

Rhodes Global Scholarships – Information for Nominating Institutions

Overview

Our mission is to identify and develop leaders to achieve public good. This is what the Rhodes Scholarships have done, with remarkable success, since their inception in 1903. The Rhodes Scholarships are administered by the Rhodes Trust, Oxford, United Kingdom and are awarded in 23 Rhodes constituencies (representing over 60 different countries) around the world to over 100 recipients each year. In 2018, the Global Scholarships were launched and two Global Scholarships are now available each year to eligible candidates from the rest of the world. As part of the application process for the Global Scholarships, candidates must be nominated by their university.

The Selection Committee for the Rhodes Global Scholarship is looking for outstanding young leaders who are motivated to engage with global challenges and to promote international understanding and peace. In short, the Selection Committee seeks young people of outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service, and who demonstrate a strong propensity to emerge as 'leaders for the world's future'.

Please see the Rhodes Trust website for full details: <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/>

Timeline

1 June 2021	Nominations and applications open
2 August 2021	Applications final deadline
August-September 2021	Shortlisting and preliminary interviews
November 2021	Final selection interviews at Rhodes House, Oxford
Early January 2022	Deadline for applications to Oxford University
Late September 2022	Arrival in Oxford to commence studies

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question: *Why has the Rhodes Global Scholarship been set up?*

Answer: Until now the Rhodes Scholarships was open only to candidates from approximately 60 countries. From 2018 the opportunity was extended to the rest of the world, subject to eligibility and university nomination.

Question: *What are the characteristics of an ideal Rhodes Global Scholar nominee? What type of person are you looking for?*

Answer: We are looking for young people who are outstanding in their chosen field, with the ambition and drive to be future leaders in society. The selection criteria for nominees are:

- literary and scholastic attainments (academic excellence)
- energy to use one's talents to the full (as demonstrated by mastery in areas such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits, particularly where teamwork is involved)
- truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship
- moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings

The Rhodes Trust warmly welcomes applications from talented young people of diverse backgrounds. Selection of Rhodes Scholars is made without regard to gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, social background, caste, or disability.

Question: *How many nominations may each University submit?*

Answer: Each University may submit a maximum of three nominations.

Question: *What is the deadline for nominations?*

Answer: The deadline for nominations is the 2nd August 2021.

Question: *What information needs to be provided in order to nominate an individual?*

Answer: When the candidate starts their application in the Embark portal, they must fill out the details of their Nominator. This triggers a request via email to the Nominator who will be asked to complete a brief form and submit a Nomination Letter directly via the Embark portal. Without this nomination, the candidate will not be able to submit their application.

For authenticity reasons, the Nomination Letter should be on University headed paper and signed by the relevant Nominator. Guidance on the nomination letter can be found on our website:

<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/global-nominations-institution-guidance/>

Question: *Which universities are eligible to make a nomination?*

Answer: In principle, any leading University may nominate a young person who fulfills the eligibility criteria. Please note that applicants must meet the entry requirements of the University of Oxford, i.e. they must be academically excellent.

We plan to increase the number of Rhodes Global Scholarships in future years.

Question: *What if a nominee is eligible to apply in another Rhodes constituency?*

Answer: If a candidate is eligible to apply in an existing Rhodes constituency (<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/list-of-rhodes-scholarship-countries/>) they must apply there. The Global Scholarship is only open to candidates who are ineligible to apply in any other Rhodes constituency.

Further questions may be submitted to: scholarship.queries@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk