



# THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS AUSTRALIA

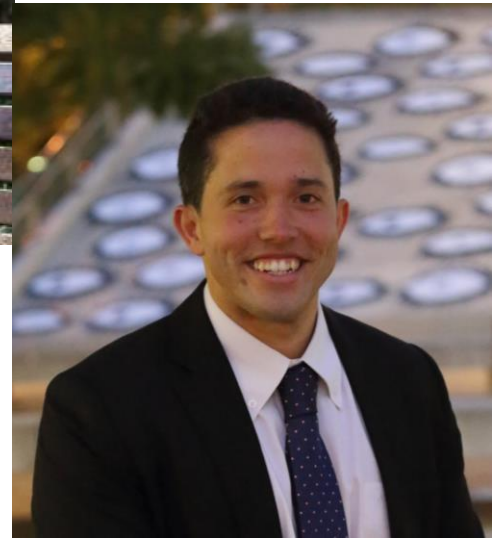
Information seminar for  
Queensland applicants applying in  
2019 for 2020



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# Queensland's last five Rhodes Scholars



# The Rhodes Scholarships

Every year 9 Australian Rhodes Scholars are elected (over 100 from around world).

They are part of a tradition that started in Australia in 1903.

They join a community of nearly 8,000 Rhodes Scholars worldwide.

# The Rhodes Scholarships

New South  
Wales

Queensland

South  
Australia

Tasmania

Victoria

Western  
Australia

Australia at Large (3 scholarships)

# Eligibility: Can I apply?

<b>1</b>	I am an Australian citizen and have been a resident in Australia for at least two of the last ten years
<b>2</b>	I completed at least two years of secondary schooling in Australia
<b>3</b>	I will have completed an honours degree or masters degree or international equivalent with a proficiency level of first class honours or an equivalent mark of distinction (for masters) by 15 June 2020
<b>4</b>	I will not have passed my 26 <sup>th</sup> birthday when I start at Oxford at 1 October 2020
<b>5</b>	I have not applied for a Rhodes Scholarship two or more times before.

# Eligibility: Can I apply?

But...

- Multi-jurisdictional: “eligibility criteria for more than one Rhodes constituency”
- Inter-jurisdictional: “don’t meet the eligibility criteria, but sustained and verifiable connection to two or more Rhodes constituencies.”
- Global: “not eligible for existing Rhodes scholarships, nor significant connection to two or more Rhodes constituencies.”
- <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/which-scholarship/>

# Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

Academic excellence

Energy to use your talents to the full

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 your fellow human beings



# Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

Academic excellence

- First class honours required
- Other evidence such as prizes, awards, publications

# Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

Energy to use your talents to the full

- What do you do *outside* the classroom?
- What are you passionate about and how have you pursued those interests?
- “as demonstrated by mastery in areas such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits, particularly where teamwork is involved”

# Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship

- What do you stand for? What are your principles?
- Part of this is evidenced by your service to the community

# Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

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- How do you demonstrate leadership?

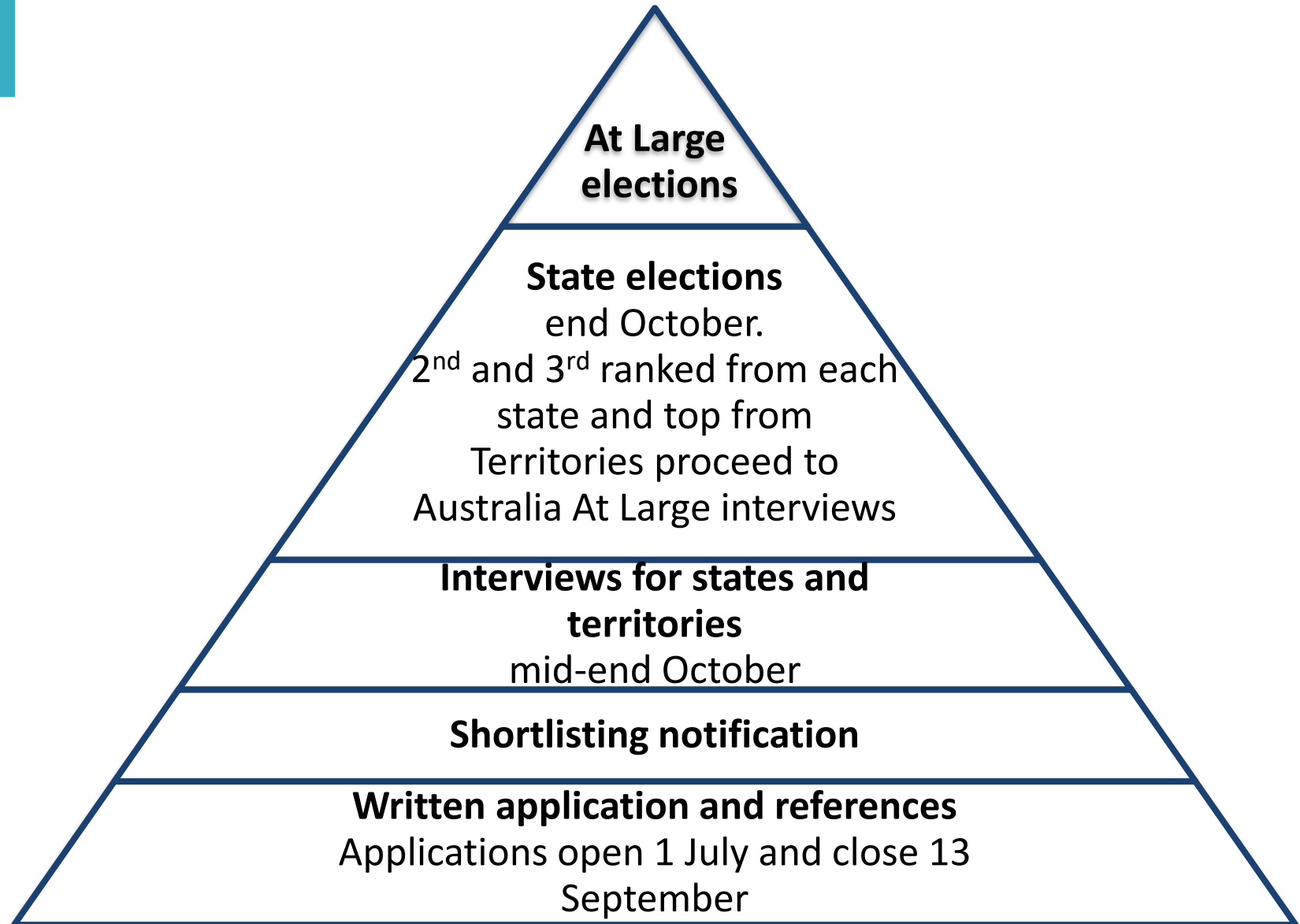
# Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

- There is no “Rhodes Scholar”, only Rhodes Scholars. Panels don’t have any particular kind of person, degree or list of achievements in mind.
- You just need to tell the Panel about your leadership journey and the experiences that have shaped it.

# Selection Process: Where do I apply?

- State or territory in which you are completing or have completed your highest degree; or
- State or territory in which you completed at least two years of secondary schooling.

# Selection Process



# Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Applications submitted through online system
- Link is available here:  
<http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk> via the Scholarships tab, then Apply link
- Series of videos by Rhodes Scholars at Oxford about how to apply:  
<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/application-overview/>



# Selection Process: How do I apply?

- 2 key parts in application
  - CV – A curriculum vitae of no more than three A4 pages in length (12pt)
  - Personal Statement – 1000 words only

# Selection Process: How do I apply?

- CV
  - Helps demonstrate selection criteria
  - Academic qualifications, prizes, scholarships
  - Leadership and employment positions
  - Student, voluntary, community or political activities
  - Cultural, musical or sporting achievements

# Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Personal statement
  - Purpose: “tell your story in your own voice: Who are you? What matters to you? What are you hoping to do in the world? ”
  - Personal statement is opportunity for “overarching narrative”

# Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Personal statement
  - Interests and activities: “What inspires you? What are your passions?”
  - Your aims and priorities and current and intended contributions
  - Proposed course in Oxford and that you meet entry/application requirements
  - If DPhil, proposed research area, future plans and proposed Oxford researchers

# Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Personal statement
  - <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/application-overview/>
    - Advice on writing personal statement
    - YouTube videos of past Rhodes Scholars
  - Information about courses:  
<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/conditions-of-tenure.pdf>

# Selection Process: How do I apply?

- A note about your Personal Statement
  - “Your personal statement should be entirely your own work, with no assistance received. Through the online application form you will be asked to verify and sign that the entered / uploaded personal statement is your own work and that no external help was given in its creation or editing.”

# Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Details of five referees
  - 3 academics – rate academic performance
  - 2 other referees – address other criteria
- Guidance for referees
  - <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/apply/australia>

# Selection Process: How do I apply?

- A relatively recent instruction for applicants:

“Please do not contact Rhodes Scholars currently studying at Oxford for advice on the application process or for feedback on your application.”



# What does the Scholarship entail?

- All University and College fees
- The University application fee
- A personal stipend (£15,141)
- International Health Surcharge to enable access to NHS
- 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
- The Scholarship cannot be deferred and cannot be held with another scholarship

**The Rhodes Program includes:**

**FIRST YEAR RETREAT**  
Service & Leadership

**SECOND YEAR RETREAT**  
Building a life of Purpose, Meaning, and Balance

**SKILLS WORKSHOP SESSIONS**  
Public speaking, problem solving, leadership, writing for impact and media training

**SPEAKER SERIES**  
with leading international speakers from politics, academia, commerce

**WEEKLY DISCUSSIONS**  
and debates on global challenges

**INTERNSHIPS**  
within a wide range of organisations

# Other resources

- Queensland Rhodes Scholarship page

[www.qut.edu.au/rhodes](http://www.qut.edu.au/rhodes)

- The Rhodes Scholarships Australia:  
Memorandum for Selection 2020 Round

<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/apply/australia> then click “Information for Candidates”

- Applying for the Rhodes Scholarships

<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/apply/>

# Thank you

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