts/>



# THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

*Information for Candidates*

## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



### GENERAL REGULATIONS:

Rhodes Scholarships are tenable at the University of Oxford, and are normally held for two years, the duration of most masters' degrees and bachelors' degrees for those who already have another bachelor's degree, or for three years, the duration of many doctorates. Scholars may do two one-year taught master's degrees, the second subject to a satisfactory outcome to the first year, but may not receive a third year's funding. At the discretion of the Rhodes Trustees, the Scholarship may be renewed for a third year, for those pursuing a doctorate and whose progress is deemed satisfactory. For those for whom the University requires fees in a fourth year for the completion of a doctorate, and when no other external funding is available, the Trustees, at their discretion, will underwrite University and college fees for that year, but not a maintenance stipend. The Trustees will not pay fourth-year fees in either the Division of the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences or the Division of Medical Sciences as Scholars may enter directly to work for a doctorate in these divisions in three years. Scholars applying for a master's degree in one of these two science divisions should not, therefore, expect to be able to use the Scholarship to go on to a doctorate. Scholars may not apply for the MBA or for the Master in Financial Economics (MFE) in their first year, but may apply for either of these one-year degrees for their second year. The Rhodes Trustees reserve the right to make changes in degree eligibility, funding, and other aspects of the Scholarship program at any time.

Thirty-two Scholarships are assigned annually to the United States of America. States and U.S. territories are grouped into sixteen districts for the purpose of making these appointments. Each District Committee selects not more than two candidates who will represent the states and/or territories within each District as Rhodes Scholars at Oxford. The names of Scholarship winners are announced at the close of the District interviews. No alternates are selected.

Following the selection of successful candidates, the Warden of Rhodes House in Oxford seeks places for the Rhodes Scholars-elect in the departments and faculties and colleges of the University, following the candidates' preferences insofar as possible. Because the departments and colleges make their own admissions, there is no guarantee of a place in a particular department or college. All decisions on places rest in the hands of the University and the colleges. The award of the Scholarship is not confirmed by the Rhodes Trustees until the Scholar-elect has been accepted for admission by a faculty or department and by a college. Rhodes Scholars elected in November will enter the University of Oxford the following October. Scholars are required to be full-time students at Oxford for the duration of their degree programs, and are required to reside in Oxford during term time except where they obtain the permission of the Warden. Deferment of the Scholarship is not allowed, nor may Scholars go off stipend during their Scholarship tenure and return to stipend at a later date.

The value of a Rhodes Scholarship consists of a direct payment to the Scholar's college of all tuition fees (such as matriculation, tuition, and certain other set charges), plus a maintenance stipend (except for those receiving fourth-year fees) of not less than £14,276 per annum paid directly to the Scholar in installments during the term of the Scholarship. The sum provided should be sufficient to enable a Scholar to meet necessary expenses for term time and vacations, but those who can afford to supplement it to a modest extent from their own resources are advised to do so. For those receiving fourth-year fees for doctorates, Oxford living expenses are often available through University teaching positions. The Rhodes Trust will assist successful candidates with their traveling expenses to and from Oxford. Married candidates should bear in mind that the Scholarship stipend is sufficient only for one person, and that the Trust takes no financial responsibility for the support of a Scholar's spouse. Scholars will require a visa for entry to the United Kingdom; the Rhodes Trust does not cover the costs of a passport or a visa.

The tenure of a Rhodes Scholarship is dependent upon the maintenance of a standard of work and conduct, which, in the opinion of the Trustees, justifies the Scholarship. Tenure of other awards in conjunction with a Rhodes Scholarship is not permitted without prior consultation with the Warden of Rhodes House.

### CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants apply as a representative of one of the fifty states or U.S. territory: either in the state or territory in which they will have received at least two years of college training *and* a bachelor's degree before October 1, 2020, or in the state or territory through which they were legally resident on April 15, 2019. (Applicants are warned that selection committees are instructed to verify legal residence.) Simultaneous application to more than one District Committee in the United States, or to more than one Rhodes constituency, will disqualify an applicant. At the time of application:

1. An applicant must be a citizen of the United States OR must have been admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident OR must be a U.S. resident with DACA (Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals) status. All applicants must have maintained, and be expected to maintain, one of the three legal standings listed above for eligibility.

2. An applicant, by October 1, 2019, must be at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age. (Applicants will be eligible who were born after October 1, 1995 and on or before October 1, 2001.)
3. An applicant must have achieved academic standing sufficiently advanced to assure completion of a bachelor's degree before October 1, 2020.

**BASIS OF SELECTION:**

In considering applications, Committees of Selection will have regard to those qualities which Cecil Rhodes expressly listed in order to define the type of Scholar he desired.

Proven intellectual and academic achievement of a high standard is the first quality required of applicants, but applicants will also be required to show integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings, the ability to lead, and the energy to use their talents to the full.

Participation in organized sports is not essential if applicants are able to demonstrate in other ways the physical vigor which will enable Rhodes Scholars to make an effective contribution to the world around them. Mr. Rhodes clearly expected such a contribution when he expressed the hope that Rhodes Scholars would come to “esteem the performance of public duties as [their] highest aim.” From this statement one may infer that he expected his Scholars to play an influential part in the betterment of society, wherever their careers might take them. It does not necessarily presuppose a career in the public sector. Mr. Rhodes desired that his Scholars be intellectually, morally, and physically capable of leadership in any field.

Much of the distinctiveness of the Rhodes Scholarship arises from this comprehensive set of criteria. Intellectual excellence is obviously required, but not in isolation from other qualities. Mr. Rhodes sought Scholars who were more than “mere bookworms;” he wanted their intellectual talents to be combined with concern for others. Thus, the Committees of Selection assign the highest importance to this blend of character with intellect.

Financial need gives no special claim to a Rhodes Scholarship. Moreover, the Will lays down that “no student shall be qualified or disqualified for election to a Scholarship on account of race or religious opinions.”

The Rhodes Trust and Oxford University require that selection for a Scholarship and admission to the University will be *without regard to gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, social background, caste, or disability.*

**METHOD OF APPLYING:**

An online application, guided by this Information for Candidates and the Notes of Guidance, and furnishing the material specified, should be made to the Secretary of the appropriate District Committee of Selection, and **in no case will an application be accepted later than October 2, 2019.** A list of Secretaries of District Committees of Selection is contained at the bottom of this document.

A preliminary elimination will be made in all Districts on the basis of credentials. Committees of Selection will then invite selected applicants to a personal interview; no Scholar will be selected without such interview. Committees of Selection will meet on November 22 and 23, 2019.

**PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must pay their own expenses in appearing before Committees of Selection.**

**The grouping of States and U.S. Territories into Districts is as follows:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maine Massachusetts Rhode Island Vermont	Connecticut New Hampshire New Jersey	New York-South*	New York-North* Pennsylvania	Delaware Maryland/DC	Georgia North Carolina South Carolina	Alabama Florida Louisiana Mississippi Puerto Rico U.S. Virgin Islands	Oklahoma Texas
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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## **STANDING AT OXFORD:**

A degree from an accredited college or university normally entitles a U.S. Rhodes Scholar on arrival in Oxford to “Senior Status.” Senior Status carries with it exemption from all examinations at Oxford prior to the “Final Honour Schools” (for the degree of B.A.) which may be taken with such status, and for most but not all B.A. degrees, after two years’ residence. An appropriate undergraduate major is required for admission to a higher degree (beyond that of B.A.). Rhodes Scholars-elect wishing to pursue either a postgraduate degree or a second B.A. degree must communicate with the Warden of Rhodes House who will seek on their behalf acceptance by a faculty or department and by a college. The substantial majority of U. S. Rhodes Scholars now undertake graduate work at Oxford, although the B.A. is optimal for some Scholars.

Two samples of recent written work, approximately 2,000 words each, are required for admission to read for any degree in other than a mathematical or scientific subject. These samples are only required of those elected to a Rhodes Scholarship.

## **COURSES OPEN TO RHODES SCHOLARS:**

Subject to the consent of their colleges and as long as it may be completed within two years with “Senior Status” (normally conferred to Americans with a bachelor’s degree already), Scholars may read for the Oxford Bachelor of Arts in any of the Final Honour Schools. See the online *University of Oxford Undergraduate Prospectus*, available at [www.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate). With the consent of the relevant departments or faculties and their colleges, Scholars may be admitted, if qualified by previous training, to read for higher degrees offered by the University, including the Bachelor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy, and Doctor of Philosophy. These graduate degrees are the choice of most Rhodes Scholars, although the B.A. is optimal for some Scholars and should not be viewed as a “lesser” degree in either value or reputation. The MBA and the Master in Financial Economics may only be applied for in a Scholar’s second year. The most complete and current listing of graduate degrees is in the *University of Oxford Graduate Prospectus*, available at [www.ox.ac.uk/graduate](http://www.ox.ac.uk/graduate). Instructions will be given to applicants who are elected to Rhodes Scholarships about the two samples of recent written work which are required for admission to these programs.

**PLEASE NOTE: It is very difficult, and may be impossible, to change degree courses after admission to Oxford. Course selection requires careful consideration.**

## **INFORMATION ABOUT OXFORD:**

Applicants should study the academic system of the University of Oxford in order to determine if their plan of study is one which is feasible at Oxford. The best sources of information are the current issues of the *University of Oxford Undergraduate Prospectus* and *Graduate Prospectus*. In addition, the Oxford University *Examination Decrees* is available for a charge from the Oxford University Press, 116 High Street, Oxford OX1 4BZ, England.

Copies of this Information for Candidates and the Notes of Guidance for U.S. applicants may be downloaded and printed for use in the competition in the United States. Additional information, including copies of a brochure, *Oxford and the Rhodes Scholarships*, giving information about the Scholarships and life and study at Oxford, and a document containing frequently asked questions, may also be downloaded and printed. Applicants will also find other useful information at the United States Rhodes Scholarship website, [www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org), where there are also links to both the Rhodes Trust and Oxford University websites.

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