

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

is the oldest of the international fellowships, were initiated after the death of Cecil Rhodes in 1902, and aim to bring outstanding students from around the world to live and study at the University of Oxford. Rhodes Scholars are elected for two years of study with the possibility of renewal for a third year. The award covers all educational costs, including matriculation, tuition, laboratory and certain other fees. Each Scholar receives an additional maintenance allowance to meet necessary expenses for term-time and vacations. The Rhodes Trustees also cover the necessary costs of travel to and from Oxford, and upon application, may approve additional grants. Typically UI campus deadlines for UK fellowships fall in late August or early September with the final deadline landing in the first week of October each fall. Finalist interviews are conducted over the weekend preceding the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States. See our [deadline schedule](#) for current campus and national competitions.

SELECTION CRITERIA EMPLOYED ACROSS ALL RHODES CONSTITUENCIES:

- literary and scholastic attainments (academic excellence)
- energy to use one's talents to the full (as demonstrated by mastery in areas such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits, particularly where teamwork is involved)
- truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship
- moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

These are the essential qualities which Selection Committees are looking for, though their embodiment will be diverse and unique to each individual. Selection Committees in each Rhodes constituency are made up of senior Rhodes Scholars (Rhodes alumni) and distinguished non-Scholar members of the local community, who represent a diverse range of experience and expertise.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA WHICH APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP:

- ✓ **Citizenship & residency:** You must meet the citizenship/residency requirements of one of the current Rhodes constituencies which include but may not be limited to the following countries: Australia, Bermuda, Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Jamaica & the Commonwealth Caribbean, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Southern Africa (including South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and Swaziland), SJLP (including Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine), United Arab Emirates, United States, West Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe. This list is always expanding. Check the the [Rhodes Trust site](#) for the most updated version.
- ✓ **Age:** You must have reached your 18th birthday and not have passed your 24th birthday on 1 October in the year of application. There is some variation on the upper age limit across constituencies depending on the local environment. Please check carefully the specific age requirements for your constituency before applying. Successful candidates will arrive in Oxford the October following the selection process. The Scholarship may not be deferred.
- ✓ **Education:** Rhodes Scholars must have completed a Bachelor's degree before coming up to Oxford, to a sufficiently high standard to meet both the Rhodes and the Oxford criteria. Please consult the detailed information provided by the constituency to which you are applying on our [How to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship](#) page and the prospectus pages of the [University of Oxford](#). Some constituencies require completion of your undergraduate degree in the year of application for the Scholarship. As of spring 2018, the global minimum GPA for Rhodes applicants is 3.7. The average GPA in the Rhodes community is 3.9+.

Information about Rhodes Scholars selected from around the world can be found in biographies of [recent and current Scholars](#). Rhodes Scholars come from many different backgrounds and the strength of our community lies in the diversity of the individuals who are part of it.

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