# Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Rhodes Scholarship

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| **1. Award** | Fully funded graduate program at University of Oxford. Normally for 2 or 3 years, with a fourth year possible in some circumstances. Investments in individuals not project proposals. ~100 Rhodes Scholars selected each year from around the world. See Rhodes Award Summary. | [https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/](https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/) (all Rhodes awards)  
Check the entry requirements for your chosen course at Oxford  
Check the Rhodes Conditions of Tenure. |
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| **2. Eligibility** | - You must meet citizenship/residency requirements of a Rhodes constituency. If you do not meet any of these requirements, then you can apply for our new Global Rhodes Scholarship.  
- You must have reached your 18th birthday and not have passed your 24th birthday on 1 October in the year of application.  
- You must have completed a BA/BS before going to Oxford. And to the very high standard that would support admission to a top US grad school in your field. You may enter only one Rhodes Scholar competition.  
**US Rhodes:** US citizens, lawful permanent residents, and DACA students. Other countries: [https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/how-to-apply-for-a-rhodes-scholarship/](https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/how-to-apply-for-a-rhodes-scholarship/) “select your country”  
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. | |
| **3. Timing** | This is not an application that can be left to the last minute! Consult your advisors by start of junior year. Begin working with a fellowship advisor in spring of junior year. You must express your interest and have your nomination confirmed by the end of the spring semester of your junior year for a fall of senior year application. | |
| **4. Selection Criteria** | “Outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service.” Extraordinary intellectual distinction is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for selection as a Rhodes Scholarship.  
A GPA of 3.9+ will be normal for competitive candidates. The global minimum to apply is 3.7. Selectors use selection criteria set in Cecil Rhodes’ will but interpret them for a 21st C. context. “Our applicants all have superb academic records yet we also look for something more – that special spark: young people with broad intellectual curiosity, compassion and authenticity, and the skills and instincts to serve and to lead. ...[Our] goal is to inspire [Rhodes Scholars] to make a difference, to tackle the world’s challenges and to act with courage, conviction and creativity.” New Warden, Rhodes House | |
| **5. Smith Role** | Smith must endorse or nominate candidates in three Rhodes competitions: USA, Canada, and Global Scholars. In other competitions a formal institutional letter is not required (but double check!! Rules for particular countries can change). Smith has three Rhodes Scholars: Angela Lwiindi Leila Hassan ’94 of Zambia; Clark Knight, ’14 of the USA; and Tariro Makadzange ’97 of Zimbabwe. Nomination deadlines:  
**USA:** President’s Endorsement Letter accompanies student application in early October.  
**Canada:** President’s Endorsement Letter accompanies student application in September.  
**Global:** Nominations (max. 3) must be made by the college by June 30, 2018. Interview with Rhodes House Warden: [https://www.timeshighereducation.com/people/interview-elizabeth-kiss-agnes-scott-college](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/people/interview-elizabeth-kiss-agnes-scott-college) |
| **6. Fun fact(s)** | The new Rhodes House Warden is an American, Elizabeth Kiss, now president of Agnes Scott College. She is the US-born daughter of Hungarian refugees; her first language was Hungarian; she is a philosopher; she was the 1st Rhodes at her college. | |
| **7. How to get started** | Contact Dr. Margaret Lamb for an in person or Skype discussion. Contact advisor to discuss: mlamb@smith.edu 413-585-2580. Skype: Margaret.Lamb.Smith | |