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- The Rhodes Scholarship is a fully funded, full time, postgraduate award which enables talented young people from around the world to study at the University of Oxford.
- Applying for the Scholarship is a challenge, and it is an experience which has helped generations of young people to succeed. We encourage applications from talented students everywhere.
- Rhodes Scholars come to the UK for two or more years and can apply to study most full-time postgraduate courses offered by Oxford University.





# What are the Selection Criteria?

**We are looking for young people of outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service.**

The criteria which were laid out in the Founder's Will, and have remained largely unchanged since 1902, still guide us today:

- 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, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship;
- moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.



# History of the Scholarship

Established through the Will of Cecil John Rhodes in 1902, the Rhodes Scholarship was a truly visionary project for its time. Over a hundred years later, the Rhodes Scholarship is the oldest and perhaps most prestigious international scholarship programme in the world.

Our reputation as the world's most distinguished academic scholarship rests not on the controversial life of our founder Cecil Rhodes, but on the enormous contributions our Scholars have made to the world, and the qualities sought in a Rhodes Scholar - intellectual distinction combined with concern for others, energy to lead, and a focus on public service - remain as compelling as they were over a century ago.





**Why encourage  
students to  
apply?**





# Benefits of Encouraging Applications

- **Broadening Student's Horizons:**  
Studying abroad on the Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University will give your students different perspectives and many opportunities to learn in one of the world's most cutting-edge academic environments.
- **Institutional Reputation:**  
Student and staff populations can take pride in their university/department producing a Rhodes Scholar who will study at Oxford and represent their community.
- **Outreach:**  
A winning Rhodes Scholar gains significant media coverage and so will raise awareness of your university. Future students with aspirations for the Rhodes may be more likely to apply to the university.





**How can you  
help students  
to apply?**





## ASK:

Is the Rhodes  
Scholarship  
right for you?

- Are they eligible?
- What do they want to achieve with the Rhodes?
- Do they meet the Rhodes selection criteria?
- Would other scholarship opportunities be better suited?

## EXPLAIN:

How the  
application  
process works

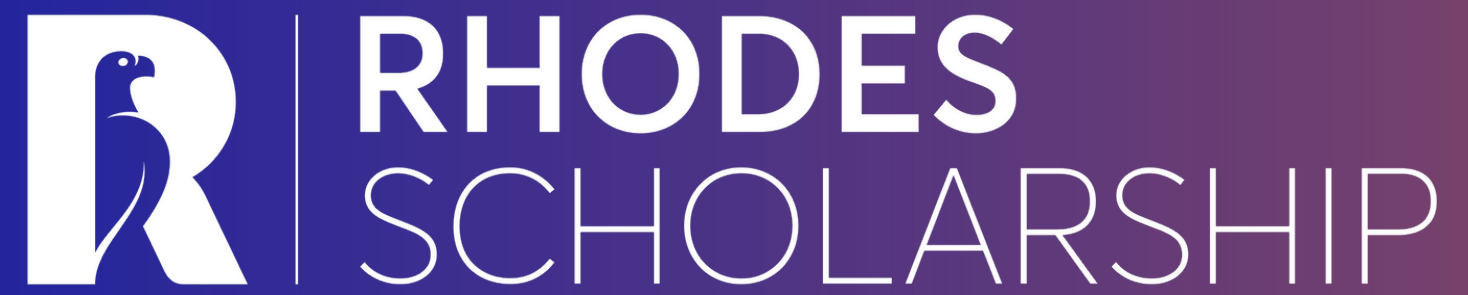
- Help them think about which referees would be best
- Recommend that they check the Rhodes Trust website, and review the 'resources' section
- Have they started to think about their personal statement?

## PREPARE

Interview  
Preparation

- Have they done a professional interview before?
- Recommend practicing interview skills, and that they ask for help with mock interviews





## Contact:

- Get in touch with us by emailing [outreach@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk)
- Access shareable outreach resources (presentations and flyers) and more information on our [website](#)
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