

# Rhodes Scholarship Information Session

**WELCOME!**



Thursday, September 5, 2024

# What we will do in today's info session...

- Introductions
- Overview of the Rhodes Scholarships
- The Eligibility Criteria
- The Selection Criteria
- The Application Timeline and Process
- Q&A

# Introductions

## Dalhousie Rhodes Scholarship Internal Selection Committee

- Dr. Srimi Sampalli, Faculty of Computer Science, Chair
  - Dr. Paul Manning, Faculty of Agriculture
  - Dr. Roberta Barker, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
  - Dr. Natalie Rosen, Faculty of Science
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# Overview of the Rhodes Scholarships



# What are the Rhodes Scholarships?

- Prestigious **postgraduate awards** for study at the **University of Oxford**, UK
- Support **outstanding all-round students**.
- Open to undergraduate and graduate students in **all faculties**.
- Rhodes scholars can choose their own course of study in **any of the 39 colleges** at the University of Oxford.



# What does the scholarship cover?



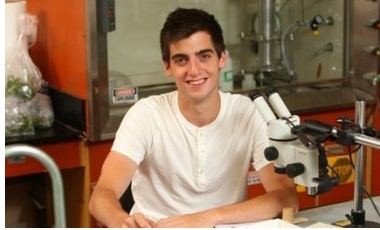
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- All university and college fees.
- University application fee.
- A personal stipend.
- One economy class airfare to Oxford (at the start) and from Oxford (upon completion).
- International health charge.

# What is the duration of the scholarship?

- The 2024 Rhodes application process is for admission to Oxford in **September 2025**.
- **Normal** duration of scholarship is for **2 years**.
- **Exception**: Can be held for one year depending upon the program of study.
- **Extension**: Can be renewed to a third and final year for pursuing doctoral studies.

# Dalhousie is looking for its 94<sup>th</sup> Rhodes Scholar!



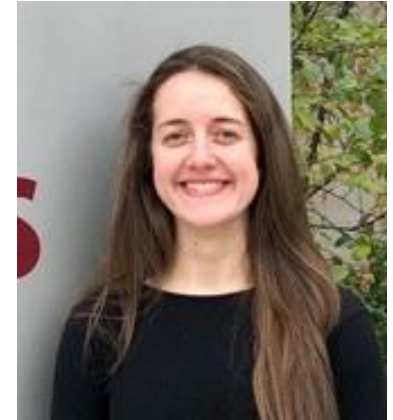
Paul Manning, 2013 (Agriculture)



Michael Mackley, 2014 (Science)



Isabelle Roach, 2020 (Science – King's College)



Ashely Jackson, 2022 (Medical Sciences)



Brittany Graham, 2015 (Science)



Sarah Burns, 2016 (Science – King's College)



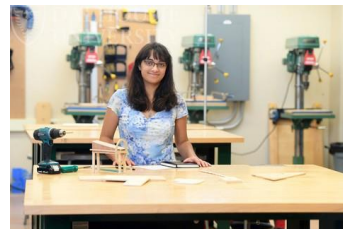
Sierra Sparks, 2021 (Engineering)



Diana Adamo, 2024 (Medical Sciences)



Maïke van Niekerk, 2017 (Health)



Nayani Jensen, 2018 (Engineering)

***Recent Rhodes Scholarship  
Recipients from Dalhousie and  
King's College***



# The Eligibility Criteria



# Eligibility – Rhodes Canada Scholarship

- Be a **Canadian Citizen** or a **permanent resident** in Canada
- Be **domiciled** in Canada
- Must meet either of the criteria below upon 1 October 2024:
  - ▶ Be at least 18 and have not reached your 24th birthday (must have been born after **October 1, 2000**, and before **October 2, 2006**)

## **OR (for older candidates who completed their first undergraduate degree later than usual)**

- ▶ Not reached your 27th birthday (must have been born after **October 1, 1997**) AND your first undergraduate degree must have or will be awarded on or after October 1, 2023
- Have completed/will have completed by **June/July 2025, an undergraduate degree** from a college or university (normally a Bachelor's degree) to a sufficiently high standard (e.g., First Class Honours or Distinction).

# Which Rhodes Scholarship?

- Jurisdictional – “I meet the eligibility criteria for one Rhodes Constituency only” (e.g., domiciled in Canada)
- Multi-jurisdictional – “I meet the eligibility criteria for more than one constituency” → need to choose one
- Inter-jurisdictional – “I do not meet the eligibility criteria, but I have sustained and verifiable connection to two or more constituencies” → apply for this.
- Global - for international students not eligible to apply in any constituency

# Which province to apply?

- You can apply in either the province where you attend university or in your province of residence.
- Must be endorsed through a university.
- Allotment of scholarships in Canada:
  - Two to Maritimes (NS, NB, PEI)
  - Two to Ontario
  - Two to Quebec
  - Three to Prairies (Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan)
  - One to Newfoundland and Labrador
  - One to BC

# The Selection Criteria



# Broad selection criteria (from the Rhodes Trust ...)

## Academic excellence

**Energy to use your talents to the full** (as demonstrated by mastery in areas such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits, including 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 your fellow human beings.

# In a nutshell...

1. **Academic Excellence**
2. **Achievement in Arts, Athletics and/or other high impact activity**
3. **Volunteering, Community Service and Leadership**

**Outstanding all-rounders!**

# The Application Timeline and Process





# Rhodes Scholarship Applications 2024: Timeline

Sept.  
13

- Your application is due at Dalhousie.
- **Send your application to [Rhodes@dal.ca](mailto:Rhodes@dal.ca)**

Sept.  
16-17

- Dalhousie committee reviews applications; short lists candidates.

Sept.  
18-20

- Short listed candidates are interviewed by Dalhousie committee.

Sept.  
23

- Selected Dalhousie candidates to go forward to the Regional competition are notified.

Sept.  
27

- External application submitted online to Regional competition.

# Rhodes Scholarship Applications 2024: Timeline

Oct. 4

- Letters from your referees are due.

Oct.

- Regional committee reviews applications;
- Short listed candidates at regional level are notified.

Nov.

- **Regional competition: Social engagement and interview**

Nov.

- Rhodes scholars announced.

# Rhodes Global timelines

Please check with Linda (Rhodes@dal.ca)

# What you need to submit to Dalhousie

- Two-page CV
- Personal statement
- Academic Statement
- Unofficial transcripts from all universities attended.

# The two-page CV

- Academic qualifications.
- Prizes, scholarships and awards received.
- Positions of leadership held.
- Employment positions.
- Athletic, arts and/or other achievements.
- Leadership, community, volunteering, and other activities.

# The Personal Statement: Your story in your words

- **Essay style statement** not exceeding 1000 words.
- “Should be wholly accurate and a fair representation of your story, written in **your own words** and from your own perspective”.
- Address your general **interests and activities**: Who are you? What **inspires** you? What are your passions? What are you hoping to do in the world?
- **Provide reasons for pursuing a degree at Oxford**, which program you wish you pursue and why.
- **Demonstrate** why you are a suitable candidate for the Rhodes scholarship.

# The Academic Statement of Study

- **Essay style statement** not exceeding 350 words
- Should be factual and concise
- Provide your reasons for wishing to study at the University of Oxford
- What your chosen course(s) of study are
- How does this fit in your academic trajectory
- Demonstrate that you are able to at a minimum meet or exceed the specific entry and other academic requirements of the courses you have chosen
- How are you prepared for the course(s) academically and otherwise

# Letters of Reference

- Six referees.
- At least three must be academic referees → must speak to your academic achievements.
- Two or more referees must speak to your character and/or your involvement in extracurricular/service or leadership activities.
- Provide a list of referees in your applications.
- Referees must upload their letters by the second week of October.



# Sources and References

- <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/apply/global/canada/>
- <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/constituency-information/>
- <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/application-overview/>
- <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/applications/canada/>

*Time for questions*

*Thanks for attending!*