

2017 RHODES SCHOLARSHIP CAMPUS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Description

The Rhodes Trust, a British charity established to honor the will and bequest of Cecil J. Rhodes, provides full financial support for Rhodes Scholars to pursue a degree or degrees at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. The award covers educational and living expenses. Each year 32 young Americans are selected as Rhodes Scholars.

Applicants must be nominated by UCLA's Rhodes Scholarship Committee to be considered as applicants by the Rhodes Trust.

The June 30 campus deadline allows the campus committee to review applications carefully and select those nominees who seem most competitive before the Rhodes Trust's October 1, 2017 deadline. Applications received after this date will be accepted at the discretion of the Scholarship Resource Center.

Eligibility requirements. Applicant must be:

- a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States prior to and including at least 5 years of the application deadline.
- at least 18, but not yet 24 years of age (i.e., the applicant must still be 23 on October 1 in the year of application).
- sufficiently advanced academically to assure completion of a bachelor's degree before October 1 in the year following election.

Selection criteria

Applicants are chosen on the basis of the criteria set down in the will of Cecil Rhodes. These criteria are first, academic excellence. This is a critical but only threshold condition. A Rhodes Scholar should also have great personal energy, ambition for impact, and an ability to work with others and to achieve one's goals. In addition, a Rhodes Scholar should be committed to make a strong difference for good in the world, be concerned for the welfare of others, and be conscious of inequities. And finally, a Rhodes Scholar should show great promise of leadership. In short, the Rhodes Trust seeks outstanding young men and women of intellect, character, leadership and commitment to service.

START EARLY. Carefully read the "Overview" and "FAQ" on the Rhodes website (<http://www.rhodesscholar.org/applying-for-the-scholarship/>) before completing the application. The UCLA Scholarship Resource Center and The Undergraduate Research Center for Humanities and Social Science provide individual advising to help students prepare competitive applications. **However, per**

the Rhodes Trust requirements, we will not advise you on or review your application essay / personal statement.

To apply for a University nomination, you must submit the following materials by June 30th to the UCLA Scholarship Resource Center (233 Covel Commons):

A short Personal Statement describing your academic and other interests. This statement should describe the specific area of proposed study and your reasons for wishing to study at Oxford, and it must conclude with the following statement, followed by your personal signature: “I attest that this personal statement is my own work and is wholly truthful. 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.”

This personal statement must not exceed 1,000 words in length, and should be written in as simple and direct a manner as possible. It should be set in a typeface no smaller than 10 points.

An annotated resume that details your research experience, honors, and awards. Click [here](#) to learn how to prepare an annotated resume.

Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. For the UCLA campus application, these may be unofficial transcripts.

Three letters of recommendation. These can be submitted with your application or can be emailed directly to Dr. Francesca Marx at fm Marx@college.ucla.edu. As with all other materials, the letters must be received by June 30, 2017.

The names and affiliations of the additional two to five people from whom you will request recommendations if you are selected as a UCLA candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship.

PLEASE PAPERCLIP YOUR MATERIALS.

NOTE: The number of letters of recommendation, resume requirement, or essay topic may differ between campus application requirements and application requirements.

DEADLINE: June 30, 2017.

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