

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Rhodes Scholarship

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	Brief description	More information
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. ~102 Rhodes Scholars selected each year from around the world. See Rhodes Award Summary .	https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/ (all Rhodes awards) http://www.rhodesscholar.org/ (US competition) Check the entry requirements for your chosen course at Oxford
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 19th 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. For other countries, see "select 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 Scholar. A GPA of 3.9+ will be normal for competitive candidates. The global minimum to apply is 3.75. 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; Clarke Knight, '14 of the USA; and Tariro Makadzange '97 of Zimbabwe.	Nomination deadlines: USA : President’s Endorsement Letter accompanies student application in early October. See also . Canada : President’s Endorsement Letter accompanies student application in late September. Global : Nominations (max. 3) made by college by late June, application submitted by late August.
6. Fun fact(s)	The new Rhodes House Warden is an American, Elizabeth Kiss, former 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 1 st Rhodes at her college.	Interview with Rhodes House Warden
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