What is the Character, Service and Leadership Programme?

The Character, Service and Leadership Programme (CSLP) is a core component of the Rhodes Scholar experience while in Oxford. The overall objective of this Programme is to support, nurture and facilitate Scholars' lifelong commitment to lead and serve others, whatever their chosen field. Through Rhodes House-led structured programmatic activities, we aim to equip Scholars with the practical skills and tools to craft a life of impact and passion as individuals and as a collective. The programme includes:

- Welcome Week
- First Year Retreat: Service & Leadership
- Second Year Retreat: Building the Good Life: Purpose, Meaning and Balance
- Skills workshop sessions, speaker series and internships
- Weekly discussions on global challenges





The CSLP framework (image above) outlines and illustrates the core aims behind the opportunities the Trust offers for Scholars to learn, connect, engage, lead and serve. These range from offering tools for enhanced self-awareness and resources for developing self-compassion [SELF]; to ensuring an infrastructure for expanding relational capacity and skills for dealing with disagreement [OTHER]; and, offering a range of opportunities for Scholars to engage the world through talks and readings on complex global challenges, and supporting collaboration with others to create solutions that meaningfully contribute to a better world [WORLD].