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Funding for Postgraduate Study at the University of Oxford

The Rhodes Scholarship program was established after the death of Cecil Rhodes, who dreamed of improving the world through the diffusion of leaders motivated to serve their contemporaries, trained in the contemplative life of the mind, and broadened by their acquaintance with one another and by their exposure to cultures different from their own. Mr. Rhodes' Will contains four criteria by which prospective Rhodes Scholars are to be selected: literary and scholastic attainments, energy to use one's talents to the full, as exemplified by fondness for and success in sports, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship, and moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

Mr. Rhodes hoped that his plan to offer full-funding to able students from throughout the English-speaking world and beyond to study at Oxford University would aid in the promotion of international understanding and peace. Each year, 32 U. S. citizens are among more than 80 Rhodes Scholars worldwide who take up degree courses at Oxford University.

To apply for a Rhodes, an applicant must be eligible to compete in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia: either in the state where they legally reside, 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 be prepared to appear for 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. Telephone and electronic interviews are not permitted.

IMPORTANT! In January of 2014, the Rhodes Trust implemented a new personal statement policy and requirement for applicants and for university endorsers. Failure to comply will lead to disqualification. Please review the statement linked below for specific certification requirements:

☐ Required reading for prospective UI Rhodes Scholarship applicants | Requirements for Personal Statement

To be eligible for this fellowship opportunity, an applicant must be:

- a citizen of the United States; pending citizenship does not qualify,
- at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age,
- sufficiently advanced academically to assure completion of a bachelor's degree before October 1 in the year following election.

Important Dates

- Monday, August 4, 2014 | UI Campus Deadline | Access the UI Campus Application here
- First Week of September | UI Campus Nomination Interviews
- Wednesday, October 1, 2014 | Official Application Deadline
- November 21 – 22, 2014 | Finalist Interviews in Washington DC
- At the close of the Finalist Interview Weekend | Scholarships offered

Each final application must include the following materials:

☐ The endorsement of his or her college or university – Information on UI Institutional Endorsement may be found here.
☐ At least five, but not more than eight, letters of recommendation. (Four of these must be from individuals who are qualified to advise selection committees about the applicant's academic ability and standing),
☐ A personal essay not exceeding 1000 words and certified as the applicant's own work. See official Rhodes Policy here,
☐ A list of principal activities,
☐ A certified transcript (or transcripts),
☐ A passport-size photograph,
☐ Proof of citizenship.

Contact on campus | Kelly Thornburg, UI Fellowships Director,
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