

Rhodes Global Scholarship – Information for Nominating Institutions

Overview

Based at the University of Oxford, The Rhodes Scholarships brings together and develops exceptional young people from all over the world, and in all fields of study, who are committed to being of service, impatient with the way things are and have the courage to act.

The Rhodes Scholarship is a life changing opportunity: a fully funded, full time, postgraduate award which enables talented young people from around the world to study at the University of Oxford for two or more years. Our mission is to identify, support and develop leaders to achieve public good and this is what the Rhodes Scholarships have done, with remarkable success, since their inception in 1903.

Administered by The Rhodes Trust, Oxford, United Kingdom scholarships are awarded in 25 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'. The qualities sought in a Rhodes Scholar - intellectual distinction combined with concern for others, energy to lead, and a focus on public service – are equally important and an academically brilliant candidate who does not display these other traits is unlikely to be successful.

For more information on the Rhodes Scholarship itself, or tailored information for advisors and referees, please see our website: <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/>

Timeline

1 June 2023	Nominations and applications open
1 August 2023	Applications final deadline
August-September 2023	Longlisting, shortlisting and preliminary virtual interviews
November 2023	Final selection interviews at Rhodes House, Oxford
December - January 2024	Deadline for applications to Oxford University
Late September 2024	Arrival in Oxford to commence studies

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question: How many nominations may each University submit?

Answer: Each University may submit a maximum of **three** nominations. At present, only two Global Scholarships are available each year to eligible candidates so competition for the Global Rhodes Scholarship is fierce.

Question: What is the deadline for nominations?

Answer: The deadline for nominations is the 1st August 2023.

Question: Who is eligible to be nominated for a Global Rhodes Scholarship?

Answer: In short, most academically brilliant young people that already hold or will hold a strong undergraduate degree by July 2024 and are not citizens of [any other Rhodes constituency](#). You can check the eligibility of potential nominees by going through our [Eligibility Checker](#) with them. If you would prefer to print the eligibility criteria, or require an accessible version of them, you can find them

in our [Information for 'Global' Candidates document](#).

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

Answer: If a candidate is eligible to apply in [another Rhodes constituency](#), (for example if they hold dual citizenship and meet that constituency's criteria), they must apply there. The Global Scholarship is only open to candidates who are ineligible to apply in any other Rhodes constituency.

Question: What are the characteristics of an ideal Rhodes Global Scholar nominee? Precisely 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

Please note: applicants must have already completed, or will have completed by July 2024, an undergraduate degree (normally a Bachelor's degree) with an academic background and grade that - at a minimum - meets or exceeds the specific entry requirements [of their chosen full-time course at the University of Oxford](#). Given the very intense international competition for places at the University of Oxford, candidates will have a greater chance of successful admission to Oxford if they have: a First Class Honours Degree or equivalent, or, GPA of 3.70/4.0 or higher (with no rounding), or international grades that are the equivalent of these.

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: Which universities are eligible to make a nomination? Does my institution need to register before nominating candidates?

Answer: In principle, any internationally recognised University may nominate **up to three** young people who fulfil the eligibility criteria. There is no requirement for institutions to formally register if they wish to nominate students, but we do warmly invite universities to reach out to us at scholarship.queries@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk with any questions they may have, either about the nomination itself, or any other aspect of the Rhodes Scholarship selection process.

Question: Within my institution, who should nominate our chosen candidates?

Answer: Senior institutional officials, including the President, Dean, Rector, Vice-Provost or other official responsible for graduate fellowships, may nominate a candidate. We know that candidates may reach out to the head of their course or academic department, but ideally nominations should come from a senior individual that works across the entire institution to ensure that candidates from all disciplines are considered. By having a senior official as the sole nominator, this also ensures that each institution does not nominate more than three candidates.

Question: What information needs to be provided in order to nominate candidates?

Answer: When the candidate starts their application in the online application portal (Embark), 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 via the Embark portal. Without this nomination, the candidate will not be able to submit their application.

The Nomination Letter should give a frank and confidential endorsement regarding the candidate's academic qualifications, as well as covering why you feel they meet the non-academic criteria of a Rhodes Scholar giving examples of their leadership traits and extra-curricular accomplishments. Please speak of the applicant's limitations as well as strong points. Committees tend naturally to be dubious of hyperbole and appraisals that imply a given individual has no limitations. Your reply will, of course, be treated as strictly confidential by the Selection Committee. For more information, we have also prepared [further guidance on what a Nomination Letter should include](#).

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