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?

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<td>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</td>
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<td>I will not have passed my 26th birthday when I start at Oxford at 1 October 2020</td>
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<td>I have not applied for a Rhodes Scholarship two or more times before.</td>
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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/
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Academic excellence

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

- **At Large elections**

- **State elections**
  - End October.
  - 2nd and 3rd ranked from each state and top from Territories proceed to Australia At Large interviews

- **Interviews for states and territories**
  - Mid-end October

- **Shortlisting notification**

- **Written application and references**
  - Applications open 1 July and close 13 September
Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Applications submitted through online system
- Link is available here: [http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](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/](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/](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](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](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

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Service & Leadership

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Other resources

• Queensland Rhodes Scholarship page
  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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