



THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP 2012

HONG KONG

MEMORANDUM

FOR ELECTION FOR 2012 ONLY

(This Memorandum cancels those issued for previous years)

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This document assumes that you have read and are familiar with the basic admission criteria for the Rhodes Scholarships, available on the [Rhodes Trust](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk) website. For detailed conditions of tenure, view the document at www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/Conditions-of-Tenure-2011.pdf.

1. Closing date

- a. Your application must be submitted online or hand delivered, couriered, or posted on or before 26 September 2011.

2. Eligibility criteria

- a. You must have a permanent home in Hong Kong and also have received education in Hong Kong for a total period of not less than ten years by October 1 of the year in which you will commence your award, OR be a permanent resident of Hong Kong or citizen of the People's Republic of China who is currently enrolled in a university in Hong Kong for full-time study. Candidates with dual citizenship must not apply in more than one of the countries of which they are citizens.
- b. You must be at least 19 years and younger than 25 years by 1 October 2012. This means applicants must have been born after 1 October 1987 and on or before 1 October 1993.
- c. Candidates must have completed (or be due to complete by August 2012) an Honours degree or equivalent qualification in Hong Kong or elsewhere. Preference will be given to candidates who have not received any part of their education in the United Kingdom.
- d. The Rhodes Trust and Oxford University require that selection for a Scholarship and for admission to the University will be without regard to marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, sex and gender, religion, sexual orientation, social background, disability, caste or other irrelevant distinction.
- e. A selection committee will make no nomination if it is of the opinion that there is no sufficiently qualified candidate.

3. Application procedure

- a. Applicants must apply online at <https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust> (from 1 June 2011).
- b. All candidates should read carefully the “Notes of Guidance for On-line Applicants” available at the application website before filling in the online application form and should strictly follow the instructions.
- c. All candidates are required to complete their electronic application no later than 11:59 pm, Hong Kong time, 26 September 2011. If submitting from overseas, submissions must be completed by 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 26 September 2011. You should submit the supporting documents online or send them separately by post/in person to The Rhodes Administrator (Hong Kong) and Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Selection Committee, c/o Scholarships and Financial Aid Section, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, Room 332, Pi Ch‘iu Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong during office hours (Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. except Public Holidays) by the deadline. Late or partial submissions may not be considered.
- d. The Selection Committee will invite candidates they wish to see to a personal interview. No candidate will be selected without a personal interview. The final selection is confirmed by the Rhodes Trustees, who rely on selection procedures undertaken by selection committees in each constituency. The cost of travel to the interview will not be reimbursed by the Selection Committee.

4. Information to be submitted with application

- a. You must submit a completed application form on-line at <https://apply.embark.com/scholarship/RhodesTrust> with the documents and information detailed below:
 - i. a copy of the Hong Kong Identity Card/Passport or, failing that, any other evidence of the date of birth accepted as satisfactory by the Selection Committee.
 - ii. evidence of at least ten years of full-time education in Hong Kong; OR, for a permanent resident of Hong Kong or citizen of the People’s Republic of China studying at a university in Hong Kong, an official academic transcript from the university in Hong Kong at which the candidate is studying.
 - iii. a record certified by the University Registrar, or other responsible officer, of the course of university study pursued, together with honours and degrees, if any.
 - iv. a statement of no more than 1500 words or two A4 pages, written in English, in as simple and direct a manner as possible, avoiding a diffuse or rhetorical style on the one hand and excessive curtness on the other. The content should include:
 - a. Your general interests and activities and what you plan to do with your life once you have completed your studies.

- b. Your aims and priorities as well as the contribution you have made and would like to make to society.
- c. If you left the University before applying for a Rhodes Scholarship, you should also state your occupation since leaving.
- d. Indicate the course of study and degree you wish to follow at Oxford.
- e. Also demonstrate that you are able to meet the requirements of the specific course you have chosen.
- f. Applicants wishing to undertake a DPhil must provide a brief outline of their proposed research and show evidence you have been in contact with a researcher in Oxford.

Your personal statement is a very important part of your application. **It is very important for you to have considered what course and degree you wish to follow at Oxford before you submit your application.** It is a good idea to discuss your proposed course of study with your professors or lecturers in that field, and, if possible, with someone who has knowledge of United Kingdom universities. Additional sources of information are the current issues of the *University of Oxford Graduate Prospectus* and the *University of Oxford Undergraduate Prospectus* available online at <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions>, as well as departmental websites. Candidates are advised that for all postgraduate and some undergraduate courses, samples of written work are required. The regulations concerning this can be found in the *Oxford Graduate Studies Prospectus*. Some courses also require attainment of stipulated scores at the GRE or GMAT.

- v. three letters of recommendation from persons who are well acquainted with the candidate are required for the purpose of confidential reference. All of them should be persons under whom the applicant has studied. Referees are requested to upload the letter of recommendation which is preferably in pdf format on headed paper and signed. Reference from persons acquainted with the candidate's family or relations, but not with the candidate personally, should not be included, since testimonials from such persons will be disregarded. Referees should note that – for the successful candidate – these references will be submitted to the University of Oxford in support of their application for postgraduate study.
- vi. a full curriculum vitae which should include awards received, records of achievements and extra-curricular activities, work experience (if any) as well as educational history, together with the supporting documents.
- vii. one photograph of the applicant. It should be portrait (rather than landscape), colour, formal, head and shoulders, without border. The dimensions should be 4 cm x 5 cm.
- viii. your home address, mobile phone number and email address must be included.

- ix. All documents must be in English or English translations must be provided.
 - x. CD-Rom and emailed applications will not be accepted.
- b. **Interviews:** Applicants who cannot be at the relevant selection committee interviews will not be considered. For your guidance the selection committees usually meet in October/November.

5. Procedure after Selection

- a. Election by the Selection Committee is subject to confirmation by the Trustees.
- b. Please note that Scholar-select making graduate applications to the University of Oxford will need to submit their applications on-line via a special Rhodes site very shortly after election. Full instructions will be given on election.
- c. Applicants for a second undergraduate degree with senior status will need to submit a paper application, provided on election, which must reach Oxford by Friday, 2 December 2011. Candidates must therefore make a quick submission immediately following election.

For further information about the Rhodes Trust and the Rhodes Scholarships, see www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk and www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/hong-kong