



# GLOBAL RHODES SCHOLARSHIP



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# What is the Rhodes Scholarship?



The Rhodes Scholarship was established through the Will of Cecil John Rhodes in 1902. Over a hundred years later, the Rhodes Scholarships are the oldest and perhaps most prestigious international scholarship programme in the world.

Our reputation as the world's most distinguished academic scholarship rests not on the controversial life of our founder Cecil Rhodes, but on the enormous contributions our Scholars have made to the world.

And the qualities sought in a Rhodes Scholar - academic excellence, concern for others, energy to lead others and oneself by demonstrating mastery - remain as compelling as they were over a century ago.



# Rhodes Scholar Alums



## Politics/ Government

- Bill Clinton (US President)
- Tony Abbott, Bob Hawke & Malcolm Turnbull (Australian PMs)
- Wasim Sajjad (Pakistan PM)
- Norman Manley (Jamaican PM)
- Current US politics: 2 Cabinet Secretaries, NSA Adviser, Senators, Governors and Mayors

## Nobel Prize winners

- Baron Florey (Physiology or Medicine)
- Sir John Eccles (Physiology or Medicine)
- Michael Spence (Economics)



## Business Leaders

- John McCall MacBain (AutoTrader)
- Sir John Templeton (Templeton Growth Fund)
- Rod Eddington (former CEO, British Airways)
- Dominic Barton & Bob Sternfels (McKinsey Managing Partner)
- Benjamin Liu (Formation Bio)

## Inventors

- Edwin Hubble (Hubble Space Telescope)
- Ralph Hartley (Hartley oscillator)
- Rohan Paul (SmartCane)



## Media

- Frank Wells (former Walt Disney president)
- Kris Kristofferson (musician)
- George Stephanopoulos (TV news)
- Rachel Maddow (TV presenter)
- Ronan Farrow (author)
- Naomi Wolf (author)

## Education

- James Fulbright (Fulbright Scholarship)
- John Lowe (Vice Chancellor, Oxford)
- Sir John Hood (Vice Chancellor, Oxford)



# What is the Global Rhodes Scholarship?



The Global Rhodes Scholarships were announced on 19 February 2018. This marked a historic moment for the Trust, as candidates from anywhere in the world were now able to apply to the Scholarships for the first time in the programme's 115 year history.

The Global Scholarships are available to candidates from any country that is not part of an existing Rhodes constituency. All applications must be endorsed by their undergraduate universities. Applicants must be nominated by their university.

Two scholarships are awarded each year since 2019 (except 2022). Global Rhodes Scholars come from Afghanistan, Argentina, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Sudan, Thailand and Türkiye.



# Rhodes constituencies



Each year, 100+ Rhodes Scholarships are awarded, to students from 25 constituencies (country or group of countries):

**Australia**

**Bermuda**

**Canada**

**China**

**Commonwealth Caribbean**

**East Africa**

**Germany**

**Global**

**Hong Kong**

**India**

**Israel**

**Jamaica**

**Kenya**

**Malaysia**

**New Zealand**

**Pakistan**

**Saudi Arabia**

**Singapore**

**Southern Africa**

**Syria, Jordan, Lebanon &  
Palestine (SJLP)**

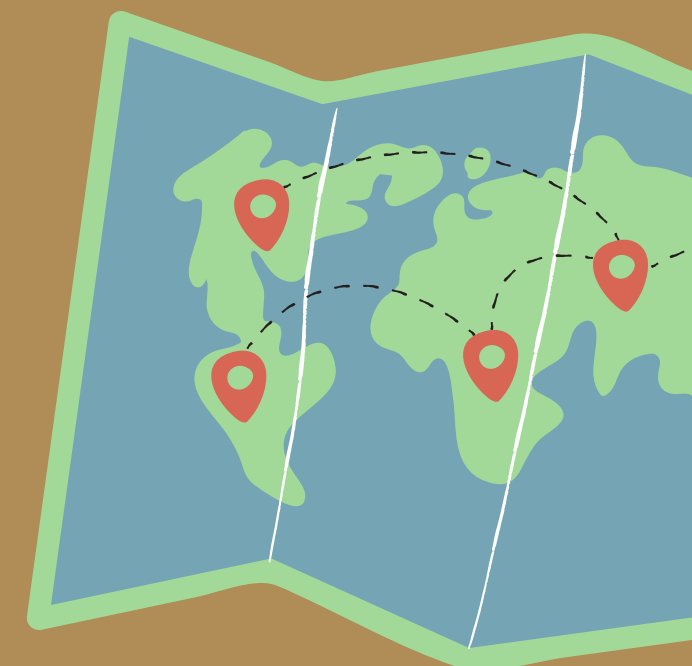
**United Arab Emirates**

**United States**

**West Africa**

**Zambia**

**Zimbabwe**





# What is the Rhodes Scholarship?



- The Rhodes Scholarship is a fully-funded, full time, postgraduate award which enables talented young people from around the world, to study at the University of Oxford.
- Rhodes Scholars come to the UK for two or more years and can apply to study any postgraduate course offered by Oxford University.
- We encourage applications from talented students everywhere.
- Applying for the Scholarship is a challenge, but it is an experience which has helped generations of young people to succeed.

[www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/apply](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/apply)



# What does the Rhodes Scholarship Cover?



- The Rhodes Scholarship covers Oxford University (and College) fees, as well as providing an annual stipend.
- Following selection for the Scholarship, the Rhodes Trust will cover the fee required to apply to study at the University of Oxford.
- The Trust will cover the fee for a Tier 4 study visa and the associated International Health Surcharge (IHS).
- We cover two economy class flights - to and from the UK - for the beginning and end of studies in Oxford. On arrival in Oxford, Scholars also receive a settling in allowance.





# What makes the Scholarship Unique?



Rhodes Scholars unlike other scholarships join for a lifetime, a unique and vibrant international community of Scholars. Our Character, Service and Leadership Programme form part of the scholar's personal training.

## Unlike other Oxford University Students you'll have Rhodes House...

- There are study spaces, libraries and social events where you will meet other Scholars.
- Scholars also attend social events like the Coming Up Dinner and Rhodes Ball.
- It's where the Registrar, the Dean, and the Warden are based.
- Rhodes House hosts talks, seminars and forums with world leading experts and guests.



# Could you be a Rhodes Scholar?



Rhodes Scholars come from all backgrounds and we welcome applications from talented young persons of diverse backgrounds.



Academic achievement and excellence.

**What do we look for in a candidate?**

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.

The courage and skills required to lead with a wider desire for public good.

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# Are you eligible for the Global Scholarship?



Citizenship: you should not be eligible to apply for the Rhodes Scholarship in any other constituency



Age: 18 to 23 years and under 27 years, provided you completed your undergraduate degree within the past 12 months



You must have completed, or be in the processing of completing, an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.7 out of 4 or higher, or the equivalent academic level in your country. Brazil = 7.5 or 9.0

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# What do you need?



**Birth Certificate**



**Passport**



**Transcripts**



**Evidence of Residence**



**Personal Statement**



**CV**



**Evidence of English Language Proficiency**



**Head and Shoulders Photo**



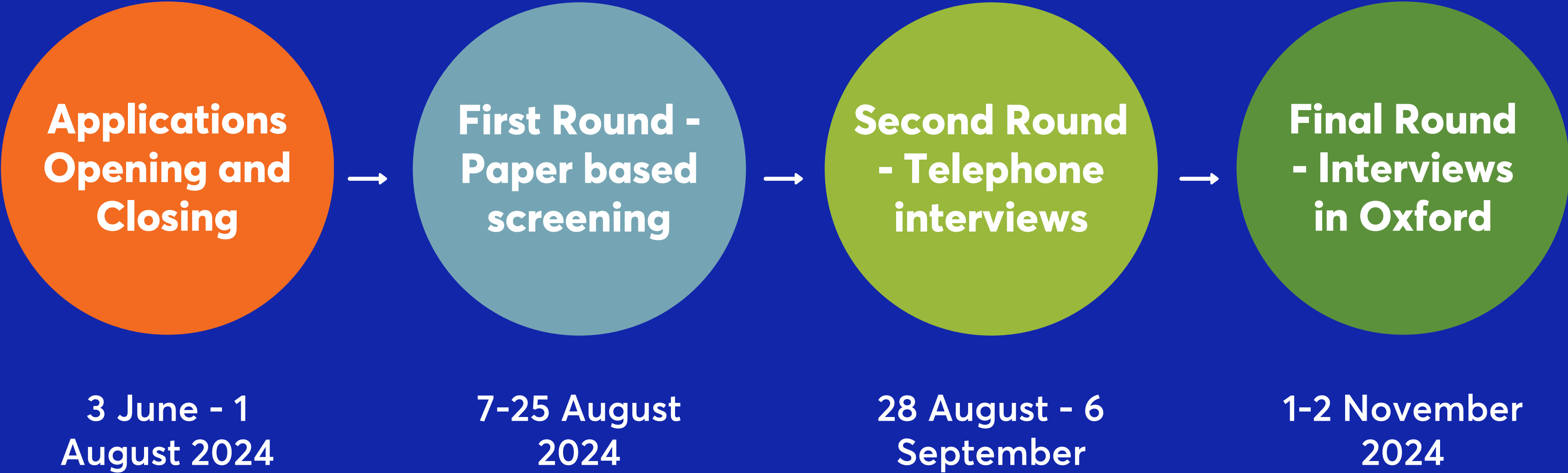
**Reference Letters (4)**



**Academic Statement**



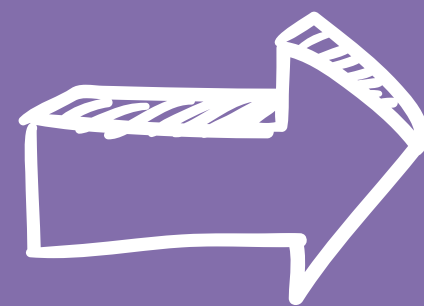
# Global Selection process & timelines



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## MYTH NUMBER ONE

I'm not the type of person who can win a Rhodes Scholarship.



We welcome applications from talented young persons of diverse backgrounds. Selection is made without regard to gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, social background, caste, or disability.



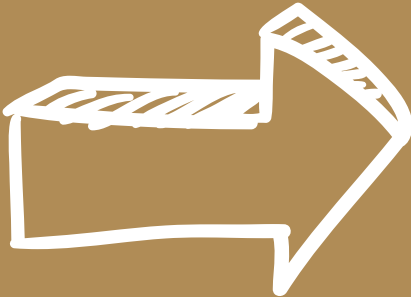


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## MYTH NUMBER TWO

I have to be top of my class.



Academic excellence is important as you will need to be able to gain entry to the University of Oxford; however, equally important is your commitment to serve others.

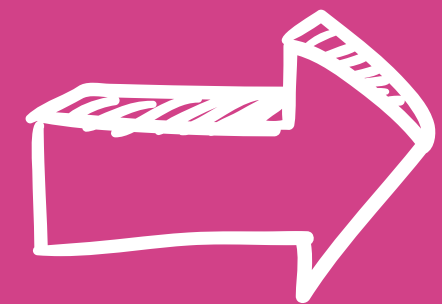


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## MYTH NUMBER THREE

I can't apply because my country is not listed as a Rhodes constituency.



We now offer two Global Scholarships for eligible candidates from the rest of the world (i.e. not connected to any other of our Constituencies) to apply for a Scholarship



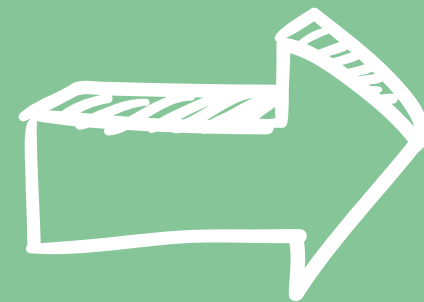
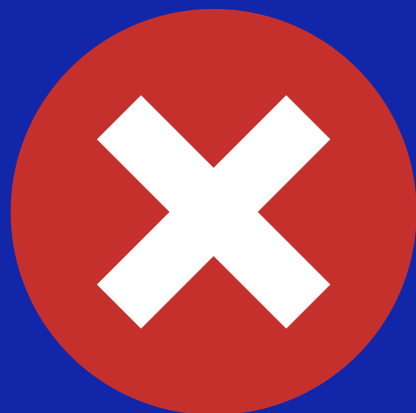


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## MYTH NUMBER FOUR

You have to have done months of volunteer work abroad or started your own NGO.



As long as you demonstrate that you have worked to improve the lives of others, is what counts. It can be done in a multitude of ways in your own neighbourhood. You will also need to be able to talk in the interview about what you hope to do in the future.



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## MYTH NUMBER FIVE

Most Scholars end up as political leaders.



Today's Rhodes Scholars include Presidents and Prime Ministers, but also medical researchers, social workers, artists, journalists, lawyers, teachers, activists, poets, doctors and many more!





# Stay in Touch!



Find out more about the Scholarship and apply by visiting our website:

[www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/apply](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/apply)



Our social media is a great place to learn more about the Scholarship - keep track of key application dates, access useful resources, and ask current Rhodes Scholars questions about Oxford during Instagram takeovers. You can find us at the channels above!





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