

Application Overview

The Rhodes Scholarship is a postgraduate award that supports exceptional students from around the world to study at the University of Oxford.



- Why Choose the Rhodes Scholarship?

Additional Benefits of the Rhodes Scholarship

The Rhodes Scholarship is a world-famous scholarship that opens up opportunities for Scholars before, after and during their time in Oxford. We offer a scholarship with a difference; not only covering the cost of at least two years study in Oxford (fees and a living stipend), but also providing character, service and leadership development programmes, a life-long fellowship with constant networking opportunities with Senior Scholars and, beyond that, a warm and inviting community within which most of our Scholars develop enduring friendships. In short, the Scholarship is a life-changing opportunity for exceptional young people with the potential to make a difference for good in the world.



- Overall Application Requirements

What are the Selectors looking for?

Rhodes Selection Committees are looking for young persons of outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service from 23 Rhodes constituencies worldwide.

The four criteria governing the selection of Rhodes Scholars are:

- literary and scholastic attainments (academic excellence)
- energy to use one's talents to the full (as demonstrated by mastery in areas such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits, particularly where teamwork is involved)
- truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship
- moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.



Expenses covered by the Rhodes Scholarship

What does the Scholarship cover?

The Rhodes Scholarship covers Oxford University (and College) fees as well as providing an annual stipend. In 2017-18 the stipend was £14,700 per annum (£1,225 per month). The [conditions of tenure](#) document outlines how many years are covered by the Scholarship, as this depends on course choice - for example up to three years of fees and stipend is available to Scholars who choose to undertake a DPhil (PhD) at Oxford.

In addition to the above, an economy class return flight will be reimbursed by the Trust to enable Scholars to fly to the UK to begin their studies and to fly home when their studies are complete. A settling in allowance is also provided on arrival (£225 in 2017-18), and the International Health Surcharge, which enables international students to access the UK's National Health Service, is covered by the Trust for the duration of a Scholar's tenure. Following selection for the Scholarship, the Rhodes Trust will also cover the application fee required to apply to study at the University of Oxford.