



RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Information for Academic Advisors





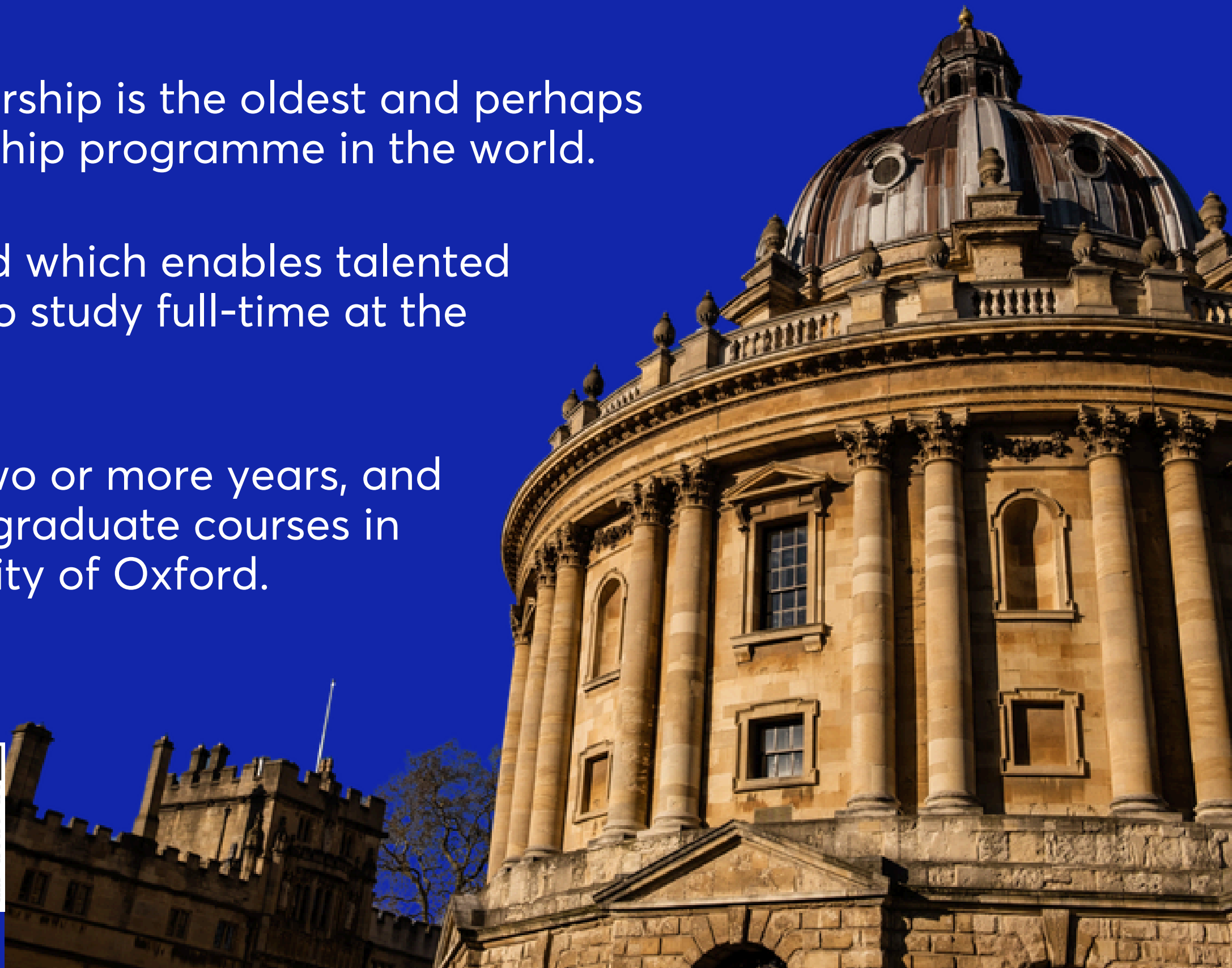
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What is the Rhodes Scholarship?



- Established in 1902, the Rhodes Scholarship is the oldest and perhaps most prestigious international scholarship programme in the world.
- It is a fully-funded postgraduate award which enables talented young people from around the world to study full-time at the University of Oxford.
- Rhodes Scholars come to the UK for two or more years, and can apply to study most full-time postgraduate courses in almost any field offered at the University of Oxford.

Learn more about Rhodes Scholars
and how they've been changing
the world for over 120 years:



Each year, Rhodes Scholarships are awarded to 100+ students from 24 constituencies.





Why encourage your students to apply?

Broadening students' horizons

Studying abroad at the University of Oxford through the Rhodes Scholarship will offer your students the opportunity to expand their perspectives at world-leading academic departments covering a wide range of disciplines.

Boosting institutional reputation

Students, researchers and staff can take pride in their universities & departments for producing a Rhodes Scholar: representing their community in Oxford & at the global stage, and being recognised as exceptional in their field of study.

Outreach & media coverage

Rhodes Scholars receive significant media coverage following their selection, also drawing attention to their home institutions. This would make your university a stronger contender for prospective students aspiring to apply for the Rhodes Scholarship.



What makes the Rhodes Scholarship unique?

Our lifelong fellowship means once you arrive at Oxford, you would be a Rhodes Scholar for Life

- From the moment students are selected, they will be welcomed into a global, lifelong community of Rhodes Scholars, Alumni and Fellows from our partnership programmes.
- Beyond gaining access to a powerful professional network, they will connect with thoughtful, kind and ambitious individuals from around the world, collectively striving to drive progress.



What makes the Rhodes Scholarship unique?

Programming for Rhodes Scholars

With a community of Rhodes Scholars representing over 70 countries, Rhodes House is a space for cultivating international collaboration and deepening cross-cultural understanding.

Our programming develops students' skills to lead with integrity and purpose, fostering a lifelong commitment to service in their chosen field.

Scholars will have the opportunity to participate in:

- Welcome Weeks
 - Leadership & career development workshops
 - Cultural celebrations
 - Networking events
- ...and more!



What makes the Rhodes Scholarship unique?

In addition to their college and department, students would also have access to Rhodes House

- Based here, our Warden, Registrar and dedicated Scholar teams are present to support students and help ensure their academic, professional & personal success.
- Rhodes House offers study spaces, a library, café, and communal spaces where they will meet fellow Scholars.
- We also host talks, seminars and forums with world-leading experts & academics working in various fields.
- Rhodes Scholars also organise and attend a variety of cultural & social events at Rhodes House, such as the Coming Up & Going Down Dinners.

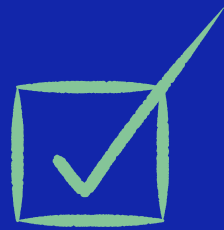


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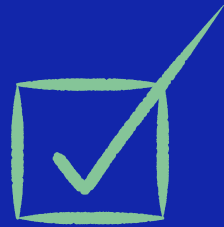
Who can be a Rhodes Scholar?

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

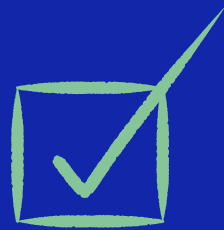
Here's what we look for in a candidate:



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 & artistic pursuits, particularly those involving teamwork)



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



Who is eligible to apply?



Each applicant must fulfil the citizenship & residency requirements for the Rhodes constituency through which they are applying.



Age limits vary based on constituency, ranging from between 18-24 years and up to 27 years in exceptional circumstances.



Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree (usually a Bachelor's) by July 2026, and they must have an academic background & grade that meets or exceeds the specific entry requirements of their chosen course at the University of Oxford.

Candidates will have a higher chance of successful admission to University of Oxford if they have:

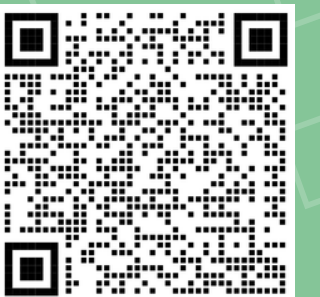
- A first class Honours degree or equivalent, or
- A GPA of 3.7/4.0 or higher



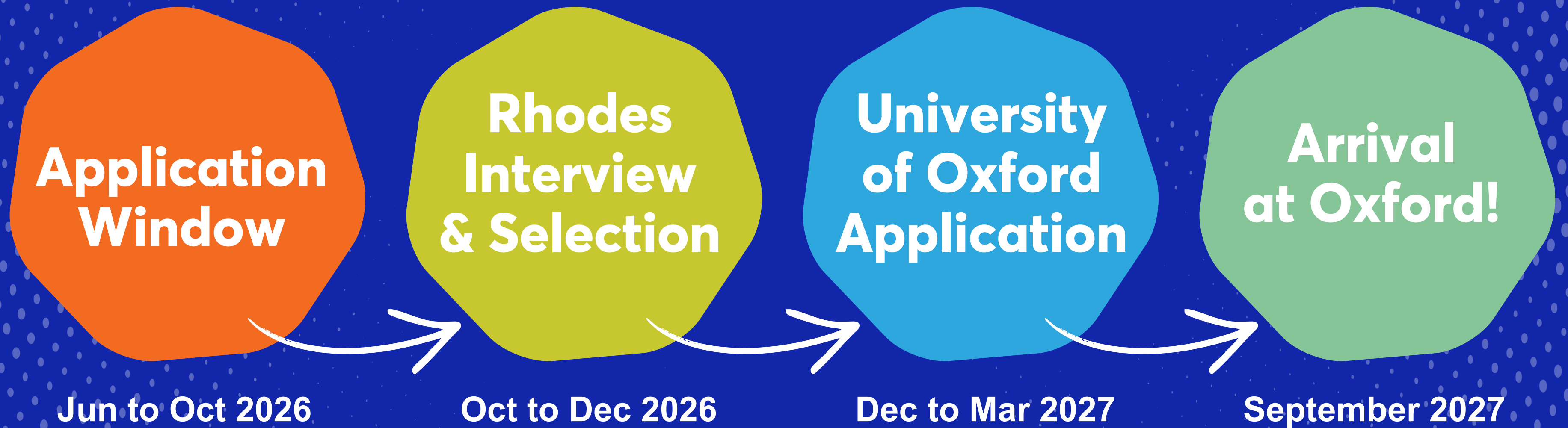
Rhodes Scholarship
Eligibility Checker:



Equivalent
international
qualifications:



Application Process



Note: Exact dates vary by constituency.

Application Materials

 Curriculum Vitae (CV)

 Personal statement

 Academic statement

 Letters of reference

What do students need to submit?

Supporting Documents

 Birth certificate

 Passport

 Photograph (head & shoulders)

 Proof of residence

 Transcripts from your university

 English language proficiency test

English language requirements at the University of Oxford:



Support for reference letters

References form a crucial part of the selection process, and they can make the difference for an applicant's success.

- Make sure you understand what's required from you — read our Guidance for Referees thoroughly!
- You can ask the applicant for their CV, academic transcripts, essays they have written for your course etc. to help inform your recommendation.
- Think critically: can you speak to their strengths as well as their weaknesses? We are not interested in the 'perfect' candidate, and would like to develop a holistic understanding of the applicant.
- Reflect on which of their experiences you can speak to, that may draw out their best qualities and values.



Download our
Guidance for
Referees:



Enquire

Is the Rhodes Scholarship right for you?

- Are they eligible? Do they meet the selection criteria?
- What do they want to achieve through the Rhodes Scholarship?
- Would they be better suited to alternative opportunities?

Explain

How the application process works

- Help them think about the referees they may want to reach out to.
- Suggest going through all the resources available on the Rhodes Trust website.
- Encourage them to start thinking about their personal statement.

Prepare

Preparing for the interview stage

- Have they ever participated in a professional interview?
- Help them prepare a narrative, practice interview skills, and guide them through mock interviews.

Stay in touch with the Rhodes Trust!

Contact us at outreach@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk.

Connect with us on social media!

Our social media channels offer a great way to learn more about the Rhodes Scholarship.



Information for Institutions

Access shareable outreach resources, flyers, and more information on our website.

