THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS
AUSTRALIA

Information seminar for Queensland applicants applying in 2017 for 2018
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The Rhodes Scholarships

Every year 9 Australian Rhodes Scholars are elected (95 from around world).

They are part of a tradition that started in Australia in 1903.

They join a community of nearly 8000 Rhodes Scholars worldwide.
The Rhodes Scholarships

- New South Wales
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Western Australia
- Australia at Large (3 scholarships)
## Eligibility: Can I apply?

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<td>I will not have passed my 26(^{th}) birthday when I start at Oxford at 1 October 2018</td>
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<td>I have not applied for a Rhodes Scholarship two or more times before.</td>
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Literary and scholastic attainments

- First class honours required
- Other evidence such as prizes, awards, publications
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Energy to use one's talents to the full

• What do you do *outside* the classroom?
• What are you passionate about and how have you pursued those interests?
• Sport is an example but only one way to demonstrate this criterion
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- What do you stand for? What are your principles?
- Part of this is evidenced by your service to the community
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• How do you demonstrate leadership?
Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

There is no ‘Rhodes Scholar’, only Rhodes Scholars. Panels don’t have any particular kind of person, degree or list of achievements in mind.

You need to tell the Panel about your leadership journey.
Selection Process: Where do I apply?

- State or territory in which you are completing or have completed your highest degree; or

- State or territory in which you completed at least two years of secondary schooling.
Selection Process

At Large elections

State elections
end October.
2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} ranked from each state and top from Territories proceed to Australia At Large interviews

Interviews for states and territories
mid-end October

Shortlisting notification

Written application and references
Applications open 1 July and close 14 September
Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Applications submitted through online system
- Link is available here: http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/australia
- 4 parts to the application
Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Part 1 – Applicant details and declaration including proof of Australian citizenship
Selection Process: How do I apply?

• Part 2 – “Case for consideration” including:
  • Personal statement (1,000 words)
    • Address selection criteria
    • Outline plans for realising the Rhodes vision and contributing to the Rhodes community
  • Proposed course at Oxford
Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Key issues for Personal Statement
  - [https://storify.com/rhodesaustralia/rhodes-australia](https://storify.com/rhodesaustralia/rhodes-australia) - how to write a personal statement
  - [http://www.rhodesscholarshiptrust.com/apply](http://www.rhodesscholarshiptrust.com/apply) - video with advice from previous Scholars
  - “I attest that this personal statement is my own work. Neither it nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application.”
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- Part 3 – A curriculum vitae of no more than three A4 pages in length (12pt)
  - Helps demonstrate selection criteria

- DPhil applicants must also submit:
  - 2 page research proposal
  - Email confirmation from Oxford that the proposed research can be supervised
Selection Process: How do I apply?

• Part 4 – Details of six referees
  • 3 academics – rate academic performance
  • 3 other referees – address other criteria
Selection Process: How do I apply?

- A recent instruction for applicants:

  “Applicants are not to contact Rhodes Scholars currently studying at Oxford for advice on the application process or for feedback on their application.”
What does the Scholarship entail?

- All University and College fees
- The University application fee
- A personal stipend (£14,276)
- Private health insurance (BUPA)
- One economy class airfare to Oxford at the start of the scholarship and one economy flight back to the student's home country at the conclusion of the scholarship

- The Scholarship cannot be deferred and cannot be held with another scholarship

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Service & Leadership

**SECOND YEAR RETREAT**
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• Queensland Rhodes Scholarship page
  www.qut.edu.au/rhodes
• The Rhodes Scholarships Australia: Memorandum for Selection 2018 Round
  [link for updated Memorandum not yet available]
• Applying for the Rhodes Scholarships
  http://www.rhodesscholarshiptrust.com/apply
• Rhodes Scholarship for Australia page
  http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/australia
• Should I Apply for an Australian Rhodes Scholarship?
  (Storify resource)
  https://storify.com/rhodesaustralia/should-i-apply-for-an-australian-rhodes-scholarship