

Rhodes Scholarship Information Session

WELCOME!



Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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

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?



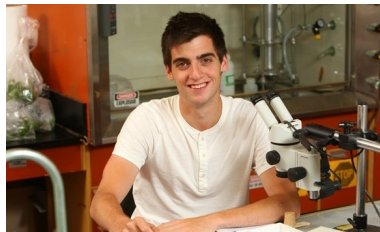
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- All university and college fees.
- University application fee.
- A personal stipend.
- One economy class airfare to Oxford (at the start) and from Oxford (upon completion).
- International health charge.

What is the duration of the scholarship?

- The 2023 Rhodes application process is for admission to Oxford in **September 2024**.
- **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 94th Rhodes Scholar!



Paul Manning, 2013 (Agriculture)



Michael Mackley, 2014 (Science)



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



Brittany Graham, 2015 (Science)



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



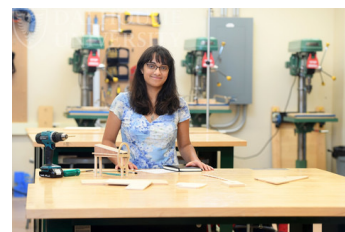
Sierra Sparks, 2021 (Engineering)



Ashely Jackson, 2022 (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 2023:
 - Be at least 18 and have not reached your 24th birthday (must have been born after **October 1, 1999**, and on or before **October 1, 2005**)
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, 1996**) AND your first undergraduate degree must have or will be awarded on or after October 1, 2022
- Have completed/will have completed by **June/July 2024, 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 2023: Timeline

Sept.
1st wk

- Your application is due at Dalhousie.
- **Send your application to Rhodes@dal.ca**

Sept.
2nd wk

- Dalhousie committee reviews applications; short lists candidates.

Sept.
3rd wk

- Short listed candidates are interviewed by Dalhousie committee.

Sept.
3rd wk

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

Sept.
4th wk

- External application submitted online to Regional competition.

Rhodes Scholarship Applications 2023: Timeline



- Letters from your referees are due.

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

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

- 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
- 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.

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.

Information Sessions by Rhodes Scholarships Canada

- Eastern Canada Webinar: Wednesday, April 5th, 3 PM to 4 PM ET

Two National Sessions:

- English: May 24th, 1 to 2 PM ET
- French: May 24th, 6 to 7 PM ET

Please contact Linda (Rhodes@dal.ca) for webinar registration links.

Sources and References

- <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/apply/global/canada/>
- <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/list-of-rhodes-scholarship-constituencies/>
- <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/how-to-apply-for-a-rhodes-scholarship/canada>
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Time for questions

Wish you all the best

Thanks for attending!