

# Second Century Annual Report 2023/24



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# Warden's Welcome

Following all the excitement of our 120th anniversary celebrations and the completion of the Big Build, the past year provided an opportunity to settle in and enjoy our expanded home. We also had the chance to honour one of our unsung heroes. In March, we gathered to celebrate and thank Sir John Hood (New Zealand & Worcester 1976) and Lady Hood for the extraordinary role they have played in the life of the Rhodes community. Those who have been lucky enough to work with Sir John as Chairman, as I did during my first year as Warden, know just how wonderfully he embodies the qualities we seek in all Scholars. His energy, commitment, brilliance, humility and kindness have made him a powerful force for good at the Rhodes Trust and across Oxford University, achieving that rare thing: transformational change that both preserves and renews a community's core values.

Given Sir John's tireless commitment to the remodelling of Rhodes House, it was especially fitting that we should honour his contribution by dedicating a space

in his name, the Sir John and Lady Hood Hall. Throughout the year, we relished all the activity across the glorious new spaces in Rhodes House, from the Garden Pavilion and convening hall to the wildly popular Nyatta Café. One of my favourites is our Gratitude Room, which honours the Rhodes classes and coalitions whose consistent participation and generosity plays such a vital role in keeping the Rhodes Scholarship strong.

Throughout our history, Scholars have stepped forward in support of the causes that matter to them, seeking to fight the world's fights, generation after generation. In this year of devastating global conflicts, Scholars have once again been making their voices heard. At times, this has led to uncomfortable conversations within our unlikeminded yet likehearted community. But through it all, I have been impressed and heartened by the many acts of generosity and care that our Scholars in Residence have shown to one another. Finding ways to build friendship and keep dialogue going across the world's divides is at the heart of our mission.







At the Rhodes Trust, we continue to reflect in this same spirit on the importance of publicly acknowledging our history while also working to become a more global and inclusive organisation. In June 2024, acting on a recommendation from the Trust's Legacy, Equity and Inclusion advisory groups, the Board of Trustees approved the use of a Legacy Acknowledgement statement which will be included in the Trust's publications and shared at formal dinners and events: 'The Rhodes Trust solemnly acknowledges and honours the people in southern Africa whose labour and riches created the original wealth for the formation of the Rhodes Scholarship.'

Acknowledging the past is a prelude to reshaping the future, and I am delighted that this past year, we have been able to secure endowment to fully fund in perpetuity a third scholarship for West Africa and a second for Pakistan. We also reached the £2 million threshold necessary to be able to select a tenth South African Scholar 'one at a time'. Each of these milestones is an important

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step on our journey to invest in current and future changemakers and to sustain the pre-eminence of the Rhodes Scholarship. I am grateful to the generous donors

who made this progress possible. Our expanded Rhodes Outreach Ambassadors Programme is also helping us to ensure that the brightest and most energetic young people everywhere know about and aspire to win the Rhodes Scholarship.

Your support is what makes all of this possible. I never cease to be amazed by the many ways our Alumni and friends give of their time, treasure, energy and expertise. Every contribution you make is another step in developing exceptional people who will help to build a better world. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Best wishes,

**Dr Elizabeth Kiss,  
Warden of Rhodes House and  
CEO of the Rhodes Trust**

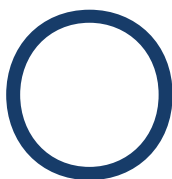




The 2023 first-year CSLP retreat

## A Rhodes Scholar Year

The Scholars' year 2023–2024 opened with gusto in the newly rebuilt and re-opened Rhodes House. Scholars have had access to both old and new spaces in the House for study, gathering and events. The year saw an increase of 30% in Scholar events taking place in the House, which is a reflection of both the energy of the Scholar in Residence community, and the increased opportunities for programming.



Overall, 2023–24 was a year of highs and deep lows, as the devastating events of 7 October and the unfolding horrors in Gaza shook the world and impacted many Scholars personally and deeply.

Whilst Rhodes House supported individuals in every way we could, many Scholars showed enormous generosity and sensitivity to one another. Rhodes Scholar activists organised effectively within the University context and conversational, cultural and educational spaces were





Visiting Patagonia

opened at Rhodes House. Scholars offered a moving Passover Seder meal, attended by Scholars from varied constituencies, and RhodesPal offered communal open mic and movie nights. It was a very tough year for those from the region or with ties to the region, as well as for all Scholars for whom home is a warzone – many attended a cultural evening and fundraiser in support of Sudan, organised by a Sudanese Scholar.

Academically, Scholars continue to thrive across the full range of Oxford offerings. Of 253 Scholars on stipend, Scholars pursued the full range of degrees across all Divisions, including four taking a second BA. For master's courses, Scholars were spread across the four divisions, with 10% in Humanities, 77% in Social Sciences, 8% in Medical Sciences and 4% in Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences. For research degrees, 7% of Scholars were in Humanities, with 19% in Social Sciences, 36% in Medical Sciences and 38% in Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences. Taught courses

ranged from Yiddish through Slavonic Studies and Digital Scholarship to Advanced Cancer Science. Research topics included: the application of AI to healthcare; challenging the resilience of health systems at the interface of pandemics, climate and conflict; green technologies and the just transition; international norms on the use of weapons in outer space; the nature of misinformation on digital platforms in African elections; language policy in the aftermath of peace; and hummingbird ecology and plant pollination.

The Character, Service and Leadership Programme forms the centre in our framework of events for Scholars. In September 2023, we welcomed Dr Fenella Porter as Director of Scholar Programming, and she has been working with those across the Rhodes community to build and develop the CSLP. The key pillars of the programme, the first- and second-year retreats, provide the space and support for Scholars to explore broader questions in charting their

## Scholars showed enormous generosity and sensitivity to one another

paths to positive impact in the world. Small learning 'pods', led by Scholar Alumni skilled in facilitation, enable intimate conversation and group learning, as well as the formation of strong relationships across each cohort. And Scholars have also adapted innovative programme design, such as fishbowl discussions, to create a highly impactful large-group environment, enabling constructive conversations and deep listening and learning from each other on a variety of issues facing the community.

After three and a half years of COVID-19 and construction, we finally welcomed the Class of 2023 and returning Scholars to the newly renovated and expanded Rhodes House. In contrast to hoardings, boardings and restricted numbers as the backdrop to every visit, Scholars were excited to explore the new, expanded space and to test out (with very positive reviews!) the wonderful Nyatta Café. Throughout the year, the Café has been a happy gathering point for Scholars and the quality and pricing of its offerings has remained a high point, with thanks to our amazing caterers, Wilson Vale.

As ever, our programming has also included a rich variety of cultural events in 2023-24, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, Iftar, Lunar New Year, Passover Seder and Diwali. These are led by Scholars from many different cultural traditions, who work with the Rhodes House catering staff to prepare authentic foods that give them a taste of home. Scholars also love to share their celebrations with each other, and build community based on a real appreciation of different backgrounds and cultures. Scholar Trips have continued to mark the Scholar year. The trips to Patagonia remain a popular choice, generously supported by donors. In addition, we have developed an inaugural UK-based LEI trip to Manchester which gave 25 Scholars the opportunity to appreciate the city, its culture and its role in spearheading equity efforts in the UK. Scholars also continue to enjoy day trips, such as to Harcourt Arboretum, and walking in bluebell woods in the company

### Building community based on a real appreciation of different backgrounds and cultures



At the evening of Shona Mbira music and storytelling

of Trustee Glen James.

The Scholars keep up the tradition of organising their own events as groups or individuals, including the hugely popular 'Show Me Why You Love It/Love Home' series, where Scholars celebrate and recognise each other's passions and home contexts. Scholar groups continue to come together based on their common interests

to hold a variety of events, including film nights, fireside chats and exchanges with other university societies which foster innovation, collaboration and discussion. This year, for example, Zimbabwean Scholars organised an evening of Shona Mbira music and storytelling

with John Pfumojena, and there was also a film night and discussion on Women in Sudan.

During a year when external pressures have been felt keenly within the community, Scholars have collaborated across the programme to communicate and come together in solidarity. After a year of energy and generosity of spirit amongst the community, we look back with gratitude and look forward with anticipation to what the next cohort of Scholars will bring.





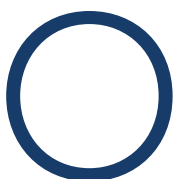
Just one in the ever popular 'Show Me Why You Love Home' series

This year's Sikh Langer in Rhodes House



# Selection and Outreach

The 2023 Selection Round (for the Rhodes Class of 2024) saw the successful selection of 105 outstanding young people across the 25 Rhodes constituencies, with the highest number of applications ever received – a 28% increase on the previous year. Thanks to endowment from generous donors, from 2023 we were able to offer an additional Scholar place each year in both Pakistan and West Africa.



Our efforts to be a truly global scholarship continue to make headway, with applicants spanning 120 different nationalities from over 1300 universities. The Trust continues to adapt to emerging challenges and the changing global landscape to ensure the sustained integrity of the selection process. New guidance was issued to selectors and applicants around the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools by applicants. A working group has been established to thoroughly consider this issue and any future measures the Trust should take both to mitigate any negative impact on the application process and capitalise on any opportunities offered by generative AI.

In spring 2024, we launched a new online portal, 'Rhodes Select' ahead of the 2024 Selection Round, to support our secretariats and selectors in managing selection and fulfilling their selection roles. The portal provides a secure and streamlined 'one stop shop' for collating and updating critical selection information, hosting our library of tools, guidance and training materials and much more!

The past year has seen some changes to the Selection

& Outreach Team at Rhodes House – we bade farewell to Anna Cuthbert and Rebecca Martin, who both left the Trust after several years to take up exciting new opportunities. We were delighted to welcome two wonderful new colleagues to the team – Freya Turner, Selection Manager and Annabel Wright, Selection Assistant.

The Rhodes Outreach Ambassadors Programme has grown significantly, with over 50 volunteers now active across 16 priority constituencies, offering essential support to prospective applicants. Recent initiatives include finalist workshops to help candidates improve their applications and interview skills. The programme has also introduced the 'Scholars' Guide for Applicants' template for customisation

by constituencies, providing tailored advice and tips to applicants. This ensures consistent and high-quality guidance for all candidates. The programme's continued success underscores the commitment of its volunteers and the effectiveness of its strategic efforts.

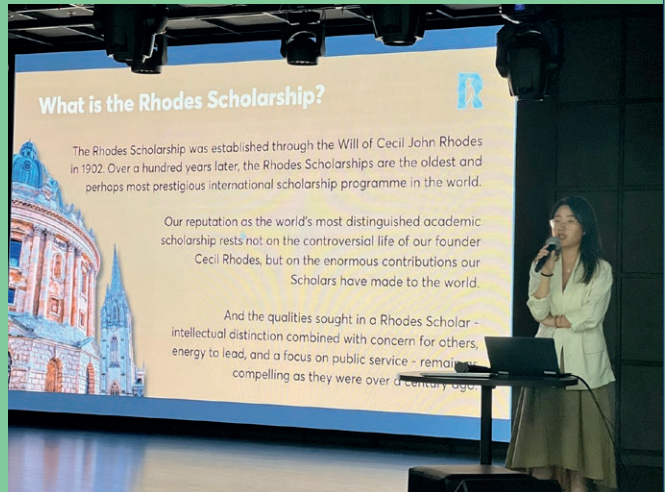
The work of the Trust simply could not continue without the dedication, commitment and generosity of our volunteers across selection and outreach, and we are profoundly grateful to each and every one of them.

## **The Trust continues to adapt to emerging challenges and the changing global landscape**



## CHINA

With the successful launch of the Rhodes Outreach Ambassadors Programme in China, made possible through the generous support of the Cheng family, our Outreach Ambassadors have conducted visits to several institutions in mainland China, including Duke Kunshan University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen University, Xiamen University and Shandong University.



Duo Yi (China & Linacre 2023), one of the Outreach Ambassadors to China, at a university presentation in China



## EAST AFRICA

Thanks to generous support from the Carnegie Foundation, we have significantly expanded our outreach efforts in East and West Africa. This funding has enabled us to engage with numerous academic institutions across the regions, fostering partnerships and raising awareness about the Rhodes Scholarship.

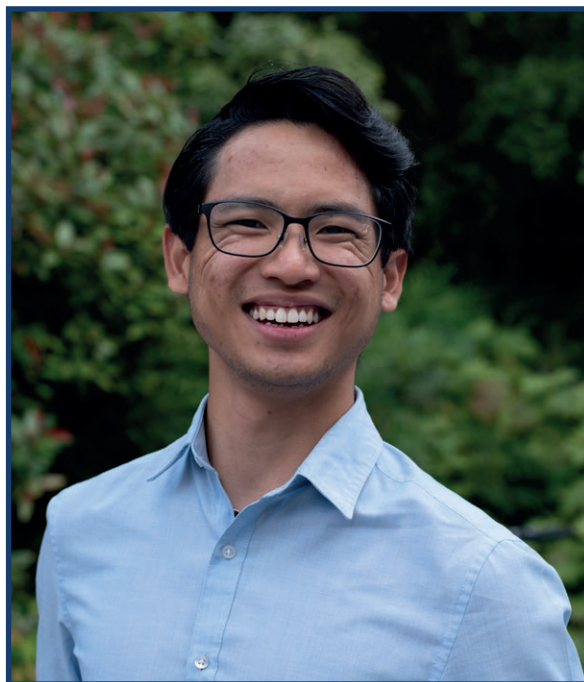
One of our Outreach Ambassadors for East Africa, Gloria Charité (Rwanda & Lady Margaret Hall 2023) presenting the Rhodes Scholarship to students



“When I applied for the Rhodes Scholarship, I had little idea of whom to approach for guidance. The physician-writers who inspired me to apply were role models from different constituencies and from decades past. Serving as an Outreach Ambassador has provided me with the opportunity to connect with individuals who, like myself, come from unconventional backgrounds. These individuals are highly qualified but may not have considered themselves potential Scholars. My role allows me to support them in recognising their suitability and potential for such opportunities.”

**Ann Hui Ching**

(Singapore & Green Templeton 2023)



“I volunteered as an Outreach Ambassador to ensure that the opportunity to join the Rhodes community, known for its brilliance and warmth, is accessible to all. As the first Malay Rhodes Scholar from Singapore, I recognised the significance of my selection within my community and felt a strong responsibility to help others realise their potential to break barriers. Through my role as an Outreach Ambassador, I engaged with partner organisations and educational institutions to connect with applicants from non-traditional backgrounds, working to ensure that the Rhodes community remains inclusive, dynamic and a force for positive change.”

**Hazeem Abdul Nasser**

(Singapore & Green Templeton 2022)





“I chose to volunteer as a Rhodes Outreach Ambassador out of a strong desire to give back. Being the first Gambian Rhodes Scholar selected to study at the University of Oxford was a dream realised, and I felt a deep sense of responsibility to ensure that the Rhodes Scholarship became well-known and accessible to other ambitious young individuals in the region. The impact of the programme has been significant, providing many young people with the opportunity to learn about the Rhodes Scholarship and receive the necessary support to submit successful applications. In my role as an Outreach Ambassador, I find great fulfilment in knowing that I am helping to pave the way for future Scholars.”

**Isatou Bokum**

(Gambia & Jesus 2022)



“I became a Rhodes Ambassador for Malaysia because I wanted to give back and level the playing field with the hopes that more Malaysians – not only those who have accessed prestigious universities abroad – will apply for Malaysia’s Rhodes Scholarship. A gift that keeps giving, the Rhodes Scholarship meant a lot to my personal and professional trajectory, and I was hoping that many more talented Malaysians from different walks of life would seize the opportunity and apply for it with confidence, conviction and authenticity. I wanted to be that bridge for Malaysians of different walks of life – to be a source of information, application tips and encouragement.”

**Joshua Yee Aung Low**

(Malaysia & St Antony’s 2019)



## Honouring Excellence: The Sir John and Lady Hood Hall

On 6 March 2024, members of the Rhodes community and invited guests gathered at Rhodes House to celebrate Trustee Emeritus Sir John Hood KNZM (New Zealand & Worcester 1976) and Lady Hood. The Sir John and Lady Hood Hall is named to commemorate Sir John's extraordinary service to the Rhodes Trust and to the University of Oxford.





Throughout his career, Sir John has made profound contributions to higher education. As Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford, he brought his trademark mixture of intelligence, management expertise and common sense to bear, shaping and restructuring the governance of the University and leaving it in an even stronger position globally. As Chair of the Rhodes Trust, he changed the structure of the Board and worked to return the endowment to its previous strength. During all of this, he has been joined and supported by his wife, Lady Hood.

The expansion and renovation of Rhodes House was a particular passion for Sir John, and he dedicated many hours to his role as Chair of the Building Committee, paying close attention to everything from design and planning to ensuring that the foundations were strong. This is why Sir John's friends and supporters chose to honour his contribution by naming this elegant space in the newly remodelled Rhodes House for him and for Lady Hood.

This was a welcome chance to honour them both and to salute the extraordinary leadership Sir John has shown. Here, we thank all of those who have donated to support the naming of the Sir John and Lady Hood Hall, and we offer just some of the powerful tributes to John and Emma that were shared at our celebration.

“This provides a special opportunity to recognise someone who has made major contributions to both the University of Oxford and the Rhodes Trust during a career in higher education. Sir John has played a crucial role in transforming both organisations and assuring their futures. Throughout, John has been supported by Emma. We are forever in their debt.”

**Professor Sir John Bell GBE CH**  
(Alberta & Magdalen 1975)  
**Chair of the Rhodes Trust**

“The mission of the Rhodes Scholarship is to develop public-spirited leaders who demonstrate qualities of truth, courage and kindness to others. It is a joy and a privilege to honour and celebrate Sir John Hood, who has richly exemplified these qualities in his service to the Rhodes Trust, as he has also done in leading both his alma maters, the Universities of Auckland and of Oxford. Gracious and humble, courageous and tough-minded, attentive to the big picture yet mindful of the details, Sir John has played a pivotal role in ensuring that the Rhodes Scholarship remains the world’s preeminent postgraduate scholarship. All who know and admire John have been delighted to see his happiness with Lady Hood, and the beautiful life they have created together. Emma has wholeheartedly embraced John’s commitment to the Rhodes Trust and joined him in supporting our activities. John and Emma, we salute the two of you, and are overjoyed that this space will be a lasting reminder of your commitment.”

**Dr Elizabeth Kiss**

**(Virginia & Balliol 1983)**

**Warden of Rhodes House &  
CEO of the Rhodes Trust**

“I was a young and fledgling academic when Sir John arrived in Oxford as Vice Chancellor. It was energising to many of us from my generation that we had a VC who was willing to challenge the status quo. I was always so impressed by his ability to juggle significant University business and external global relations yet remain accessible and aware of individual staff members. John is a truly good man as well as a remarkable one. On behalf of the entire collegiate university, John, thank you deeply for all you have done, I hope you are proud of the terrific legacy you have left here at Oxford and at the Rhodes Trust.”

**Professor Irene Tracey CBE FRS FMedSci  
Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford**

“In four decades of a meandering career, I have met many leaders who are said to possess great qualities. None of these would withstand comparison to Sir John. He is a world-class business and academic operator, to be sure, but what distinguishes him is an unconditional generosity of spirit. It is usually when things are hard that you see the real measure of a leader, not when the sun is shining. John was responsible for introducing and cultivating some of the most important ideas and relationships that saw the Trust’s finances and reputation restored. He never took credit for this, or for the myriad other ways he elevated the Rhodes Scholarships and the Trust’s broader mission to fight the world’s fights. Today we have the opportunity to properly thank him, to recognise the man who seeks no recognition. Thank you, John, we are all in your debt.”

**Charles Conn**

**(Massachusetts & Balliol 1983)**

**Former Warden of Rhodes House**



**T**his year, a group of generous donors came together to support the naming of the Sir John and Lady Hood Hall at Rhodes House, and others dedicated their Scholars Fund gifts in honour of Sir John. We thank Sir John and Lady Hood for their years of commitment to the Trust.

#### **LEAD DONORS SUPPORTING THE NAMING OF THE SIR JOHN AND LADY HOOD HALL**

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(Rhode Island & Merton 1970)

Janice Ugaki  
(Idaho & St Antony's 1993)

The Rt Hon. the Lord Waldegrave of North Hill

# Settling In and Opening Up: Rhodes House and Gardens

A full academic year has now passed since Scholars and staff were welcomed back to Rhodes House following our major restoration and transformation works. Scholars have been making great use of the space, for study, events and discussions, and staff have adapted to new ways of working in the office and meeting areas.

**W**e have begun to welcome visitors to our spaces on a regular basis, with Oxford University contacts and commercial clients alike keen to use our best-in-class convening spaces. These bookings not only provide valuable income for the Trust, but also contribute to the breadth of debate and activity being hosted in the House. During the past year, topics addressed by speakers and delegates at events here have included biodiversity in coffee farms, workplace bullying, global health inequalities, psychedelics and racial justice, the oxytocin hypothesis, and many more.

We have sought to open the House to the local community in Oxford more regularly as well, with art exhibitions and building tours proving popular as people came to see what the development work has achieved, and to engage with our installations. Perhaps the most popular offering has been the summer programme of garden tours, led by Head Gardener Neil Wigfield. These booked out almost as soon as the dates were advertised via posters on the main gates, as Oxford residents snapped up the chance to have a closer look at the Gogel Gardens and to ask questions of our resident expert.

These visits all give us the chance to heighten awareness of the Rhodes Scholarships and the great global impact that our community has. They also, quite often, lead to conversations about the legacy of our founder, and the complicated nature of our history. As we move forward in our new spaces, we are mindful of the responsibility to do this in ever more inclusive ways, and feedback from those who visit plays a vital role in helping us to do that well.









'Çiknia jonë: Our Girlhood'

## Art at Rhodes House

Our dynamic art programme has continued to flourish since its launch in the summer of 2023 following the reopening of the reimagined Rhodes House. Over the past year, two new art exhibitions were launched, each offering the opportunity to invite new audiences into our historic space.

Our exhibitions look to foster meaningful dialogue on the complex legacy of the Rhodes Scholarship: its challenging past, vibrant present and hopeful future. In early 2024, we welcomed our inaugural artist-in-residence, Elena Gallina (Idaho & Brasenose 2019), whose exhibition 'Çiknia jonë: Our Girlhood' shone a spotlight on the fading Kosovar tradition of collecting and trading paper napkins. Elena travelled

around Kosovo, interviewing women aged 17 to 89 about their memories of this practice and their reflections on womanhood both past and future. Through photography and textiles, the exhibition celebrates the vibrancy and resilience of women, highlighting the profound role of feminine solidarity in challenging circumstances. Elena's work has since travelled to the USA and multiple cities in Kosovo.



“I hope that visitors to this exhibition will take away colour, a tenderness, and a felt understanding that even amidst difficult boundaries there is something beautiful and special about the way women live, breathe, connect and celebrate the mundane.”

**Elena Gallina**

‘Entangled’ debuted at Rhodes House in June 2024, curated by Julie Taylor (Zimbabwe & St Antony’s 2003) of Guns & Rain contemporary art gallery, based in Johannesburg. This exhibition takes an intimate look at how artists in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe have grappled with colonial legacies, their material manifestations and visual symbolism through a selection of artworks produced since the Rhodes Must Fall movement. It features the work of seven artists – Nicola Brandt, Isheanesu Dondo, Raymond Fuyana, Muningandu Hoveka, Tuli Mekondjo, Zenaéca Singh and Gift Uzera. Their artistic expressions span a variety of art forms including photography, painting, sculpture and performance, offering a multi-dimensional exploration of these profound themes.

As this art initiative grows, we will continue to stimulate discussion on difficult topics and build connections that resonate far beyond our walls. With each new art exhibition, we open the doors of Rhodes House wider.

‘Entangled’



# Rhodes Connect Update

After the success of the improved weekly digest email, in March 2024 we extended the distribution to include all Alumni who have not joined Rhodes Connect. This brings together news from the Rhodes Community including posts from Scholars, Trust- and Scholar-organised events, and Scholar news and publications from across the web.

This 'Scholars in the News' section continues to be the most popular part of the email and is often a trigger for Scholars to send in their own contributions.

Widening the distribution to include non-members takes the overall reach of the email to around 4,500 Scholars. We knew that not everyone would have the appetite for another weekly email so took care to allow Scholars to unsubscribe from this without impacting other communications from the Trust. We were delighted to find that fewer than 5% of recipients have chosen to unsubscribe in the six months since we included non-members. "Why so often? Why weekly?" some Scholars have asked. The answer is simply that the Rhodes

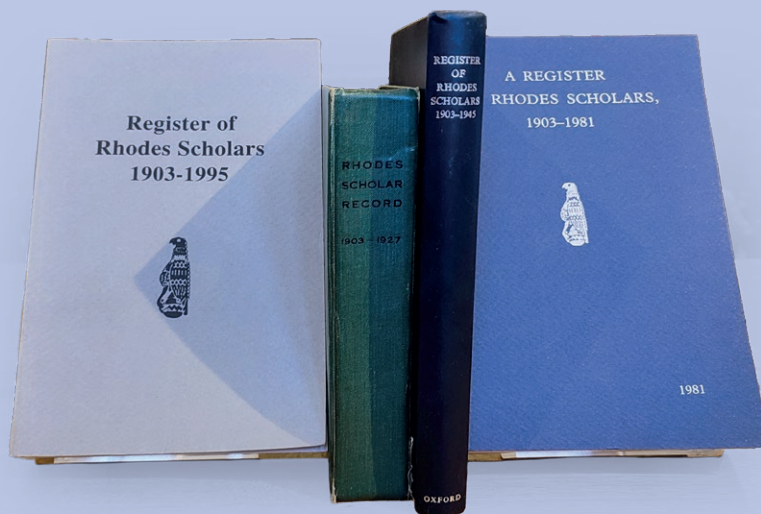
community is so active there are usually around 50 news articles a month worthy of inclusion, far too many for a monthly update.

The 'Book of the Week' feature continues to be popular and is almost entirely driven by contributions from the community. Please do keep these coming, and we are always happy to accept accompanying articles or extracts for the Trust's public blog. The new 'Scholar Spotlight' video feature is intended to complement 'Book of the Week' by providing any Scholar with a platform to give a quick overview of what they're working on or thinking about. Please do get in touch via [connect@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](mailto:connect@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk) if you'd like to participate.



Trisha Prabhu (Illinois & Balliol 2022) features in the 'Scholar Spotlight' series





## Rhodes Reconnect

Rhodes Scholars are great at keeping in touch, with each other and with Rhodes House. But what about those Scholars who seem to have fallen off the Rhodes radar? Georgie Thurston and Richard Hughes launched a quest to track them down...

It started towards the end of 2023; Samantha O'Sullivan (Maryland/DC & Magdalen 2022) spotted a new book by Jeremy England (New Hampshire & St John's 2003) listed in the Rhodes Connect weekly digest and wrote to us saying she would like to interview Jeremy as part of the Scholars' Library series. The only problem was that we'd not

been in touch with Jeremy for some time and didn't have his contact details. Luckily, Jeremy was easy enough to track down on LinkedIn, and the result can be found on our Scholars' Library page on the website.

This acted as a catalyst to asking ourselves, "So, how many other Scholars have we lost contact with?" The Trust has always been very proud to be in contact with more than 90% of Scholars, and with the unusually high levels of engagement we have. But, looking at it afresh, perhaps this has led to a little bit of complacency about

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those we have lost contact with. How many of the 400+ Scholars we didn't have email addresses for could we find?

Some of these were easy – email addresses published online and LinkedIn profiles providing a number of quick wins that made us wonder why we hadn't done this years ago. But these probably only contributed about 50

reconnections; it quickly became more difficult.

Rhodes Connect enabled us to 'crowdsource' the hunt and a series of posts in class groups led to several new leads for Scholars we had been struggling to find. When the 'lost list' had become short enough to publish in full, it attracted more clicks from the weekly email than any other link this year.

We're indebted to the partners, children and, in some cases, more distant relations of several Scholars for helping us reconnect. Scholars enjoying well-earned quiet

retirements have been the most difficult group to find – those that no longer feel the need to maintain a presence on LinkedIn! *The Register of Rhodes Scholars 1903-1995*, despite being nearly 30 years old, has been an invaluable source of information about Scholars' careers, families and addresses.

We wrote to around 200 Scholars who we have postal addresses for but no email. One recipient remarked that South Africa had not had a working postal system for ten years, and that the only physical mail he ever received was from the Trust and his college! Other replies came back more than three months after the letter was sent, with the letter having finally reached its recipient via mail forwarding or occasionally visited parents.

Sadly, but inevitably, many of the Scholars we had lost touch with had died without us being aware. During the course of the project, we've discovered more than 75 obituaries of Scholars. When we started, our records showed 15 Scholars over the age of 100, including the unlikely claim of three over the age of 108. The ease with which we tracked down these would-be centenarians varied considerably. Some were simple omissions where pre-digital records had not been transferred to our database; others required a little more ingenuity. We suspected that one Scholar was not still living in Jersey at the age of 109 – a look at Google Maps, followed by an email to the vicar of the church at the end of his road seemed a long-shot, but confirmed his presence in their graveyard.

A side-effect of this project has been that we have been able to prove that one of these centenarians, Malcolm Whyte (Queensland & Balliol 1947), is not only the oldest living Rhodes Scholar, but the oldest ever. It was a real delight to meet him on Zoom

and hear him read from the booklet of haikus he has recently compiled.

If this all sounds like a fairly dull tidying-up-the-database project, it really wasn't. It was much closer to the thrill of researching a family tree and discovering long-lost relatives. We found ourselves forming surprisingly deep affinities with people we'd never met, and Scholars whose careers inspired us to redouble our efforts to find a way to get in touch.

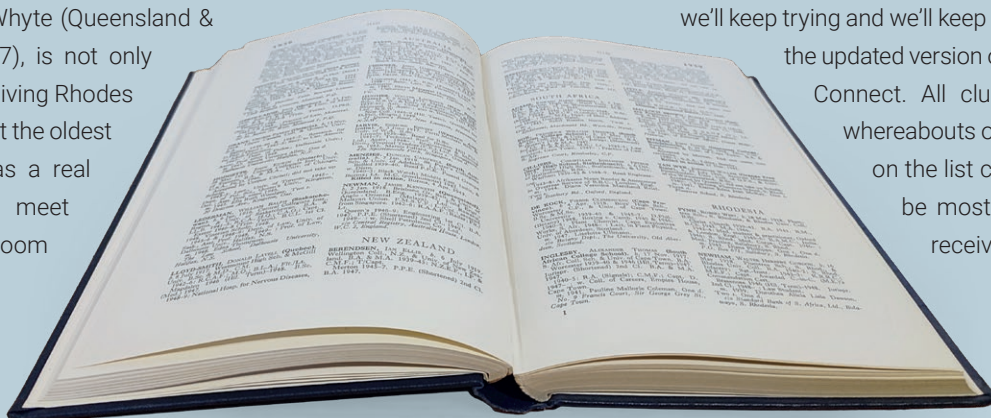
It took a polite reminder from one Scholar that our tongue-in-cheek internal terminology of 'rescuing' 'lost' Scholars really wasn't an accurate reflection of their involvement in the Rhodes community, and that some Scholars the Trust had lost touch with were actively engaged with their local Alumni Associations.

The greatest pleasure of the project has been hearing the stories of what Scholars have been doing since they were last in contact with the Trust. See opposite for some examples.

Of course, not all Scholars we contacted wanted to reconnect. Some felt that after a long period apart, the Trust was no longer particularly relevant to them; others objected to the strategic direction of the Trust. But we were surprised how few fell into either of these categories. We've made every effort to ensure that those that have reconnected do so on their own terms, choosing their level of engagement with the Trust.

At the time of writing, we have reconnected with 170 Scholars, and the 'lost list' is around 180. This means that we are in email contact with nearly 96% of all Scholars. Will the 'lost list' ever reach zero? Almost certainly not. But we'll keep trying and we'll keep publishing

the updated version on Rhodes Connect. All clues to the whereabouts of Scholars on the list continue to be most gratefully received!







**John Edwards** (British Columbia & Hertford 1967) is enjoying working on his quince farm on Vancouver Island, painting and writing poetry. One of the highlights of the project for us has been interviewing John for the Scholars' Library series, hearing of his translations of Roman cookery books and his love of Greek poet Sappho, and seeing the extraordinary antler left by a visiting elk herd.


**Sarah Waheed Sher** (Pakistan & St Edmund Hall 1998) is currently the Executive Director of SIUT in North America, working on an important mission to provide free state-of-the-art healthcare to all. After reconnecting, she shared that her niece is currently a Rhodes Scholar in Residence in Oxford! This revelation made us wonder how many Scholars were related to others and introduced a whole new avenue of enquiry.



Whilst of course wanting to reconnect with every Scholar, we were particularly invested in finding **Monica Youn** (Texas & University 1993) so that we could invite her to take part in the Scholars' Library series. Monica is an award-winning author of four poetry collections and has been cited by other Scholars as an inspiration to them, so we were thrilled to find her, and even more delighted that she agreed to take part! You can find the recording on the Scholars' Library page of the website.

# Programmes and Events

Over the past year, the programme efforts led by the Global Programmes and Alumni Engagement Team have cultivated a vibrant sense of togetherness, community and global networking through a series of impactful events. These initiatives have brought together Scholars in Residence, Scholar Alumni, members of our partnership programmes and experts from diverse fields.

 ur events create dynamic spaces where ideas are exchanged, connections are deepened, and collaborative opportunities are forged. With a focus on fostering meaningful interactions, they have transcended geographical boundaries, uniting the Rhodes community in discussions that matter. Whether exploring cutting-edge technology, celebrating literary achievements or navigating industry challenges, each gathering has reinforced the power of collective engagement and the enduring bonds within the Rhodes network.

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engagement**

## SECTOR CONNECT

This series is designed to foster industry-based connections and networking among Rhodes Alumni and Scholars in Residence. The events are now held in two time zones to engage Scholars from diverse regions and demographics more effectively.

This year, we hosted two highly impactful Sector Connects, focused on Education and Healthcare. Both were met with great enthusiasm and significantly strengthened connections within the Rhodes Community with over 40 attendees and we are grateful to the Scholars who supported with co-hosting. These events became a vibrant melting pot of ideas, fostering deep engagement and collaboration among Rhodes Alumni, Scholars in Residence and members of our partnership programmes.

We also introduced the Sector Connect Maps, a visual networking tool on Rhodes Connect designed to connect our global community of Scholars across various sectors. This tool allows experts and professionals to position themselves on sector-specific maps, making it easy for fellow Scholars to identify and connect with them, fostering collaboration and mentorship worldwide.

**If you are a member of Rhodes Connect, you can log in to view the map at [connect.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/s/sector-connect](https://connect.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/s/sector-connect) You can add yourself to one or more of the Sector Connect maps via your Rhodes Connect profile or reach out to us via [connect@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](mailto:connect@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk)**



### GLOBAL IMPACT DAY

Global Impact Day was held for the third year in a row and had over 30 attendees. This event is an opportunity for the Rhodes community to take part in a one-day social impact hackathon, as well as volunteering to help support local and global causes.

In Oxford, the Trust connected with three local charities and asked them to put forward challenges they were facing. On the day, staff, Scholars in Residence, and Alumni attended the event in Rhodes House to generate innovative ideas and potential solutions that the charities could use to advance their causes. The Trust collaborated with the University of Oxford to help extend the reach of this event and welcomed Alex Betts, the University's Local and Global Engagement Officer, as a guest speaker and facilitator.

“Thank you for such a lovely day. It was great to meet everyone on the table and I was really impressed at everyone’s willingness to help support our cause. Everybody had great ideas and were keen to listen to what I had to say. It was a wonderful event, and I hope something we can definitely be involved in again.”  
**Global Impact Day charity attendee**

### WELCOME HOME WEEKEND – WASHINGTON, DC

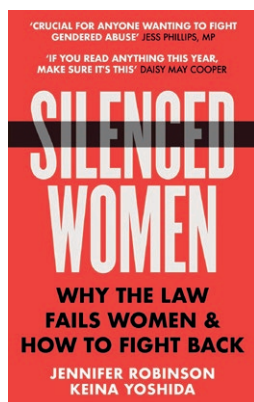
Launched in 2017 at the initiative and with the generous support of Swati Mylavarapu (Florida & Wolfson 2005) and Noorain Khan (Michigan & St Antony’s 2006), Welcome Home Weekend is a three-day residential programme aimed at supporting the transition from Scholars in Residence to members of the Rhodes Alumni community. This year, 26 Scholars from the USA, Canada and the Caribbean joined us in DC for the programme.

The initiative provides a platform for recently gone down Rhodes Scholars to reflect on their new phase of life and exchange insights on career plans, post-Oxford choices, building networks, balancing personal and professional lives and leveraging the Rhodes community. We are delighted to announce that from next year, we will be expanding this initiative to offer a more equitable Scholar experience.

“This was absolutely incredible. I needed this weekend so much as I felt I’ve lost my community since leaving Oxford and academia. I am so, so grateful for all the resources, time and effort that went into this event that I was so privileged to attend. Thank you to everyone.”  
**Welcome Home Weekend attendee**



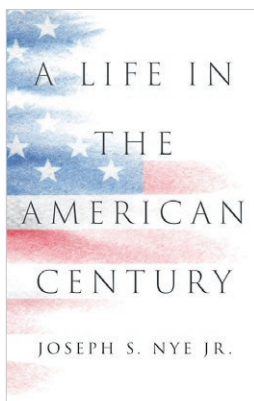
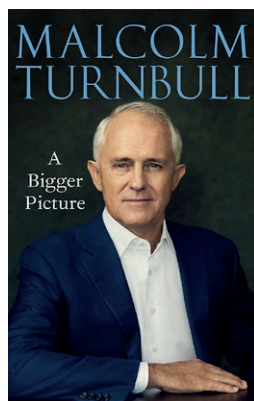
## SCHOLARS' LIBRARY



Over the past year, our ever-expanding Scholars' Library series has become a vibrant platform for celebrated authors and academics within the Rhodes Community. This monthly event allows a virtual stage to showcase the diverse literary works of Rhodes Scholars, spanning genres from memoirs and biographies to critical discussions on science, race, gender and society. The series has not only connected the Rhodes community but also engaged the broader public in meaningful dialogue.

Authors featured in the past year include, among others, Jeremy England (New Hampshire & St John's 2003), Max Price (South Africa-at-Large & Magdalen 1980), Jennifer Robinson (Australia-at-Large & Balliol 2006), Joseph Nye (New Jersey & Exeter 1958) and the Honourable Malcolm Turnbull (New South Wales & Brasenose 1978).

**To learn more about the monthly series and view recordings from previous sessions, head to the Scholars' Library page of our website on the Programmes & Events tab.**



## TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY 2023



Embracing a new era of technology, the second annual iteration of the Rhodes Forum on Technology and Society delved into the heart of purpose-driven technology in the 21st Century, where impact has value for people, the environment and society. From Scholars in Residence, Rhodes Alumni and members of our partnership programmes to the general public, the Forum was attended by close to 260 individuals in-person and online and was the first Forum to take place in the new Rhodes House space!

The Forum featured a series of impactful plenary and parallel sessions that explored the role of technology in advancing the UN's Sustainability Goals, harnessing innovation for national security and the transformative potential of generative AI. These discussions were enriched by the expertise of leading academics, innovators, technologists and entrepreneurs, including David Hanson, Hila Cohen, Gina Lucarelli and Danil Mikhailov. We were also privileged to have contributions from Rhodes community members, such as Swati Mylavarapu (Florida & Wolfson 2005), Billy Byiringiro (Rwanda & Trinity 2021), Stephen Damianos (Pennsylvania & Balliol 2020), Ethan Perets (Schmidt Science Fellow), Nasser Eledroos (Atlantic Fellow), Jeffrey Fasegha (Prairies & Jesus 2021), Kumeren Govender (South Africa & Balliol 2018) and Mandela





Patrick (Caribbean & University 2018), who brought their unique perspectives to the conversation. Anna Brailsford, Co-Founder of and CEO of Code First Girls, delivered the morning keynote, speaking about enabling a million women to code and how that changes the pool of talent going into tech.

However, the final session of the day undoubtedly generated the most excitement, as attendees eagerly anticipated the opportunity to hear from Sophia the robot. Sophia captivated the audience by discussing how she learns from human interactions to enhance her understanding of emotions, thereby increasing her capacity for empathy. Her insights into the growing influence of AI and its ability to adapt to human behaviour and language sparked lively discussions and curiosity among the participants. The prospect of engaging directly with Sophia added to the buzz in the room, as attendees were eager to interact with this remarkably social humanoid. They looked forward to asking questions, receiving answers and getting to know the unique ways in which Sophia bridges the gap between artificial intelligence and human connection.

“These thought-provoking discussions among researchers, activists, entrepreneurs and investors demonstrated technology’s uncharted frontiers brimming with possibility. By channelling moral imagination, I left convinced our dazzling technological horizons could profoundly empower society – if guided by the heart as much as the mind.”

**Yuan Zhang**

(China & St Peter’s 2020)

“I hope more and more technology can provide a platform for dialogue and understanding.”

**Sophia the robot**

Technology and Society forum attendees meet Sophia the robot



# Thank You to All of Our Volunteers and Supporters

Every year hundreds of Scholars and supporters help us at the Trust, generously sharing their knowledge, time and energy. Without this community, our achievements would not be possible. We take this opportunity to say a huge ‘Thank you’ to everyone who has supported us over the last year.

## ALUMNI SCHOLAR VOLUNTEER

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

#### PATRICK BATEMAN

(AUSTRALIA-AT-LARGE & PEMBROKE 2013)



“We have the world’s third largest community of Rhodes Scholars – Alumni and in Residence – here in the UK. They’re all doing fascinating things too! I wanted to run our Alumni Association, Rhodes Scholars in Britain, so I could help bring together this impressive, diverse and deeply talented group of people. It has been nothing but a thrill, seeing old friends, forging connections between others and getting to know everyone at each event we’ve hosted this year. Whether it’s our monthly drinks, or a more formal get-together, you’re guaranteed to meet someone who’ll inspire you in some way. Thankfully, we have a brilliant RSiB leadership team to help organise these events, and the Rhodes Trust Alumni Relations team has been completely invaluable. I’m so grateful for their help, and that I can play some small part for our community.”

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

Alumni Associations are a fantastic way to connect with Rhodes Scholars in your locality and we are grateful to all Alumni who volunteer to be on their committees. If an association does not exist in your area, you may be interested in starting one yourself. If so, please email [alumni@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk) and we would be happy to support you in doing so.

## Heads of Alumni Associations

### America (AARS)

Janice Ugaki  
(Idaho & St Antony’s 1993)

Nnenna Lynch  
(New York & St John’s 1993)

### Australia (ARSA)

Chloe Flutter  
(New South Wales & Hertford 1999)

### Britain (RSiB)

Patrick Bateman  
(Australia-at-Large & Pembroke 2013)



### Canada (CARS)

Kai Alderson  
(Ontario & Wadham 1993)

### China (ACRS)

Jackson Zhao  
(China & Green Templeton 2019)

### Germany (AGRS)

Andreas Poensgen  
(Germany & University 1983)

### Israel (AIRS)

Lian Ryan-Hume  
(Israel & St Antony's 2018)

### Jamaica and Commonwealth Caribbean

Alisha Wade  
(Commonwealth Caribbean & Trinity 2000)

### Kenya (KARS)

Victoria Miyandazi  
(Kenya & University 2013)

### New Zealand (NZARS)

Duncan McGillivray  
(New Zealand & St John's 2000)

### South Africa (SARS)

Lisa Klein  
(South Africa-at-Large & St Antony's 1994)

### Zimbabwe

Dalumuzi Mhlanga  
(Zimbabwe & St Antony's 2013)

### GAAB MEMBERS

Lisa Klein (Co-Chair)  
(South Africa-at-Large & St Antony's 1994)

Karen Braun-Munzinger (Co-Chair)  
(Germany & Merton 2000)

Chunying Zhang  
(China & Lady Margaret Hall 2016)

Bill Bardel  
(New Jersey & University 1961)

Nicholas Allard  
(New York & Merton 1974)

Katie Sheehan  
(Ontario & Merton 2002)

Mercy Akoth  
(Kenya & Jesus 2016)

Chantal Ononaiwu  
(Jamaica & Wolfson 2003)

Peter Rutledge  
(New Zealand & Magdalen 1995)

Martin-Immanuel Bittner  
(Germany & Trinity 2014)

Chloe Flutter  
(New South Wales & Hertford 1999)

Lian Ryan-Hume  
(Israel & St Antony's 2018)

Patrick Bateman  
(Australia-at-Large & Pembroke 2013)

We are grateful for the input from outgoing members of GAAB, Sannah Mokone (South Africa-at-Large & Jesus 2011) and Graham Craig (South-Africa-at-Large & Brasenose 1974).

### GLOBAL ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

The inaugural Global Alumni Advisory Board (GAAB) has been in place since Autumn 2022 and each term is two years long. The GAAB has provided invaluable support to the Board of Trustees about the views of Alumni across the world. This has been particularly helpful with regards to feedback on Rhodes Connect, on ways to support Alumni Associations, on communications and data sharing and on the direction of the Trust.

## National Secretaries

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National Secretaries are the beating heart of the Rhodes Trust's Selection and Outreach work; Scholar Alumni who manage selection for us across the world and are responsible for maintaining the rigour and integrity of our selection process, whilst also providing invaluable local context and understanding within their constituencies. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our National Secretaries, and particularly give special thanks to those National Secretaries who stepped down during the past year:



Sandra Fan (Hong Kong & St Catherine's 1986) served a full ten-year term as National Secretary for the Rhodes Scholarship for Hong Kong SAR from 2014 to 2024. Sandra holds a very special place in the

history of the Rhodes Scholarships for Hong Kong, being both the first Hong Kong Scholar to be elected to the constituency after it was founded in 1984, and the first National Secretary (prior to 2014, the constituency was run by a 'Rhodes Administrator and Honorary Secretary' and the Chair of the Committee). Before becoming National Secretary, Sandra also served as Chair of the Hong Kong Selection Committee. It is testament to her superb leadership that the Rhodes Trust community has been enriched with many outstanding Hong Kong Scholars selected during her tenure. Sandra has been unwavering in her dedication to her role as National Secretary. She has generously extended her expertise and wisdom to help other international scholarships establish themselves, serving as an inaugural selector for the McCall MacBain Scholarships.



Andrew Wee (Singapore & Keble 1987) served a full five-year term in the role of National Secretary for the Rhodes Scholarship in Singapore in partnership with APS Asset Management, from 2018

to 2023. Andrew has played a critical role in the history of the Rhodes Scholarships in Singapore – he was the first National Secretary to serve in the constituency following its reinstatement in 2018. During his tenure, Andrew did an outstanding job in re-establishing the Rhodes Scholarships in Singapore: bringing together a superb group of Scholar Alumni and other dedicated supporters to create a network of selectors, undertaking fruitful outreach efforts to increase awareness of the Rhodes Scholarships and ensuring that the integrity of selection is upheld in Singapore via a rigorous process. Under his admirable leadership, five exceptional Singaporean Rhodes Scholars from a broad range of disciplines were elected and the Rhodes Scholarships for Singapore have gone from strength to strength.



## National Secretaries Selection of the Class of 2024

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### Australia

Peter Kanowski  
(Australia-at-Large & St John's 1983)

### India

Dhvani Mehta  
(India & Magdalen 2009)

### Southern Africa, incl BLMNS

Ndumiso Luthuli  
(KwaZulu-Natal & St Peter's 2000)

### Bermuda

Christie Hunter Arscott  
(Bermuda & Lincoln 2007)

### Israel

Doron Weber  
(Rhode Island & Exeter 1978)

### SJLP

Farah Shamout  
(United Arab Emirates & Balliol 2016)

### Canada

Richard Pan  
(Ontario & Balliol 1998)

### Jamaica

Mariame McIntosh Robinson  
(Jamaica & Hertford 1998)

### UAE

Robert Buckley  
(New Brunswick & Worcester 1971)

### China

Mark Jia  
(New Jersey & Merton 2011)

### Kenya

Geoffrey Otieno  
(Kenya & Lincoln 2007)

### USA

Ramona Doyle  
(Alabama & Somerville 1981)

### Commonwealth Caribbean

Bertha Pilgrim  
(Commonwealth Caribbean & Balliol 1995)

### Malaysia

Tan Sri Shahril Ridzuan  
(Malaysia & Christ Church 1992)

### West Africa

Ike Chioke  
(Nigeria & Wadham 1989)

### East Africa

Samson Kironde  
(Uganda & Green 1998)

### New Zealand

Duncan McGillivray  
(New Zealand & St John's 2000)

### Zambia

Namukale Chintu  
(Zambia & Exeter 2005)

### Germany

Dagmar Gaede  
(Germany & St Hilda's 1993)

### Pakistan

Babar Sattar  
(Pakistan & Balliol 1999)

### Zimbabwe

Dalumuzi Mhlanga  
(Zimbabwe & St Antony's 2013)

### Global

Muloongo Muchelemba  
(Zambia & Harris Manchester 2002)

### Saudi Arabia

Christian Sahner  
(New Jersey & St John's 2007)

### Hong Kong

Sandra Fan  
(Hong Kong & St Catherine's 1986)

### Singapore

Andrew Wee  
(Singapore & Keble 1987)

## Our Class Leaders

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We thank all Class leaders who work to strengthen connections within their class and the broader Rhodes community, through virtual and in-person reunions and in their advocacy for our annual fund programme, the Scholars Fund. We are deeply grateful to all Class Leaders for their commitment to the Trust in this way. The full list of Class Leaders can also be found on Rhodes Connect: [connect.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/s/class-leaders](https://connect.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/s/class-leaders)

For more information about the Class Leader role, please contact Celia Tezel at [celia.tezel@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](mailto:celia.tezel@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk)

### 1950

David Morgan  
(Newfoundland & Oriel)

### 1959

Gordon Wasserman  
(Québec & New College)

### 1967

Kim Mackenzie  
(Alberta & St Peter's)

### 1951

Kenneth Lund  
(New Brunswick & St Edmund Hall)

### 1960

Paul Bartlett Van Buren  
(South Dakota & University)

### 1968

Doug Eakeley  
(New Jersey & University)

### 1952

H. Ian Macdonald  
(Ontario & Balliol)

### 1961

John T. Reid  
(New Zealand & University)

### 1969

Richard Menaker  
(Virginia & New College)

### 1953

Brown Patterson  
(North Carolina & Magdalen)

### 1963

William Kerr  
(Washington & New College)

### 1970

Eric Redman  
(Washington & Magdalen)

### 1955

John Horton Morrison  
(New Mexico & University)

### 1964

Joseph H. Romig  
(Colorado & Wadham)

### 1971

Robert Buckley  
(New Brunswick & Worcester)

### 1956

John Clatworthy  
(Rhodesia & Queen's)

### 1964

Robin Boadway  
(Saskatchewan & Exeter)

### 1971

Stephen C. Ferruolo  
(Rhode Island & St John's)

### 1957

Peter S. Paine  
(New York & Christ Church)

### 1964

Colin Hoffman  
(Rhodesia & University)

### 1971

Don Gogel  
(New Jersey & Balliol)

### 1957

Morton Kahan  
(Connecticut & Balliol)

### 1965

Lee Saperstein  
(Montana & Queen's)

### 1971

Rick Lee  
(New South Wales & Worcester)

### 1958

Robert Rotberg  
(New Jersey & University)

### 1965

Kurt Schmoke  
(Maryland & Balliol)

### 1972

George T.H. Cooper  
(Nova Scotia & University)

### 1958

Hugh Porteous  
(Saskatchewan & Balliol)

### 1966

Jack Zoeller  
(New York & University)

### 1972

Andrew Brook  
(Alberta & Queen's)



## 1973

Geoff Dougherty  
(Québec & Worcester)

John R. Ettinger  
(New York & Merton)

Michael D. Waters  
(Alabama & Merton)

## 1974

Nicholas W. Allard  
(New York & Merton)

Bruns H. Grayson  
(California & University)

## 1975

Peter Carfagna  
(Ohio & University)

John Coleman  
(Québec & St John's)

Christopher Peisch  
(Vermont & Worcester)

## 1976

Andrew Banks  
(Florida & St Edmund Hall)

James G. Basker  
(Oregon & Christ Church)

Hans-Paul Buerkne  
(Germany & St Catherine's)

Chisanga Puta-Chekwe  
(Zambia & Exeter)

## 1977

Peter Fairey  
(British Columbia & Magdalen)

Edgar Gentle  
(Alabama & Pembroke)

Scott Rafferty  
(Maryland & Balliol)

Brian J. Ward  
(Québec & Corpus Christi)

John Watson  
(New South Wales & Magdalen)

## 1978

Carter Brandon  
(Massachusetts & Balliol)

Eric O. Fornell  
(Michigan & Magdalen)

Barbara Grewe  
(Michigan & St Hilda's)

Ronald Stevenson  
(Newfoundland & Oriel)

## 1979

John Collis  
(Bermuda & Corpus Christi)

Charles Eliot  
(Maritimes & Wadham)

Paul Kumleben  
(Natal & University)

Robin Russin  
(Wyoming & Corpus Christi)

## 1980

Steve Crown  
(Washington & Queen's)

Susan L. Karamanian  
(Alabama & Somerville)

Gary Lawrence  
(Ontario & St Edmund Hall)

John H. McCall MacBain O.C.  
(Québec & Wadham)

Christopher Miller  
(Tennessee & Merton)

Andrew Wilkinson  
(Prairies & Magdalen)

## 1981

Dan Esty  
(Massachusetts & Balliol)

Patrick Forth  
(Zimbabwe & Keble)

Michelle Johnson  
(Iowa & Brasenose)

Mary G. Murphy  
(New York & St Catherine's)

Vishwajit Nimgaonkar  
(India & Balliol)

## 1982

Dan Bloomfield  
(New Jersey & St John's)

Yolande Chan  
(Jamaica & Hertford 1982)

Michael Chan  
(British Caribbean & Lincoln)

Michele S. Warman  
(New York & Magdalen)

## 1983

Tim Gokey  
(North Dakota & New College)

Pierre Piché  
(Québec & Keble)

## 1984

Richard Potok  
(New South Wales & St John's)

## 1985

Jeffrey Rideout  
(Oregon & Magdalen)

Seumas Woods  
(Prairies & Exeter)

## 1986

John Melin  
(Saskatchewan & Exeter)

Daniel Promislow  
(British Columbia & Merton)

## 1987

Elizabeth Elbourne  
(Ontario & St Antony's)

Barbara Petzen  
(Georgia & University)

Jacob Weisberg  
(Illinois & New College)

## 1988

Bryan Hassel  
(Tennessee & Balliol)

Ekkehard Kasper  
(Germany & St John's)

Errol Norwitz  
(South Africa-at-Large & University)

## 1989

Nancy Levenson  
(Arizona & Jesus)

Barry Uphoff  
(Nebraska & Lady Margaret Hall)

## 1990

Jennifer Howard-Grenville  
(Alberta & New College)

Alison Van Rooy  
(Manitoba & Lincoln)

## 1991

Daniel Moore  
(Newfoundland & St John's)

Fiona Stewart  
(Québec & Lady Margaret Hall)

## 1992

Doug Beck  
(California & New College)

Jodi Evans  
(Prairies & Magdalen)

Marnie Hughes-Warrington  
(Tasmania & Merton)

Todd Millay  
(Oregon & Christ Church)

## 1993

Shazia Azim  
(Pakistan & University)

Mark E. Lundstrom  
(Washington & New College)

Rujuta Srivastava  
(Michigan & Balliol)

## 1994

Sonia Batra  
(California & Magdalen)

Nigel Clarke  
(Jamaica & Linacre)

Kuseni Dlamini  
(South Africa-at-Large & St Peter's)

Brett E. House  
(Ontario & University)

Ali Husain  
(Iowa & Balliol 1994)

## 1995

Diane de Kerckhove  
(Québec & Balliol)

Darren Littlejohn  
(Newfoundland & Magdalen)

Roopa Unnikrishnan  
(India & Balliol)

## 1996

Subho Banerjee  
(Australia-at-Large & Brasenose)

Chimène I.R. Keitner  
(Maritimes & New College)

Dayne Walling  
(Michigan & St Peter's)

## 1997

Shonil Bhagwat  
(India & Linacre)

Carina Cockburn  
(Jamaica & Lady Margaret Hall)

Ross Garland  
(South Africa-at-Large & Pembroke)

Pardis Sabeti  
(Florida & New College)

## 1998

Blaine Greteman  
(Oklahoma & Merton)

Laura Tavares  
(Massachusetts & St John's)

Jonathan Tepper  
(North Carolina & Christ Church)

## 1999

Bobby Azamian  
(Texas & St John's)

Walt Cooper  
(Indiana & St Anne's)

Susan Dando  
(Tasmania & Merton)

Aly Kassam-Remtulla  
(Prairies & Balliol)

Murray W. McCutcheon  
(British Columbia & Trinity)

## 2000

Cameron Hepburn  
(Australia-at-Large & Magdalen)

## 2001

David Close  
(Tasmania & Worcester)

Anamitra Deb  
(New Brunswick & Harris Manchester)

## 2002

Albert Cho  
(Arizona & Jesus)

Megan Kenna  
(New Hampshire & Magdalen)

Zach Morris  
(Wisconsin & Wadham)

Mark Schaan  
(Manitoba & New College)

Katie Sheehan  
(Ontario & Merton)

## 2003

Aarthi Anand  
(India & Harris Manchester)

Hammad Khan  
(Pakistan & Wolfson)

Zinta Zommers  
(Ontario & Wolfson)

## 2004

Maria Banda  
(Ontario & Balliol)

Chee Hoong Chung  
(Malaysia & Lady Margaret Hall)

Chenoa Marquis  
(Commonwealth Caribbean & Brasenose)

Olivia Rissland  
(Rhode Island & Christ Church)

Rachael Wagner  
(Virginia & Balliol)

## 2005

Jeremy Farris  
(Georgia & University)

Ruth Anne French-Hodson  
(Kansas & Merton)



Joe Jewell  
(Michigan & Keble)

Mike Rivers-Bowerman  
(British Columbia & Corpus Christi)

## 2006

Jeeshan Chowdhury  
(Alberta & Hertford)

Amal Isaiah  
(India & St John's)

## 2007

David Matthews  
(Québec & St John's)

Trav McLeod  
(Western Australia & Balliol)

## 2008

Reed Doucette  
(California & Hertford)

Julia Matheson  
(New Zealand & Balliol)

## 2009

Peter Gill  
(Alberta & Magdalen)

Sarah Kleinman  
(Indiana & St Antony's)

John McAnearney  
(Western Australia & Magdalen)

Vitaliy Voronkov  
(Namibia & Linacre)

## 2010

Jordan Anderson  
(Alabama & St Hilda's)

Caroline Huang  
(Delaware & Merton)

Jaspreet Khangura  
(Prairies & Balliol)

Lyle Murray  
(KwaZulu-Natal & University)

Kamal Wood  
(Commonwealth Caribbean & Mansfield)

## 2011

Joshua Chauvin  
(Ontario & New College)

Jared Dunnmon  
(Ohio & Oriel)

Richard Higgins  
(New Zealand & St Catherine's)

Vivek Naranbhai  
(KwaZulu-Natal & Keble)

Shaheen Seedat  
(South Africa-at-Large & Brasenose)

## 2012

Akul Dayal  
(India & Green Templeton)

Anne Kelly  
(Prairies & Merton)

Qhelile Ndlovu  
(Zimbabwe & Merton)

Cameron Turtle  
(Washington & St John's)

## 2013

Connor Emdin  
(Ontario & St John's)

Paul Manning  
(Maritimes & Magdalen)

Laura Pittman  
(Newfoundland & St John's)

## 2014

Calla Glavin  
(Michigan & Hertford)

Jonathan Pedde  
(Prairies & Merton)

## 2015

Ameen Barghi  
(Alabama & St Catherine's)

Joanna Klimczak  
(Québec & Pembroke)

Karen Mumba  
(Zambia & New College)

## 2016

Oscar Lyons  
(New Zealand & Balliol)

Ashley Orr  
(Ohio & St John's)

Kimberley Savill  
(New Zealand & Brasenose)

## 2017

Jung Kian Ng  
(Malaysia & Oriel)

Joshua Nott  
(South Africa-at-Large & St Antony's)

## 2018

Michael Chen  
(Colorado & Lincoln)

Kumeren Govender  
(KwaZulu-Natal & Balliol)

Alex Lachapelle  
(Québec & Balliol)

Clare Lyle  
(Québec & University)

Michael O'Keefe  
(Newfoundland & Oriel)

## 2019

Shantel Marekera  
(Zimbabwe & Lady Margaret Hall)

Olga Romanov  
(Russia & St John's)

## 2020

Rossella Gabriele  
(Missouri & Pembroke)

## 2021

Carissa Chen  
(California & Merton)

Lillian Usadi  
(New Jersey & Magdalen)

## 2022

Krista Flinkstrom  
(Massachusetts & Oriel)

Elizabeth Guo  
(Texas & St John's)

Maddy McGregor  
(Tasmania & Balliol)

Aditi Sriram  
(British Columbia & Balliol)]

# Why TikTok is Redefining Our Social Media Outreach

TikTok has evolved to become the first port of call in many countries when Gen Z (born between 1995 and 2010) search online. It combines innovative, bite-sized content with a massive, global user base of young, intellectually curious changemakers. We set out to explore its potential for outreach.

Launched in April, @rhodestrust is gaining momentum, with a growing follower count and increased engagement. We're building a more relaxed, authentic presence focused on Scholar voices and experiences – such as event highlights, college tours, extracurriculars and behind-the-scenes glimpses of Oxford life.

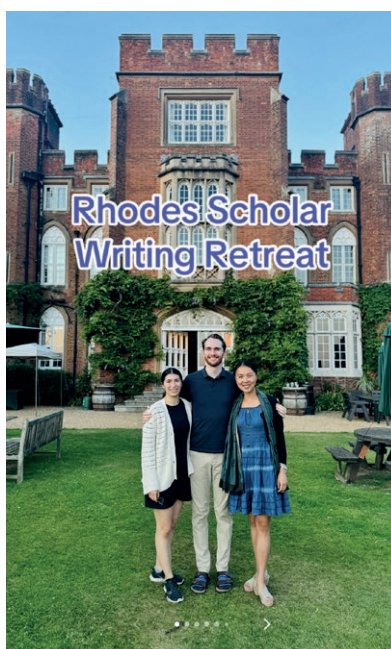
Experimentation is crucial as we refine our approach, focusing on what resonates. People-centred videos are a standout success. While we tap into popular sounds, we've avoided in-jokes and fleeting trends to keep each video feeling warm and welcoming. We're excited to see applicants starting to cite TikTok as their first source of information about the Scholarship!

Our next goals are to hit our first 1,000 TikTok followers and integrate TikTok fully into our overall content strategy

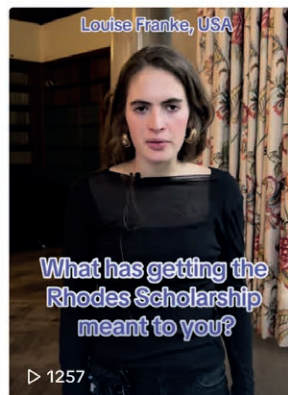
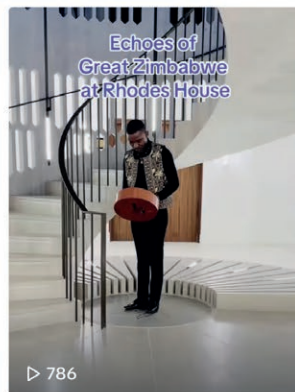
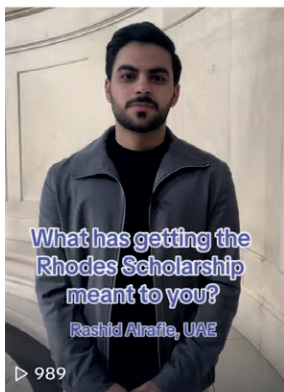
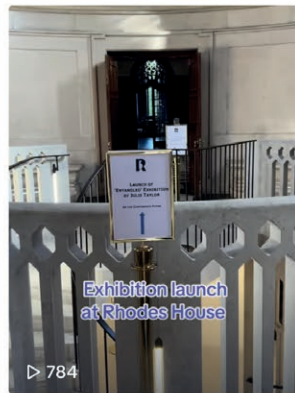
and paid outreach plans. Scholar-led content will be at the core of this, but instead of Q&As, expect to see more dynamic, location-based videos and series formats.

We also aim to highlight Scholars' diverse research interests, achievements and career paths. Interviews with Alumni and reflections on their Rhodes experience will provide valuable insights for both prospective applicants and current Scholars on the challenges and opportunities ahead.

We will continue to use input from Scholars and the wider Rhodes community to refine our approach. Send us your feedback and ideas, and follow us to hear more from Scholars in Residence, Alumni and others in the community about their passions, impact and progress on their Rhodes journey.









# Annual Giving: Scholars Fund

Every year, Rhodes Scholar Alumni and friends of the Trust come together through annual giving to enhance the Scholar in Residence experience in Oxford. Thank you to all those who made a gift in 2023-2024 to support the next generation of changemakers.

**561** Scholar Alumni gave back to the Scholars Fund in 2023-2024, totalling **£1.3 million**. Your gift has a lasting impact on all aspects of the Rhodes Scholar experience.

*Put to use immediately, your generosity:*

## **...Provides Critical Flexible Funding**

Scholars incur a range of costs associated with living and studying in Oxford. This includes student visas, health insurance cover and any additional assessments needed before travel. Annual Giving ensures those costs are not passed on to Scholars. Your support also enables the Trust to offer hardship grants for unexpected emergencies and additional funding for physical and mental health-related issues. We can never fully predict what support Scholars in Residence need each year. However, providing them with flexible funding ensures that financial challenges will not become a barrier to their continued education at Oxford.

## **...Maintains a Margin of Excellence**

The Rhodes Scholarship prides itself on ensuring Scholars receive a first-class educational experience at Oxford. This includes taking opportunities to develop skillsets outside the classroom. For many Scholars, attending academic conferences or partaking in fieldwork would not be possible without the travel grants awarded through the Scholars Fund. This ensures the Rhodes Scholarship retains its pre-eminence as a launching pad for those who change the world.

## **...Creates the Leaders of Tomorrow**

Your support directly impacts Scholars in Residence through the Character, Service and Leadership Programme which brings Scholars together to reflect on leadership and purpose at a multi-day retreat. Through Rhodes House-led structured activities, this programme aims to equip Scholars with the practical skills and tools to craft a life of impact and passion as individuals and as a collective.

## Scholars Fund Highlights



The new Gratitude Room at Rhodes House

### THE GRATITUDE ROOM AT RHODES HOUSE

We are pleased to introduce a new Gratitude Room at Rhodes House, named to recognise the generosity of classes and coalitions of Rhodes Scholar Alumni who have successfully reached their annual fundraising goals. A special 'Thank you' goes to our inaugural classes of 1967, 1971 and 1976, honoured for their dedication to the Scholars Fund through class gifts and consistent participation. Located in the Residential Courtyard, this Gratitude Room will serve as a reminder of the generosity of the Rhodes community for years to come.

### LAUNCH OF NEW GIVING PLATFORM

We are excited to announce that in April 2024, the Trust launched a new Scholars Fund giving page for all UK-Resident donors, as well as supporters who are giving from countries outside our tax-efficient locations. This new platform provides easy mobile giving to make instant or monthly gifts and easy navigation to ensure a smooth giving process. We will be launching this platform in other tax-efficient countries over the coming year. You can find the page by scanning this QR code:



### A SPECIAL WAY TO SAY THANK YOU!

We are truly grateful for every Scholars Fund donor who chooses to give back each year to support the Rhodes Scholars that have come after them. In gratitude, the Trust hosts an annual 'Donor Thank You Week' which celebrates the generosity and commitment of the community at every level. In February 2024, all donors from the past 18 months were invited to a special conversation with the Warden to enjoy a peek into Scholar life in Oxford and learn about the Trust's priorities in 2024. This was a fantastic opportunity to hear first-hand what life is like for the youngest cohort of Rhodes Scholars and reflect on the impact of donations to the Scholars Fund.

# Exponential Potential Campaign Update

At the Rhodes Trust, we believe the world abounds in intelligence and positive potential. Here, globally minded leaders unite to share their diverse perspectives, draw new connections and give rise to the novel solutions that change the world.

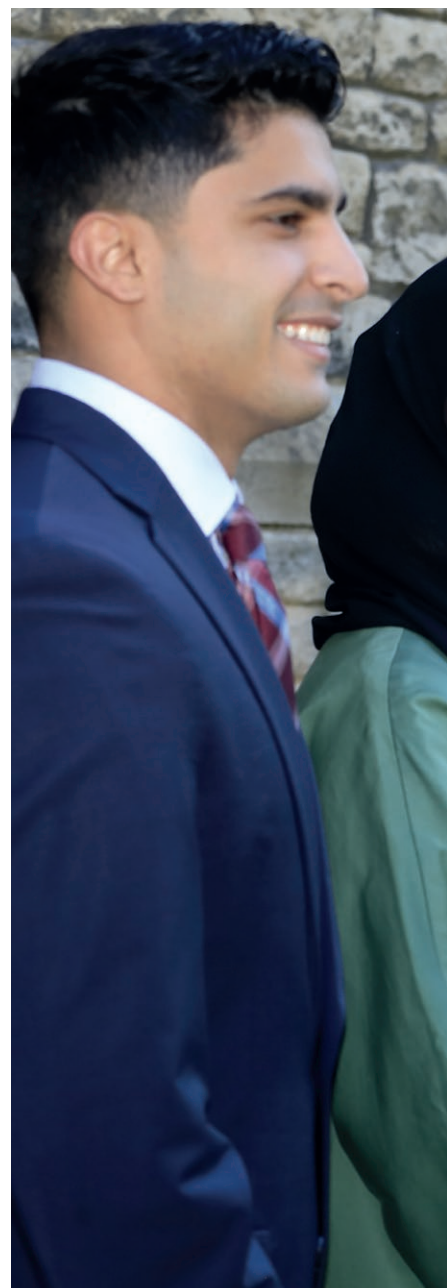
The ambitious £200 million Exponential Potential campaign aims to grow the Rhodes Scholarships around the world, supporting the people, places and programmes that will unleash global potential.

## CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- A total of **£25 million in gifts** until the end of the financial year, bringing the Campaign total to **£96 million**.
- Thanks to gifts of more than **£50 million**, the Trust has added Rhodes Scholarships in perpetuity for China, East Africa, Saudi Arabia and West Africa and reinstated the second Scholarship for Pakistan. We have also seeded the endowment of additional Scholarships for East Africa, West Africa and South Africa and will be able to announce the endowment of a sixth Indian Scholarship in September 2024.
- Our building has received more than **£7 million** in gifts, supporting, for example, the Nyatta Café, the Gogel Garden and the Sir John and Lady Hood Hall.
- On the programming front, through leadership gifts, we have been able to expand the reach of our signature Character, Service and Leadership Programme; organise Rhodes Forums with global impact; and work towards parity of Alumni experience with a gift to support global Alumni programming.

For an update on the Scholars Fund and its contributions to the Campaign, please consult the relevant section in this report.

Our efforts in the coming years will continue to focus on endowing Scholarships with a particular emphasis on bringing the total number of endowed Scholarships for Africa to 32. If you are interested in learning more about ways to support the [Exponential Potential Campaign](#), please visit our website or contact Rodolfo Lara Torres at [rodolfo.lara@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rodolfo.lara@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk)







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THAT CHANGE THE WORLD

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**The Gogel Garden  
at Rhodes House**

In grateful recognition of  
the generosity of  
Don Gogel (New Jersey & Balliol V)  
and Georgia Wall

Welcome Day – 5 October 2024

# From the Archive: A Voyage of Discovery

The Rhodes Trust's Archive is a unique and valuable resource, telling the story of the Trust and the Scholarships through its records. Here, Antonia White, Archivist at the Rhodes Trust, details some of the highlights from materials held by the US Secretariat office.



**T**he archive is the organisation's memory and is also used by many external researchers, including family historians and academics looking to find out more about Scholars who were notable in their fields. The hard copy archive, comprising correspondence files, minutes, photographs and much more, is currently stored in a specialist facility in Oxfordshire. In recent years, its digital counterpart, comprising mainly born-digital records, has also been created.

The move of the US Rhodes Secretariat office in Vienna, VA, to new premises early this year gave me the opportunity to capture a fascinating new tranche of

records for the archive, and a glimpse into the history of the scholarships in the US. The US Secretariat office had been based in the same premises in Vienna since the late 1990s, meaning that a significant volume of hard copy filing had built up. Much of the material pre-dated the 1990s and had moved offices repeatedly with each change of National Secretary, with the oldest material dating back to the very early 1900s.

On a visit to the US last summer, I spent a happy week rummaging through filing cabinets in dimly lit back rooms undertaking the archival process known as 'appraisal': deciding what is of historical or other long-term business value and should be kept, and what can be disposed of. I



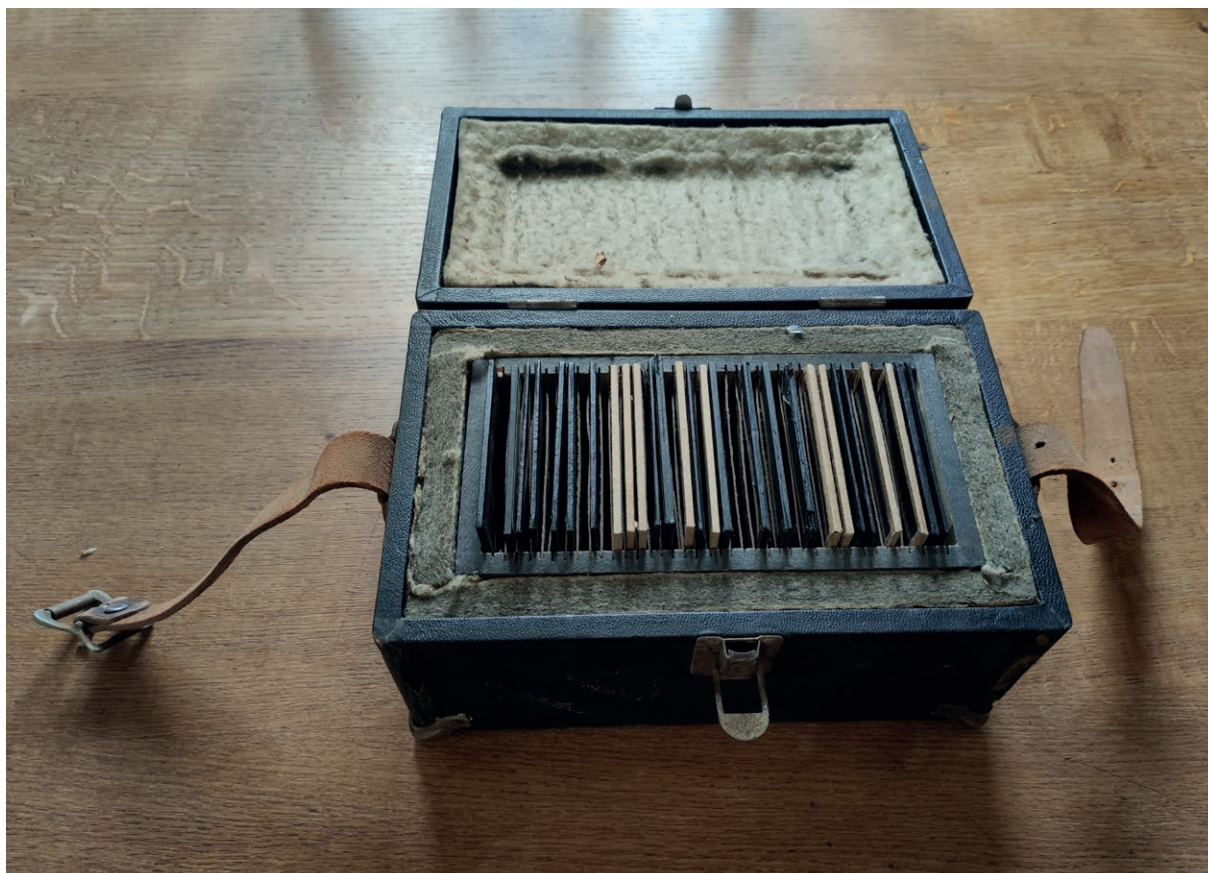


## The archive is the Rhodes Trust's memory

found many gems, among them a set of correspondence files relating to the battle to admit women to Rhodes Scholarships in the 1970s, which was led by female American students such as Eileen Lach. Lach applied for, and won, the University of Minnesota's nomination for a Rhodes Scholarship in 1972, despite being ineligible due to her sex.

Completely different, yet also intriguing, were several sets of glass lantern slides dating from the early twentieth century featuring views of Oxford University, the colleges, and locations around the city of Oxford. The slides seem to have been made in Oxford but were shipped to the US and loaned out to different state committees to give talks for prospective applicants, who, presumably in those pre-television and internet days, may not have had much of an idea of what Oxford looked like.





A case of lantern slides dating from the early twentieth century, featuring views of Oxford

Other notable finds included a series of files of correspondence between the American Secretaries and the selection committees; materials such as press cuttings and photographs relating to reunion events and sailing dinners; a set of 'circular files' dating back to the 1930s containing copies of the circular letters sent out by successive American Secretaries to Scholars, and even a set of articles written by Scholars about Oxford colleges and courses in the 1960s.

The next stage, on a second trip to the US, was the physical sorting and grouping of the papers, ready for digitisation. We were keen to have the material digitised, both because this will make it more accessible to users worldwide, and to help to preserve it. Although many of the newer records were destroyed after digitising, the older records, as well as anything of artefactual or particularly visual value, such as photographs and brochures, were

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Night letter 14 December 1930

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO INFORM! YOU THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF RHODES TRUSTEES AS 1931 RHODES SCHOLAR FROM KINDLY ACKNOWLEDGE BY TELEGRAPH RECEIPT OF THIS NOTIFICATION STOP INSTRUCTIONS TO WHICH YOU SHOULD REPLY IMMEDIATELY CONCERNING CHOICE OF COLLEGE AND COURSE MAILED TODAY

FRANK AYDELOTTE

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RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your application for a Rhodes Scholarship in this State. Unless otherwise noted below you may rest assured that your credentials are complete and in proper form.

I shall proceed at once to follow up the references you give and have the material concerning you in form to be considered by the Committee of Selection. The date of the meeting this year is.....

If the number of candidates in this State this year is sufficiently large, it may be necessary to make a preliminary elimination on the basis of credentials. Men so eliminated will be notified of that fact, and the others will be summoned to meet the members of the Committee of Selection in person.

Yours very truly,

.....  
 SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.

shipped to Oxford after being digitised, for inclusion in the central hard copy archive.

Scanning was completed earlier this year, by a US-based company. The company had extensive experience of dealing with historical records and were not fazed by anything in our collection, even the faded correspondence typed onto thin and fragile onion-skin paper, or the curling press cuttings which had to be individually taped down to sheets of paper before they could go through the scanner.

The final stage will be the cataloguing of the physical and digital records as part of the archive, and application of any closure periods on records for data protection and confidentiality reasons. After this, the hope is that they will be usable by staff and, in some cases, external users, and will shine a new light on this fascinating part of the history of the Scholarships.



# Finance and Investment Report

For the year ended 30 June 2024

## BACKGROUND

This past year has been one of significant development within Rhodes House, as it has been the first full year of operation of the newly opened building. Scholars, Scholar Alumni, visitors to the Trust and commercial guests have all been able to enjoy the world-class facilities and services that now support a very wide range of activities, from small personal Scholar fireside chats through private and gala dinners to university events, and large-scale commercial conferences. The development project has won awards, and has begun to command the respect of all those welcomed within its walls. Our contract caterers, Wilson Vale, have established an excellent service, from the Nyatta Family Café enjoyed by staff and Scholars to large scale multi-day conferences and weddings. From a standing start, Rhodes House Ltd, the trading subsidiary that manages all event and accommodation activity, has delivered turnover of £2.3 million and absorbed £1 million of indirect, overhead cost. We are very proud of this achievement, and excited by the opportunities ahead that will further develop this source of income to support the Scholarships.

During the year, the Rhodes Trust's invested assets have grown from £397 million to £425 million. An additional £73 million is held on behalf of the Atlantic Institute in a separately managed portfolio, currently being spent down over the lifetime of the Institute. The total net assets of the Rhodes Trust were £545 million at 30 June 2024.

The return from the endowment supports the expanded infrastructure that services the increasingly complex operations of the Trust, and of our partnership programmes. This return is supplemented significantly by the Scholars Fund, by income from the matched funding arrangements that were established with co-funding colleges and Oxford University during the most recent and current fundraising campaigns and, now, by the profits that will be generated by Rhodes House Ltd.

## GOVERNANCE

In addition to the oversight of the Trustee Board, three committees are directly involved in the management of the Trust's resources:

- Finance & Investment Committee (budget setting and invested asset management);
- Audit & Risk Committee (risk review and the annual external audit); and
- Remuneration Committee (staff salaries and benefits).

At every Board meeting, the Trustees monitor a schedule of key performance indicators across all aspects of the Trust's operations. The Trust prepares statutory accounts under the UK Charity SORP (FRS102), which are subject to annual external audit and filed with the UK Charities Commission.





## SCHOLAR COSTS, ENDOWMENT AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Trust spent £24.7 million on the Rhodes Scholarships in the year ended 30 June 2024, excluding fully recovered expenditure of £24.4 million incurred on behalf of our partnership programmes the Atlantic Institute, Schmidt Science Fellows and Rise.

Rhodes Scholarship specific expenditure was funded primarily by the allocation of investment returns to income under the spending rule of £22.9 million, and £1.3 million from the Scholars Fund. The balance is funded by other charitable income. Approximately 76% of expenses related to Scholar costs. Figure 1 gives a detailed breakdown of

Trust expenses aggregated on a per Scholar basis.

266 fully funded Scholars in Residence were in Oxford in the academic year 2023/24. The Trust awarded 105 Scholarships for the 2024/25 cohort.

After fully allocating all expenses (except fundraising costs), the Trust spent approximately £84k per Scholar in the year ended 30 June 2024 (see Figure 1). The high Shared Services costs in the prior year and in 2023/24 reflect the additional expenses of the 120th Anniversary Celebrations and unrecovered set up costs incurred in the preparation for the re-opening of Rhodes House.

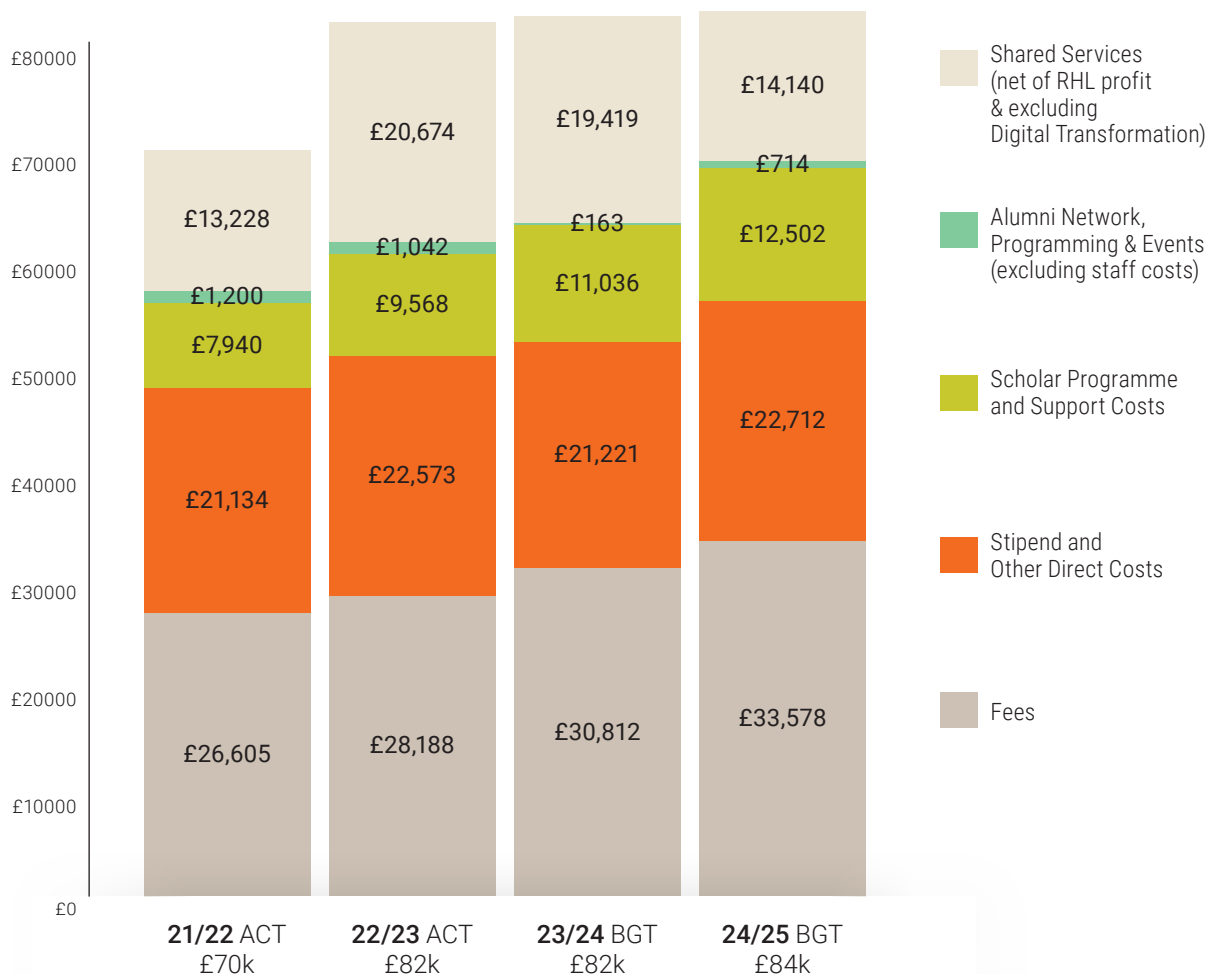


Figure 1 – Gross average cost per Scholar (excluding fundraising)

## STAFF COST MANAGEMENT

As the Trust has grown, we have been careful to manage staff growth in line with the Rhodes Trust's activities. Figure 2 shows the increase in overall staff numbers, with Rhodes Trust staff costs (i.e. those that are directly funded by our invested assets) increasing in line with Rhodes Trust income.

All of the staff costs associated with the partnership programme employees are fully reimbursed, and an additional sum (totalling £1.1 million in y/e 30 June 2024) was paid by the partnerships to cover core Rhodes Trust employees, supporting their activities, primarily in Shared Services.

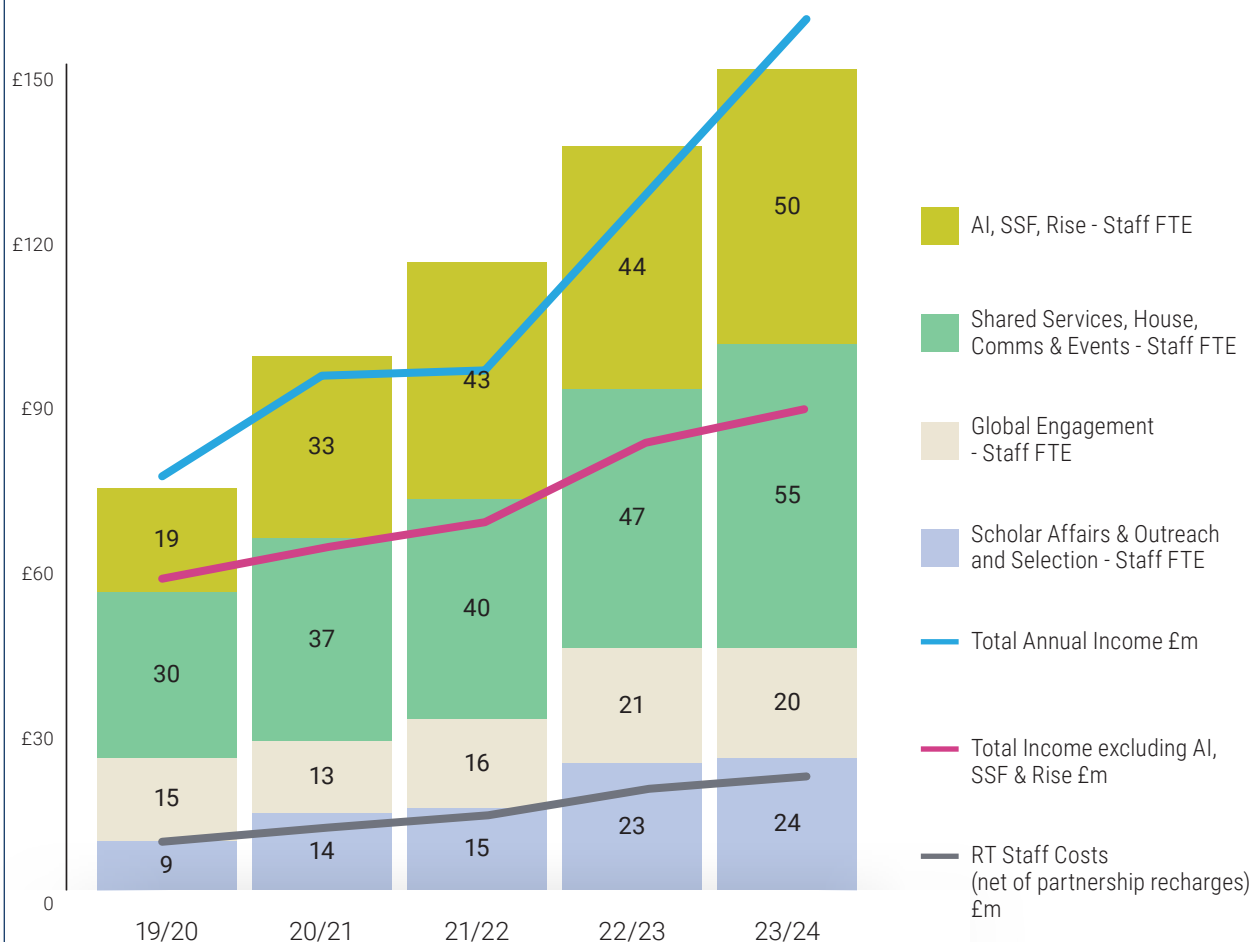


Figure 2 – Total income (£m), RT staff costs (£m), staff numbers by area including AI, SSF & Rise

ENDOWMENT STATUS

The Pooled Endowment Investment Portfolio is overseen by the Rhodes Trust Finance & Investment Committee (the Committee) which is comprised of Trustees and other members drawn from the finance community.

As of 30 June 2024, pooled investment assets supporting the Scholarships were valued at £425 million, which represents an increase of £28 million from 30 June 2023. This movement reflects the addition of £15.2 million of donations invested during the year, £22.7 million of funds withdrawn under the spending rule to support expenditure, and £35.7 million of net realised and unrealised gains on investments.

As of 30 June 2024, 76% of the Trust’s Scholarship endowment assets were managed by Oxford University Endowment Management (OUem) in a globally diversified, strategic asset allocation-based portfolio. A Rhodes Trustee is currently on the Board of OUem. The balance is held in a sustainably managed fund with Barclays PLC, providing greater control over asset allocation and liquidity.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

OUem’s performance for the year ended 30 June 2024 was 10.6%, which was clearly an improvement on the two previous years of difficult investment markets, with high inflation and geopolitical issues. Over the ten-year time horizon, OUem has succeeded in returning the target of CPI + 5%. Figure 3 outlines OUem’s performance over time. Figure 4 shows the Trust’s combined asset allocation, liquidity and other exposures.

Figure 5 shows the cumulative effect over the last eight years, replacing CPI with the actual inflationary rate experienced by the Trust (on Scholar stipends, staff costs, fees etc). It gives comfort that the real terms losses in y/e 2022 are cushioned by the significant real terms growth both before and since.

The policy of the Trust continues to be to fully endow all new Scholarships and to strengthen the endowment of the core Scholarships that are currently funded mostly by endowment, but which depend on the annual giving support of our donors.

Whilst the primary purpose of the newly expanded

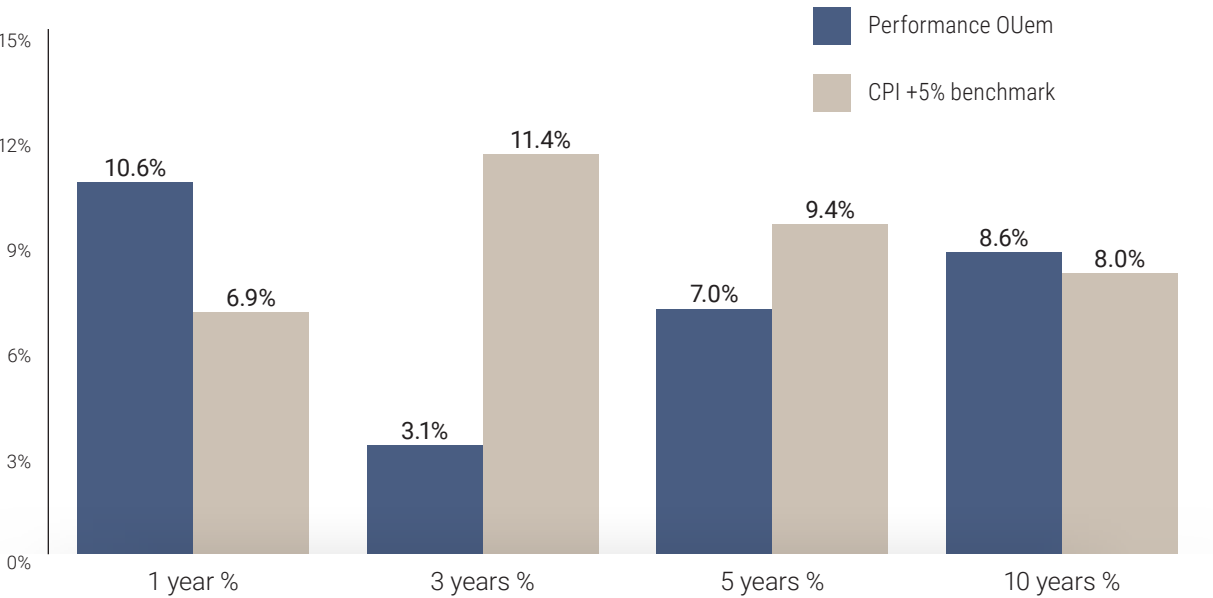


Figure 3 – OUem performance over time



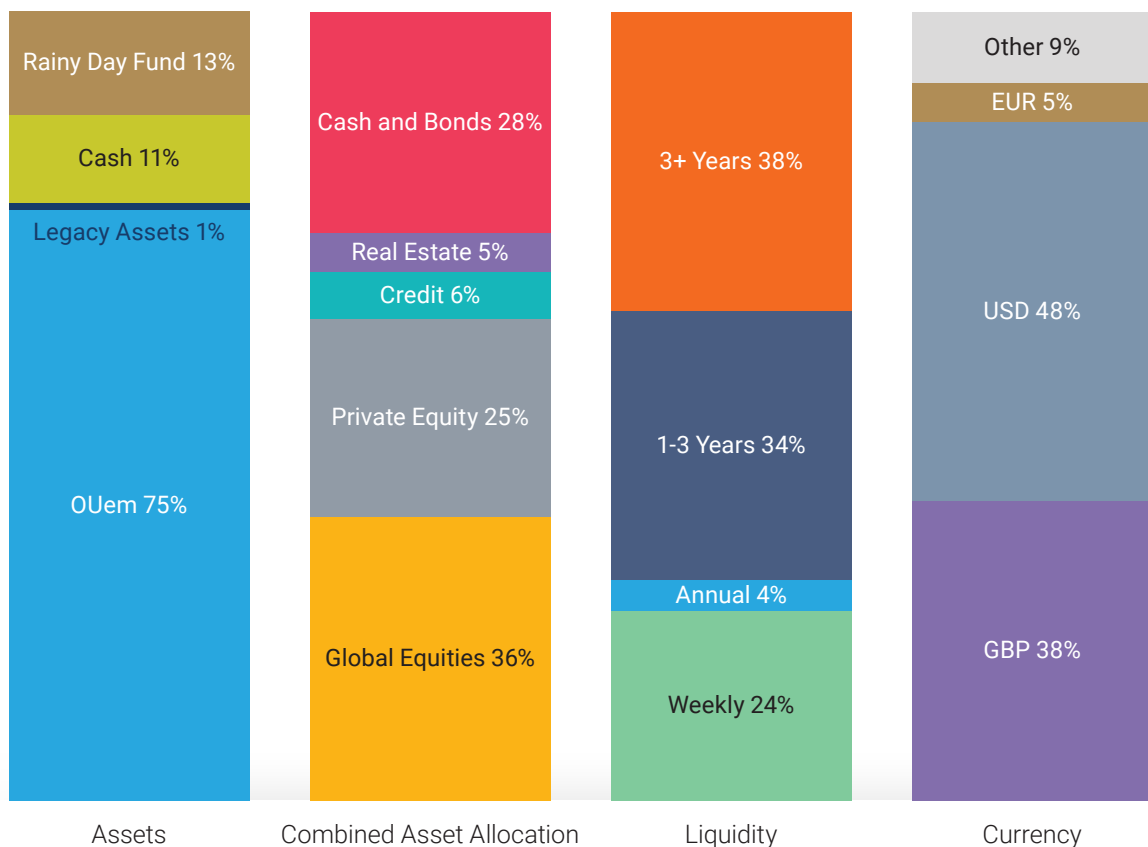


Figure 4 – Combined asset allocation, liquidity and other exposures

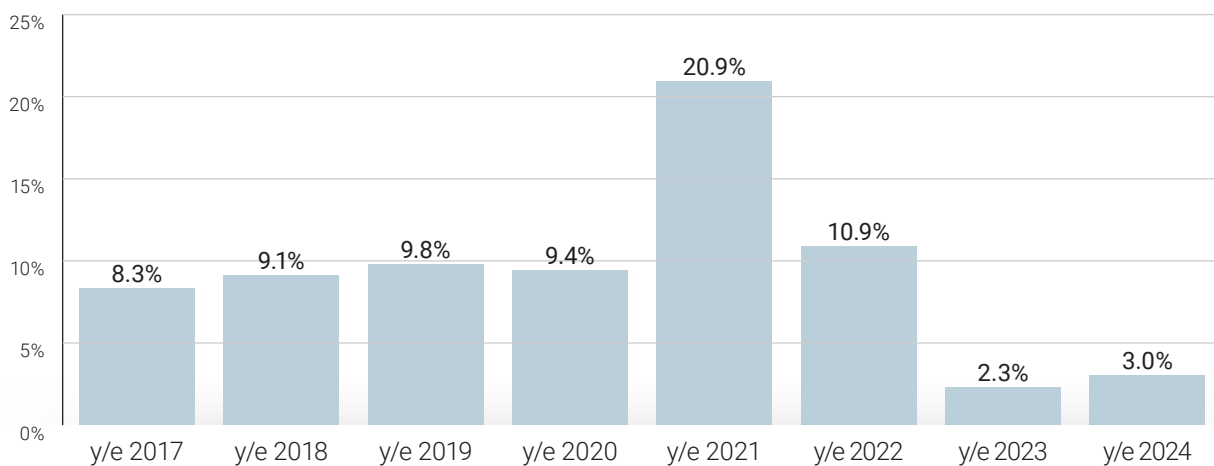


Figure 5 – Cumulative Real Return net of Transfer to Income (reflecting ACTUAL inflation) %



Rhodes House is to support Scholar activity, it is also intended to generate substantial commercial returns to contribute to the Trust's operating costs, including working towards the covering of interest of £800k per annum (2.67%) on the £30 million bond. Finally, thanks to the generosity of our donors, the annual giving target of £1 million per annum was exceeded, with £1.3 million raised, for which the Trustees are extraordinarily grateful.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Peter Stamos**  
**(California & Worcester 1981)**  
**Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee**

**Julia Palejowska**  
**Finance Director**  
**1 November 2024**



Atlantic Fellows on a residency at the XR (Extended Reality) Lab at Rhodes House (image by Lee Atherton)

## The Atlantic Institute

The Atlantic Fellows community continues to expand, with 944 Atlantic Fellows now based in over 80 countries. During 2023-2024, the Atlantic Institute hosted over 1,000 participants at more than 27 events, bringing together Atlantic Fellows, Rhodes Scholars and other partners.

Our primary purpose is to amplify the impact of the network of Atlantic Fellows programs and Fellows. We do this through our platforms and convenings (both virtually and in-person), which facilitate learning and collaborative problem-solving to advance solutions to inequity locally, regionally and globally. This year, we also consolidated our multimedia content on YouTube, culminating in an increase in engagement and almost 20,000 views.

The Atlantic Fellows community plays a pivotal role

in shaping the Atlantic Institute's priorities. This year, the community co-designed a series of in-person convenings, including those on narrative change, brain health, creativity, food sovereignty, political activism, conflict resolution and ecosystem catalysation. These convenings, which host between nine and 40 participants, foster deep dialogue, learning and opportunities for collaboration. The community also gathered at the Global Atlantic Fellows Annual Convening, in Oxford, which brought together more than 200 participants from around the world. Our focus on



Africa is growing, and in Nairobi, Kenya, we hosted the first Atlantic Fellows Africa Regional Convening, 'Transforming Africa for Collective Prosperity'. The event served as a platform to connect Fellows with partners like the Rhodes Trust, the Africa Oxford Initiative and the University of Cape Town. You can watch a short film on the Atlantic Fellows YouTube channel about the discussions and commitments from that inspiring week.

The Atlantic Institute is a supportive and collaborative partner for the Atlantic Fellows programs, strengthening connections and facilitating learning among the staff worldwide. This year, we hosted 100 Atlantic Fellows program staff from across the seven Atlantic Fellows programs at a retreat in Da Nang, Viet Nam. The city is close to the heart of Chuck Feeney, the late philanthropist and founder of The Atlantic

Philanthropies, which funded the programs and the Institute.

Our work at the Institute's XR (Extended Reality) Lab at Rhodes House seeks to increase the skills and knowledge of participants, and we have hosted residencies that show Atlantic Fellows how to harness immersive technology to change hearts and minds and gain hands-on experience. We also seek to use XR as a tool for advocacy, and, for example, we supported the VR film GAWI about the climate crisis. The immersive power of the film is gathering momentum and will

feature at COP16 in Colombia in October 2024.

**You can see more examples of how the work of Atlantic Fellows is having impact at [www.atlanticfellows.org/impact-center](http://www.atlanticfellows.org/impact-center)**

## Our convenings foster deep dialogue, learning and opportunities for collaboration

Atlantic Fellows in Karura Forest during the African Regional Initiative, Nairobi (image by the Atlantic Institute)





# Schmidt Science Fellows

Science Leadership Program session at the University of California, Berkeley

Schmidt Science Fellows continued its growth trajectory this year, expanding the size and global reach of its Fellowship community, launching wider initiatives in support of its mission and strengthening its leadership programming. This was underpinned by a new five-year strategic plan.

**G**rowing community is at the heart of our mission to change how science is done, and this year we continued to enhance and expand our approach and support for this foundational activity.

In November 2023, we held our Senior Fellows Conference in Chicago, ensuring our first five Fellowship cohorts could reconnect, build collaborations and share personal and professional experiences from institutions that span the globe.

Building on that success, we evolved the Conference into our inaugural Interdisciplinary Science Summit for 2024. Staged in association with the University of Toronto in July 2024, the event continued its purpose of strengthening bonds between our Fellows but included expanded engagement with the broader research and innovation sector. This culminated with a showcase

event where Senior Fellows brought their science and interdisciplinary journeys to life through captivating presentations and engaging exhibitions, and guests from science, academic leadership, policy and industry were invited to connect and join our effort to advance interdisciplinary science.

In May 2024, we announced our 2024 Schmidt Science Fellows: 32 exceptionally talented early-career researchers representing 17 nationalities nominated by 26 of the world's leading institutions. Since its inception, Schmidt Science Fellows has now supported 177 Fellows across seven cohorts, representing 34 nationalities, and nominated by 62 institutions across the globe.

This year, we were delighted that four new institutions saw nominated candidates selected as Fellows for the first time: Agency for Science, Technology and Research



(A\*STAR), Singapore; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Max Planck Society, Germany; and University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. We were grateful to ten Rhodes Scholars who supported our 2024 selection review and interview stages.

A central component of the Fellowship is our commitment to developing leadership and we have continued to strengthen and evolve our Science Leadership Program. The 12-month schedule consists of three week-long residential convenings held in some of the world's leading research locations, supported by additional online programming.

The first convening, at Rhodes House each October, includes the opportunity for Fellows to engage with the wider Rhodes community. At our 2023 Oxford convening, current Rhodes Scholars joined a number of events, including workshops, a networking breakfast and a dinner to connect our 2023 Fellows with Rhodes Trust colleagues.

At the Northern California convening in February our Fellows went to Stanford and University of California, Berkeley, and learned about the special innovation ecosystem in Silicon Valley. We also hosted an evening event to bring the wider network of Rhodes Trust

partnership programmes together. The third convening formed part of our Interdisciplinary Science Summit in Toronto.

Highlights of this year's Science Leadership Program included sessions with two Nobel Prize winners and Rhodes Scholar Professor Dan Fletcher (Texas and New College 1994) serving as our Faculty Director at University of California, Berkeley.

In association with Times Higher Education, we launched a major new initiative in November 2023, the first global Interdisciplinary Science Rankings. This work will showcase the very best interdisciplinary practices from institutions across the world and has transformational potential for interdisciplinary science.

We have spent two years engaging the university sector to understand the value of a ranking in progressing interdisciplinary science and we are committed to ongoing engagement to refine the approach and ensure participation is valued and provides meaningful insight. The first Interdisciplinary Ranking is set to be announced in November 2024 at an Interdisciplinary Science Forum to bring together the sector to discuss how to best encourage interdisciplinary science.

### A central component of the Fellowship is our commitment to developing leadership

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The inaugural Interdisciplinary Science Summit, staged in association with the University of Toronto





# The Mandela Rhodes Foundation

2023 was a year to remember! We celebrated 20 years of progress since our founding patron Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela co-founded The Mandela Rhodes Foundation with the Rhodes Trust. At the core of the Foundation's programmes are the principles of reconciliation, education, entrepreneurship and leadership.

**W**e kicked off our celebration with our global community in New York City in May. This afforded us the opportunity to remember that Madiba's legacy still resonates around the world, ten years after his passing, and that Africa's leaders have a role to play on the international stage.

At the end of June, Judy Sikuza, CEO of the MRF, travelled to Oxford to participate in the Rhodes Trust's 120th anniversary events. It was a wonderful chance to connect with such a vibrant community of leaders and to celebrate the progress that the Trust has made in reinventing itself in the 21st century. We were able to also share the progress we have made as the MRF in the past 20 years through a panel discussion that was lived-streamed across the globe.

In July we hosted a Gala Celebration in Cape Town attended by scholars and stakeholders. It was truly a 'party with a purpose' and left us feeling profoundly inspired and energised to tackle the next phase of our work. We concluded our celebrations with a gathering in Johannesburg, generously organised by the British High Commission, the British Chamber of Business in Southern Africa and Henley Business School Africa.

These gatherings also offered opportunities to reflect on the deeper meaning of our work. The New York and Cape Town panel discussions explored the theme of 'The Courage to be Unpopular: lessons on leading in complex times.' The lessons shared by panellists offered a powerful elaboration on what Mandela-style leadership looks like in practice.

## A powerful elaboration on what Mandela-style leadership looks like in practice

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Later in 2023, we announced Kira Düsterwald and Maureen Etuket as winners of our annual award for social impact in Africa. These young leaders from South Africa and Uganda seek to improve healthcare resourcing and to reduce maternal mortality due to postpartum haemorrhage.

In November we introduced our class of 2024, comprising 51 young leaders from 18 African countries, including three new countries. We have expanded our reach in West Africa, and, for the first time, we welcome scholars from Mali, Mauritania and Sierra Leone. The scholars will complete postgraduate studies in South Africa, in disciplines as diverse

as biological oceanography and fine art, while also completing a transformative Leadership Development Programme. To date, the Mandela Rhodes Foundation has awarded 673 scholarships to outstanding young scholars and future leaders from 36 African countries.

Our busy programme of events has continued in 2024, with particular highlights so far including Judy Sikuza participating in the 2030 Reading Panel in February, chairing a discussion on lessons about proactive provinces making policy and programme interventions to improve reading outcomes. In mid-March, the MRF and Rhodes Trust held a joint event celebrating entrepreneurial leadership in Africa, in San Francisco at the Salesforce Institute. We had two alumni from the Rhodes community and two from the Mandela Rhodes community, with Rhodes Trust Warden and CEO Elizabeth Kiss joining Judy Sikuza in facilitating the discussion.



In New York City, May 2023



At the July 2023 Gala Celebration

CELEBRATING



YEARS

OF DEVELOPING  
EXCEPTIONAL LEADERS



Class of 2023 graduation against the backdrop of beautiful Cape Town





At the opening ceremony of the 2024 Rise Residential Summit

# Rise

Rise, an initiative of Schmidt Futures and the Rhodes Trust, supports promising young people and provides them with opportunities that allow them to work together in order to serve others over their lifetimes. 2024 saw the selection of the fourth cohort of talented Global Rise Winners.

**R**ise's vision is for a network of exceptional people across the globe dedicated to a life of service. The program starts at ages 15 to 17 and provides support which may include need-based scholarships, mentorship, networking and access to career development opportunities as people look to solve humanity's most pressing problems.

As Rise successfully completed its fourth application and selection cycle, the program took time to look back across the last four years and consider just how far we

have come. Cumulatively across the five years that the Rise program has been running, Rise Global Winners have come from 103 nationalities. Our 2021-2023 Rise Global Winners enrolled at 82 universities worldwide. Each year's cohort of Winners has come from over 40 nationalities, with new nationalities added each year. Our 2024 cohort comes from 49 nationalities, including 13 new nationalities.

Rise Global Winners benefit from additional opportunities as they complete their secondary education,



together with tailored support as they look to apply to colleges and universities. When they start university, they receive a technology package alongside wider funding for their chosen higher education route. At the end of their first year as Rise Global Winners, participants join together for the Rise Residential Summit. This year's Summit was held in Oxford and featured keynote speakers including Versha Sharma, Editor-in-Chief of *Teen Vogue*, and Vivian Onano, Founder and Director at Leading Light Initiative, who both left Winners feeling inspired and empowered.

The coming year will see the launch of our new Rise Innovation Fund, which will offer grants and mentoring support to Rise Global Winners and Finalists who are looking towards careers in impactful entrepreneurship and nonprofit management. The aim of the fund is to help develop novel approaches for projects with strong local impact or scalability potential and those which consider environmental or socioeconomic impacts. In future years, Rise also plans to offer additional convenings for program participants, designed in collaboration with Winners.

Rise is grateful to its partners and global network of over 60 institutions and over 1,000 selectors around the world who play an essential role in outreach, application and programming. We are especially grateful for the ongoing support of the Rhodes Trust, led by Elizabeth Kiss. We look forward to another year of powerful initiatives to foster global talent.

### SPOTLIGHT: CHRISTIAN MABOKO INNOVATION FUND PROJECT



One of our 2021 Rise Global Winners, Christian is a Burundi national who lived in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya and now attends George Washington University.

Dedicated to helping others, he founded the NGO Project 21, which promotes vocational training to help people escape poverty. He also collaborates with young people from different nationalities as a member of the Vijana Twaweza club, which aims to fight malnutrition in Kakuma through permaculture design. His Rise project included providing a workshop to teach fellow refugees about the importance of sexual health and he also initiated the 'Water for Life' foundation, which installs water pumps in communities and refugee camps to ensure access to clean, drinkable water.



Rise Winners hear from Versha Sharma, Editor-in-Chief of *Teen Vogue*



At the closing ceremony

## Oxford Next Horizons

Oxford Next Horizons is a rich, six-month experience designed for mid to late career participants from any field; a carefully curated programme of academic, social, cohort-based and individual activities, with space to explore unique interests and perspectives. It offers Scholars membership of two vibrant Oxford communities: Harris Manchester College and Rhodes House. Community-building, study, dialogue and participation are therefore at the heart of the programme.

**T**he first cohort of Oxford Next Horizons Programme (ONHP) Scholars arrived at Rhodes House in January. The cohort consisted of 19 Rhodes Scholars and four associated partners, who come from all walks of life, ranging from education and medicine to technology and government service. The Trust worked closely with Harris Manchester College and various stakeholders across the University to deliver impactful programmes, retreats, behind-the-scenes glimpses into parts of the city and the University, and community connection events.

The community strand of programming was intricately designed to complement the cohort's academic lectures and seminars, aiming to expand both their academic and personal development horizons. To kick off the programme, we took the cohort to Ditchley Park for a three-day residential opening retreat. As well as beginning to think about how they might like to spend the next six months, the cohort took part in activities to step outside their comfort zones and get to know one another.

Over the course of six months and across two academic terms, the cohort engaged in programmes



and activities that furthered meaningful connections. The ONHP Scholars also actively participated in intergenerational partnerships with Rhodes Scholars in Residence and members of our partnership programmes, exchanging ideas and insights through book clubs, speed mentoring sessions and communal dinners, thereby cultivating a vibrant exchange of knowledge across the different communities within the Trust. At the end of the programme, the Scholars presented their personal projects – developed over the course of their time in Oxford with specialised supervision under renowned academics across the University. The cohort also helped us develop our programming through comprehensive feedback, with many celebrating its transformative impact.

A three-year pilot, the inauguration of the Oxford Next Horizons Programme significantly advances the Rhodes

Trust's strategic initiative to foster a lifelong fellowship amongst the community. As experienced leaders and trailblazers, participants are encouraged to engage deeply with contemporary global challenges, cultivating an energetic community dedicated to innovative thinking and leadership. The opportunity to collaborate, explore new ideas and reinvent approaches within a dynamic and supportive environment exemplifies the Trust's dedication to nurturing impactful and enduring connections among its members, ensuring that the legacy of our entire community is expansive and continues to inspire future generations.

**If you would like to learn more about the programme and apply for a future cohort, you can do so at [nexthorizons.hmc.ox.ac.uk/](https://nexthorizons.hmc.ox.ac.uk/)**



At the welcome reception



“Being a member of the inaugural ONHP cohort is a real privilege. The programme thus far is intellectually stimulating and immensely enjoyable, due both to the incredible planning and organisation by our directors and support staff, which has given us access to some of the best minds at Oxford, and to the degree of friendliness and mutual support shown by and toward members of the cohort itself.”



# The Rhodes Society



## MESSAGE FROM THE RHODES SOCIETY CO-CHAIRS

The Rhodes Trust is grateful to our Scholars and Friends (including those who wish to remain anonymous) who have thoughtfully included the Trust in their wills. The Rhodes Society is now over 100 members strong and the community continues to grow across generations and geographies. We look forward to coming together wherever possible, not least to personally thank each of you for your commitment to future Scholars. Together, we are “investing in a future we can only imagine”.

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*We also gratefully acknowledge Julian's longstanding commitment as a Trustee and volunteer.*

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## Celebrating Charles Simkins's (Transvaal & Balliol 1970) Bequest – Launching the 10th Rhodes Scholarship for Southern Africa



Although we were saddened by the passing of Charles Simkins (Transvaal & Balliol 1970) in 2023, Charles's generosity and legacy live on through his bequest to the Rhodes Trust. His gift is a fitting tribute to a life well lived and honours his commitment to education, academic research, social justice and the empowerment of South African youth.

After completing his MA at Oxford and his PhD studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, Charles pursued a distinguished academic career at the University of the Witwatersrand and was actively involved in the struggle to end apartheid through his roles in civil society organisations and social justice initiatives.

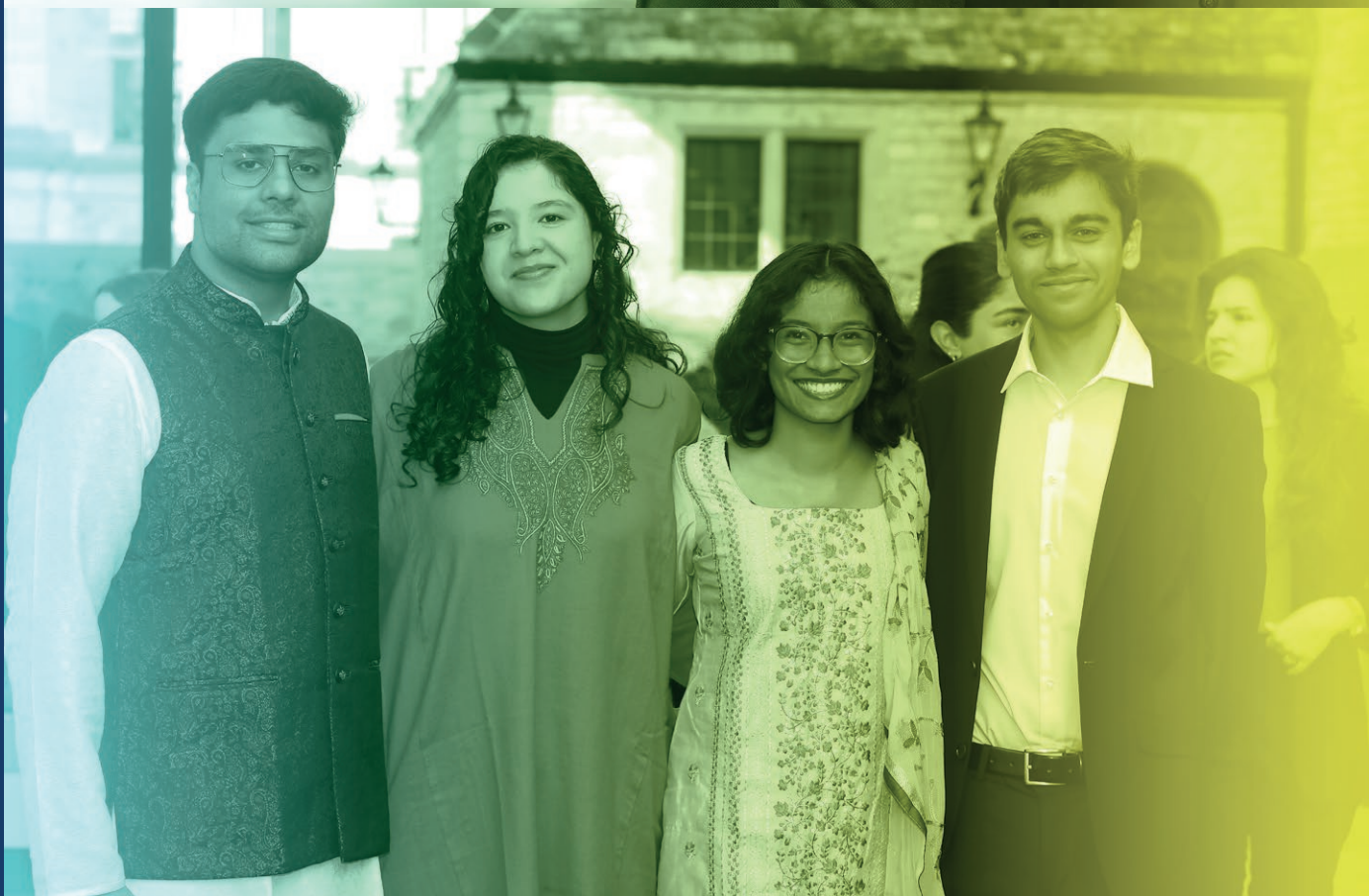
Throughout his life Charles remained deeply committed to creating a just and equitable society for all South Africans. He lived the values of the Rhodes Scholarship and helped fight the world's fight. Whilst we mourn his loss, we thank him for his commitment to the Trust and to future Scholars from South Africa.

His legacy will live on through them.

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Doron Weber  
(Rhode Island & Exeter)

Gordon G. Wong  
(British Columbia & Magdalen)

## 1979

John Collis  
(Bermuda & Corpus Christi)  
and Judith Collis

Hugh Corder  
(Diocesan College, Rondebosch & Keble)

Charles Goodgame  
(Florida & Oriel)

Robert Maloney  
(California & Magdalen)  
and Nicole Maloney

Robin Russin  
(Wyoming & Corpus Christi)

Karen L. Stevenson  
(Maryland & DC & Magdalen)



## 1980

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(Newfoundland & Corpus Christi)

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(Washington & Queen's)

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(Alabama & Somerville)

Gary Lawrence  
(Ontario & St Edmund Hall)

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(Québec & Wadham 1980)

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(Kansas & St Catherine's)

Barry Nalebuff  
(Massachusetts & Nuffield)  
and Helen Kauder

Erik Pioro  
(Prairies & Magdalen)

Max Price  
(South Africa-at-Large & Magdalen)

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(Washington & Merton)

Mortimer N.S. Sellers  
(Pennsylvania & University)

Marc Tessier-Lavigne  
(Québec & New College)  
and Mary Hynes

Stephen Tollman  
(South Africa-at-Large & Balliol)

## 1981

Melissa Burch  
(North Carolina & Exeter)

Sarah Crowe  
(Maritimes & Trinity)

Timothy Cumming  
(South Africa-at-Large & Oriel)

Ramona Doyle  
(Alabama & Somerville)

Dan Esty  
(Massachusetts & Balliol)

Deborah S. Jacobs  
(Massachusetts & Magdalen)

Nicholas Kristof  
(Oregon & Magdalen)

Peter Spiro Stamos  
(California & Worcester)  
and family

## 1982

Daniel Bloomfield  
(New Jersey & St John's)

John A. Board  
(Virginia & Wadham)

Michael Chan  
(British Caribbean & Lincoln)  
and Yolande Chan  
(Jamaica & Hertford)  
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and Shirley Chan

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(Australia-at-Large & St John's)  
and Gary Hoffman

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(Vermont & St Hugh's)

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(Illinois & New College)

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(New York & Magdalen)  
and Larry Hirschfield

Heather A. Warren  
(Tennessee & Trinity)

Stephen Wilkinson  
(South Australia & New College)

Samuel D. Zurier  
(Rhode Island & Balliol)  
and Lauren Zurier

## 1983

Peter Binks  
(Tasmania & St John's)

David Cohen  
(South Africa-at-Large & Balliol)

Charles Conn  
(Massachusetts & Balliol)

D.E. Duncombe  
(Wyoming & Wadham)

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(Zimbabwe & Magdalen)

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and Karen Zacharia

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(Germany & University)

Claudena Skran  
(Michigan & Magdalen)

Jeffrey Telgarsky  
(Prairies & Brasenose)

## 1984

Penelope Brook  
(New Zealand & Nuffield)

Stephanie Dangel  
(Pennsylvania & University)

Michael Hasselmo  
(Minnesota & Corpus Christi)

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(Tennessee & Keble)

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(Diocesan College, Rondebosch  
& St Edmund Hall)

Daniel Porterfield  
(Maryland & Hertford)

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(Massachusetts & New College)  
and Susan Simon

## 1985

Elleke Boehmer  
(South Africa-at-Large & St John's)

Mark Hender  
(Victoria & Lincoln)

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(South Africa-at-Large & Trinity)  
and Jane Masojada

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(Oregon & Magdalen)

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(Paul Roos Gymnasium,  
Stellenbosch & Queen's)

Ronald Tenpas  
(Pennsylvania & Balliol)

Seumas Woods  
(Prairies & Exeter)

## 1986

Kenneth H. Bobroff  
(New Mexico & Brasenose)

Charles Carter  
(Diocesan College, Rondebosch & Wolfson)

Ken Crouse  
(Wyoming & Lincoln)

Forbes Elworthy  
(New Zealand & Lady Margaret Hall)

Janet Kentridge  
(South Africa-at-Large & Balliol)

John David Melin  
(Saskatchewan & Exeter)

Daniel Promislow  
(British Columbia & Merton)

Kimberly Strong  
(Newfoundland & St John's)

## 1987

Astrid Guttman  
(Québec & New College)  
and Jeff Pentland

William Lipscomb  
(Virginia & Balliol)

Kumi Naidoo  
(South Africa-at-Large & Magdalen)

Ngaire Woods  
(New Zealand & Balliol)

## 1988

Todd Breyfogle  
(Colorado & Corpus Christi)

Sarah Crosby Campbell  
(Mississippi & Corpus Christi)

Stace Lindsay  
(Montana & St Anne's)

Errol Norwitz  
(South Africa-at-Large & University)

Bob Peck  
(Texas & Magdalen)  
and Ellen Peck

Marilynn Richtarik  
(Kansas & Jesus)  
and Matt Bolch  
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*Warden of Rhodes House*

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(Nigeria & Wadham)

Nancy Levenson  
(Arizona & Jesus)

Christian Illies  
(Germany & Magdalen)  
and Friederike Illies

Paul Markovich  
(North Dakota & University)

Brian Rolfes  
(Prairies & Wadham)  
and Brad Berg

Barry Uphoff  
(Nebraska & Lady Margaret Hall)

## 1990

David A. Campbell  
(Texas & St John's)

Jennifer Howard-Grenville  
(Alberta & New College)

Mohammed Khaishgi  
(Pakistan & Magdalen)  
and Faheen Allibhoy

Denise Meyer  
(South Africa-at-Large & New College)

Roger Petry  
(Saskatchewan & University)

Basilios E. (Bill) Tsingos  
(New Hampshire & Magdalen)

Alison Van Rooy  
(Manitoba & Lincoln)

Alfred Wong  
(Hong Kong & Brasenose)

## 1991

Elizabeth A. McLeish  
(British Columbia & Lady Margaret Hall)

Fiona Stewart  
(Québec & Lady Margaret Hall)

Graham Thomas  
(Diocesan College, Rondebosch  
& Brasenose)

Deacon Turner  
(Oklahoma & New College)  
and April Edrington

## 1992

Douglas Beck  
(California & New College)

Jodi Evans  
(Prairies & Magdalen)

Marnie Hughes-Warrington  
(Tasmania & Merton)

Elisabeth Köll  
(Germany & St Antony's)

Lisette Nieves  
(New York & Corpus Christi)  
and Greg Gunn

Eruch Nowrojee  
(Kenya & St Antony's)

Mark O'Neill  
(Ireland & University)

Glen Power  
(Western Australia & Magdalen)

Shahril Ridzuan  
(Malaysia & Christ Church)

Robert A. Sternfels  
(California & Worcester)  
and Ashley Sternfels

## 1993

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(Pakistan & University)

Charles Day  
(Australia-at-Large & Magdalen)  
and Elise Everest

Rhys Edwards  
(Tasmania & Brasenose)

Maris Fravel  
(Vermont & New College)

Florian Heupel  
(Germany & Merton)

Kirsten McKenzie  
(South Africa-at-Large & Magdalen)



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(California & Christ Church)

Faith Salie  
(Georgia & Magdalen)

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(Michigan & Balliol)  
and Sameer Srivastava

Janice Ugaki  
(Idaho & St Antony's)

Pierre Van Hoeylandt  
(Germany & Magdalen)

## 1994

Laurel Baig  
(British Columbia & St John's)

Sonia Batra  
(California & Magdalen)

Jonathan Bays  
(Prairies & Balliol)

Robert Bowyer  
(Zimbabwe & Trinity)

Daniel Fletcher  
(Texas & New College)

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(Germany & St Cross)

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(Florida & Magdalen)

Brett E. House  
(Ontario & University)

Serena J. Hoy  
(Arizona & St Antony's)

Lisa Klein  
(South Africa-at-Large & St Antony's)

Siofra Pierse  
(Ireland & Trinity)

## 1995

Carolyn Evans  
(Victoria & Exeter)

Peter Koch  
(Diocesan College, Rondebosch & Mansfield)

Kezia Lange  
(South Africa-at-Large & Christ Church)

Carol McQueen  
(Québec & Balliol)

Pieter Pretorius  
(South Africa-at-Large & Green)

## 1996

Tobias H. Ayer  
(Vermont & Worcester)

Subho Banerjee  
(Australia-at-Large & Brasenose)

Jennifer DeVoe  
(Montana & St Peter's)

Neil Fenton  
(Prairies & New College)

Arslan Mian  
(Pakistan & St Anne's)

Frank Lorenz Müller  
(Germany & Merton)

Alexander Ploghaus  
(Germany & St John's)

Dayne Walling  
(Michigan & St Peter's)

## 1997

Shonil Bhagwat  
(India & Linacre)

Peter Pormann  
(Germany & Corpus Christi)

Benjamin Rimmer  
(Victoria & Balliol)

## 1998

Neeti Bhalla Johnson  
(Kenya & Templeton)

Valerie Brader  
(Idaho & Keble)

John W. McArthur  
(British Columbia & Brasenose)

Richard Pan  
(Ontario & Balliol)

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(Iowa & Magdalen)

Micah Schwartzman  
(Virginia & Balliol)  
and Leslie Kendrick

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(New South Wales & Magdalen)

## 1999

Niaz Asadullah  
(Bangladesh & St Antony's)

Aly Kassam-Remtulla  
(Prairies & Balliol)

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(Kenya & Hertford)

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(KwaZulu-Natal & New College)

## 2002

Neil Brown  
(Iowa & Merton)

Dominique Chaput  
(New Brunswick & Linacre)

Pavan Cheruvu  
(Florida & Balliol)  
and Deepu Madduri

Megan Kenna  
(New Hampshire & Magdalen)

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(Zambia & Harris Manchester)

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(Missouri & Merton)

Mark Schaan  
(Manitoba & New College)

Katie Sheehan  
(Ontario & Merton)

Angus Turner  
(Western Australia & Queen's)

## 2000

Dev Gangjee  
(India & St Catherine's)

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Ndumiso Luthuli  
(KwaZulu-Natal & St Peter's)  
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(Kenya & Magdalen)

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(Germany & Somerville)

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## 2004

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(North Carolina & Wadham)

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(California & University)

Bethany Ehlmann  
(Missouri & Hertford)

Florian Heinemann  
(Germany & Hertford)

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(South Africa-at-Large & Green)

Phillip Killicoat  
(South Australia & Magdalen)

Michael Lamb  
(Tennessee & Trinity)

Mwashuma Nyatta  
(Kenya & Linacre)

Kenneth Townsend  
(Mississippi & Trinity)

Christopher W. Wells  
(Virginia & Balliol)

## 2003

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(South Africa-at-Large & Wadham)

Fiona Herring  
(Bermuda & Brasenose)

Anthony P. House  
(Washington & Christ Church)

## 2001

David Close  
(Tasmania & Worcester)

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(Florida & Lady Margaret Hall)

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(Saskatchewan & St John's)

## 2005

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(Hong Kong & St Antony's)

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(Wisconsin & Merton)

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(Germany & St John's)

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(Tennessee & Balliol)

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(British Columbia & Corpus Christi)

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(New York & Magdalen)

Christopher Young  
(South Africa-at-Large & University)

## 2006

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(Ontario & Linacre)

Heidi Stöckl  
(Germany & Nuffield)

## 2007

Keriann Backus  
(Washington & New College)

Ryan Goss  
(Queensland & Lincoln)

Amy King  
(Australia-at-Large & Trinity)

Nicole Krzys  
(South Australia & University)

David Matthews  
(Québec & St John's)

Travers McLeod  
(Western Australia & Balliol)

Michael Crawford Urban  
(Manitoba & Balliol)

## 2008

Jason Crabtree  
(Washington & Magdalen)

Hila Levy  
(Colorado & Exeter)

Ng Siu Lun Siron  
(Hong Kong & Wolfson)

Lionel Nichols  
(Tasmania & Lincoln)

Sam Stranks  
(South Australia & St John's)  
and Amanda Stranks

## 2009

Matthew Brown  
(Australia-at-Large & Brasenose)

Nikolas Kirby  
(Australia-at-Large & Brasenose)

John McAnearney  
(Western Australia & Magdalen)

## 2010

Philipp Aigner  
(Germany & Corpus Christi)

Matthew Baum  
(Massachusetts & Balliol)

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(Iowa & St John's)

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(Delaware & Merton)

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(KwaZulu-Natal & University)

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(Bermuda & Pembroke)

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(Ontario & New College)

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(India & Exeter)

Elizabeth Murray  
(Tasmania & New College)

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(Maritimes & Magdalen)

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(Indiana & St John's)

Alma Brodersen  
(Germany & St John's)

Stephanie Bryson  
(California & St Catherine's)

Mark Hearson  
(Prairies & Harris Manchester)

Kelsey Murrell  
(Kansas & St Cross)

Nina Yancy  
(Texas & New College)

## 2016

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(Québec & University)

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(New Zealand & Balliol)

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(New Zealand & Brasenose)

## 2014

Benjamin Abraham  
(New Zealand & St Catherine's)

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(New Jersey & New College)

James O'Connell  
(Florida & St Peter's)

Anthony Payne  
(Newfoundland & St John's)

Jonathan Pedde  
(Prairies & Merton)

Thomas Woodroffe  
(Australia-at-Large & St Antony's)

## 2017

Jung Kian Ng  
(Malaysia & Oriel)

Timur Ohloff  
(Germany & Pembroke)

Thomas Williamson  
(New South Wales & Oriel)

## 2013

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(New York & Balliol)

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(Ontario & St John's)

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(New Zealand & University 2015)

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(Tasmania & St Peter's)

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(New York & New College)

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(KwaZulu-Natal & Balliol)

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