

The Rhodes Scholarships

Australia: Memorandum for Selection 2018 Round

Purpose

To outline the procedures underpinning the selection of Rhodes Scholars in Australia

Scope

All applicants for Australian Rhodes Scholarships-2018 Round

Parent Policy

[The Selection Criteria that apply in all Rhodes Constituencies](#)

Definitions

Australian secondary school: a school located in an Australian state or territory which is established and administered by an Australian State or Territory government or a school which is located in an Australian state or territory and which is established and operated under conditions determined by State and Territory governments through their registration authorities.

Eligibility

1. Application for Australian Rhodes Scholarships is available to individuals who:
 - 1.1. Are Australian citizens and who have been resident in Australia for at least two of the last ten years; and
 - 1.2. Have completed at least two years of schooling at an Australian secondary school; and
 - 1.3. Will have completed the requirements of an Australian Bachelor Honours degree (Australian Qualifications Framework level 8) or Australian Masters degree (Australian Qualifications Framework level 9 or 9E) or international equivalent with a proficiency level of first class honours or an equivalent mark of distinction for Masters students by no later than June 15 2018; and
 - 1.4. Are no younger than 19 and have not have passed their 26th birthday at 1 October in the year of commencement at Oxford University (hereafter 'Oxford'); and
 - 1.5. Have not applied for a Rhodes Scholarship two or more times before.

Place of Application

2. Applications can be lodged for consideration via the New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia or Australian Commonwealth Territories panel.
3. The place of application is determined by:
 - 3.1.1. The Australian state or territory in which the applicant completed their highest university qualification; or
 - 3.1.2. The Australian state or territory in which the applicant completed at least two years of secondary schooling.
 - 3.1.3. Applicants undertaking a graduate certificate or graduate diploma qualification (Australian Qualifications Framework level 8) or international equivalent may apply in the Australian state or territory in which they completed their Australian Bachelor Honours degree (Australian Qualifications Framework level 8) or Australian Masters degree (Australian Qualifications Framework level 9 or 9E) or international equivalent with a proficiency level of first class honours or an equivalent mark of distinction for Masters students.

Preparation for Application

4. Applicants will be familiar with the criteria, procedures and approved proformas for the Australian Rhodes Scholarships selection process. Applicants are encouraged to attend information sessions as applicable.
5. Applicants are not to contact Rhodes Scholars currently studying at Oxford for advice on the application process or for feedback on their application.

Application Requirements and Submission

6. Applications for Australian Rhodes Scholarships open on **00:01 AM AEST 1 July 2017** and must be submitted online by the deadline of **23:59pm, AEST on 14 September 2017** on the current, approved proforma, comprising:
 - 6.1. *Part 1:* Applicant details and declaration including proof of Australian citizenship;
 - 6.2. *Part 2:* Case for consideration, including:
 - 6.2.1. A statement of no more than 1000 words in which the applicant addresses the selection criteria supported by reference to his or her specific interests, activities and achievements and outlines his or her plans for realising the Rhodes vision and contributing to the Rhodes community after graduation from the University of Oxford;
 - 6.2.2. A declaration that the statement is the applicant's own work, phrased as '*I attest that this personal statement is my own work. Neither it nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application*';
 - 6.2.3. A digitally authorized (eg Digitary link for eQuals institutions), or digital copy of a certified copy of the applicant's complete record from all university studies completed and attempted, such as formal transcripts or Australian Higher Education Graduation Statements;
 - 6.2.4. The proposed course of study at Oxford;
 - 6.3. *Part 3:* A curriculum vitae of no more than three A4 pages in length (12pt) that covers, but which is not limited to the following:
 - 6.3.1. formal university and senior secondary qualifications; and
 - 6.3.2. prizes, awards, honours or forms of recognition; and
 - 6.3.3. school, university or community activities, including specific details of role or participation, average hours per week and total length of engagement in the activity in years or months; and
 - 6.3.4. employed positions; and
 - 6.3.5. leadership positions in school, university or community activities; and
 - 6.3.6. co-curriculum attainments (e.g. music qualifications, language certificates); and
 - 6.3.7. sporting or cultural representation and achievements; and
 - 6.3.8. research/creative activity outputs (where relevant), including bibliographic details that specify authors, title, journal or publisher, or links to each published work, including the year of publication and estimates by percentage of individual contributions.
 - 6.3.9. A research proposal (DPhil applicants only) of no more than two pages, in line with [Oxford Graduate Admissions instructions](#); and

6.3.10. An email confirmation from the relevant Oxford department confirming that the area of research proposed can be supervised (DPhil applicants only); and

6.4. *Part 4:* Details of six referees, three of whom will be academics. The academic referees must be able to explain and rate the academic performance of the applicant in a way that is accessible for readers outside of the university system, particularly for students in non-graded programs. The other references must be able to explain how the applicant demonstrates the criteria of the Rhodes Scholarships for achievements other than academic achievements.

6.5. Applicants will also be asked to upload a head and shoulders photograph, which will be sent only to panelists if the applicant is shortlisted.

6.6. No supplementary materials will be permitted.

7. Applicants will ensure that the application is complete and accurate.

Determination of Election

8. Shortlisting, references invitation to interview and election are determined on the basis of the holistic assessment of the application.

9. The Rhodes Trust and Oxford 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.

10. State secretariats will bring forward only eligible applications to the panel.

11. Applicants who are shortlisted will only be considered for election on the basis of an interview in person with the panel.

12. Elected candidates will provide original copies of complete transcripts or Australian Higher Education Graduation Statements and proof of place of birth or citizenship for sighting by the state secretariat;

13. Applicants who are shortlisted will be asked for their consent to use their photograph for publicity purposes.

14. Selection panels recommend, the National Secretary endorses, and the Warden of Rhodes House approves the nomination of a scholar elect.

15. A selection panel will make no recommendation if it is of the opinion that there is no sufficiently qualified candidate.

16. Deferral of the scholarship is not permitted under any circumstances.

17. Confirmation of the award of a Rhodes Scholarship is conditional upon admission to the University of Oxford. Tenure of Scholarship is conditional upon compliance with the policies, procedures and rules of Oxford, and compliance with the [Rhodes Scholarships Conditions of Tenure](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/index.html). Samples of written work and or evidence of successful completion of the GRE or GMAT may be required for consideration of admission to the selected program (http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/index.html).

Referral to the Australia-at-Large Panel

18. The State and Australian Commonwealth Territories panels may refer up to two shortlisted applicants other than the Scholar-elect for consideration by the Australia-at-Large panel.

19. Applicants who are referred will only be considered for election on the basis of an interview in person.

20. The Australia-at-Large panel recommends, the National Secretary endorses, and the Warden of Rhodes House approves the nomination of Australia-at-Large Scholars-elect.

Communication of Outcomes

21. Applicants will receive notification of outcome;
22. Unsuccessful shortlisted applicants are able to ask for brief verbal feedback on the interview by the national or state or territory secretary;
23. The decision of a selection panel is final. No correspondence will be entered into.