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RHODES SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

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Today's information session ...

- Introductions
- Overview of the Rhodes Scholarship
- Eligibility
- Selection criteria
- Application Process and Timeline
- Q&A

Introductions: The Dalhousie Selection Committee

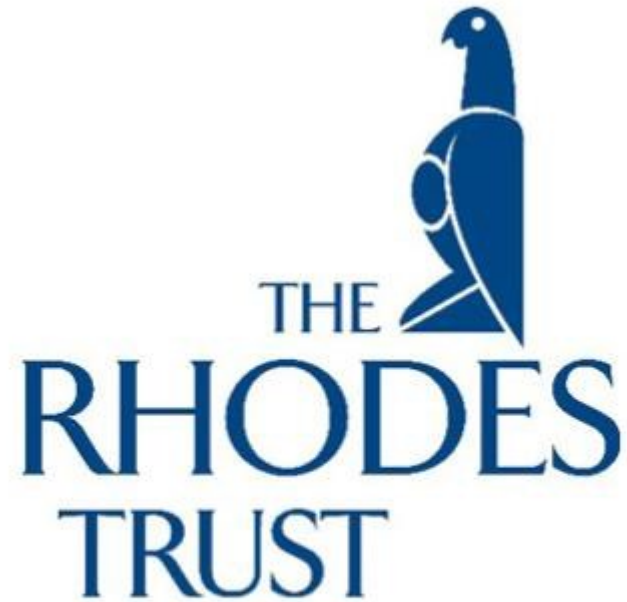
- Dr. Srimi Sampalli, Faculty of Computer Science, Chair
 - Dr. Chris Cutler, Faculty of Agriculture
 - Dr. Roberta Barker, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
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Overview of the Rhodes Scholarships

What are the Rhodes Scholarships?

The Rhodes Scholarships are **postgraduate awards** supporting outstanding all-round students at the **University of Oxford** and providing transformative opportunities for exceptional individuals.

From: <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/the-rhodes-scholarship/>



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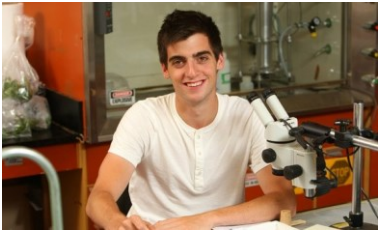
Rhodes Scholarship selection committees seek young women and men of outstanding **intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service**. The Rhodes Scholarships support students who demonstrate a strong propensity to emerge as **'leaders for the world's future'**.

From: <http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/rhodesscholarship/about-the-rhodes-scholarships>

VIDEO: What a Rhodes Scholarship means to me...



Dalhousie and King's College Recipients (Recent)



Paul Manning, 2013 (Agriculture)



Michael Mackley, 2014 (Science)



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



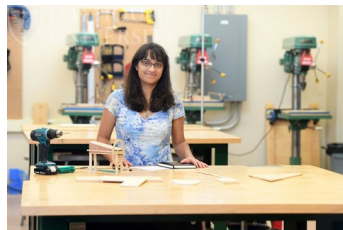
Brittany Graham, 2015 (Science)



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



Maïke van Niekerk, 2017 (Health)



Nayani Jensen, 2018 (Engineering)

Dalhousie has had 91 Rhodes scholars and is looking for its 92nd!

Rhodes Scholarship Details

- Scholarship is open to undergraduate and graduate students in all Faculties.
- Scholars may follow their own course of study.
- The 2020 Rhodes application process is for funding to support the 2021 academic year.
- Election to the scholarship is normally for two years but the scholarship may be held for one year only, depending on the degree program pursued by the scholar.
- A scholarship may be renewed, at the complete discretion of the Trustees, for a third and final year for those who were initially admitted to Oxford to pursue a doctoral degree.

What does the scholarship cover?



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

Which Rhodes Scholarship?

- **Jurisdictional – domiciled in the Maritimes**
- Multi-jurisdictional
- Inter-jurisdictional
- Global – for international students

Eligibility

Rhodes Scholarships

- Be a Canadian Citizen or a permanent resident in Canada
- Be domiciled in Canada
- Have reached your 19th birthday and not passed your 25th birthday at 01 October in the year of commencement at Oxford University; must have been born after September 30, 1996 and on or before October 1, 2002
- Have received an undergraduate degree to a sufficiently high standard (e.g. First Class Honours or Distinction) to be admitted to postgraduate study at the University of Oxford

Rhodes Global Scholarships

- International students who are not from countries usually eligible for Rhodes Scholarships
- Have reached your 19th birthday and not passed your 25th birthday at 01 October in the year of commencement at Oxford University; must have been born after September 30, 1996 and on or before October 1, 2002
- Have received an undergraduate degree to a sufficiently high standard (e.g. First Class Honours or Distinction) to be admitted to postgraduate study at the University of Oxford
- Must have a sufficiently high standard of English to meet the English language proficiency requirements

What the Rhodes Trust is looking for...

From The Rhodes Trust website:

- literary and scholastic attainments
- energy to use one's talents to the full
- 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 one's fellow beings.
- In essence, “young women and men of outstanding **intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service.**”

In a nutshell...

- 1. Academic Excellence**
- 2. Achievement in Arts and/or Athletics**
- 3. Volunteering, Community Service and Leadership**

Application Process (within Dalhousie)

Step #1: Submit the internal application to Katherine.Rudolph@dal.ca which includes:

- **Two-paged CV** (factual list of your academic qualifications, prizes, scholarships, positions of leadership, employment positions, involvement in student, voluntary, community or political activities and any cultural, musical or sporting accomplishments while in university)
- **Unofficial transcripts** from all universities attended. (i.e. Dalhousie Academic Record is available on Dal Online)
- **Personal Statement** – essay-style format, no more than a 1,000 words

Application Process (within Dalhousie)

A note about the personal statement...

- statement of your general interests and activities, your proposed course of study at Oxford and your present intentions as to your future career.
- Format of the document is variable, but generally presented in essay-style (as opposed to a cover letter style)
- This statement should not exceed 1,000 words in length.
- Selection committees will place special emphasis on it and it will be sent to Oxford Colleges to which successful candidates apply for admission.
- **the statement must be your own work and wholly truthful and you must attest to this when submitting the statement.**

Application Process (within Dalhousie)

Step #2: Dalhousie Rhodes Scholarship Internal Selection Committee

- Reviews paper applications and selects short-list of applicants for interviews
- Interviews short-listed applicants
- Recommends candidates to be nominated by Dalhousie for the regional competition
- Advises and mentors short-listed candidates

Application Process (Regional)

An external application submitted to the Rhodes Trust online

- Only those applicants endorsed by Dalhousie will be provided with the authorization code to submit their application online.

Regional competition involves:

- Review of paper applications by regional committee
- Interviews with a short-list of applicants selected from the paper applications

Timeline: Rhodes Global Scholarship

January

- Rhodes Scholarship Information Session

March

- Rhodes Scholarship Information Session

June (2nd week)

- Internal application due

June (3rd week)

- Interviews for short-listed candidates (by invitation only)

June (4th week)

- Dalhousie Rhodes candidates notified

August (4th week)

- Rhodes Trust online applications due

September (2nd week)

- Rhodes Trust online references due

October/November

- Shortlisting and preliminary interviews by Rhodes Trust

November

- Final selection interviews at Rhodes House, Oxford, UK

Timeline: Rhodes Canada Scholarship

January

- Rhodes Scholarship Information Session

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Mid-Late November

- Maritime regional interviews (by invitation only); location changes each year between Prince Edward Island (2017), Nova Scotia (2018) and Moncton (2019)

Late November/Early December

- Rhodes scholars announced

Questions and Answers...



Andrew Lynk (1982)



Henry Hicks (1937)



Florence Yoon (2002-
King's College)



George Cooper (1965)



Richard Southcott (1990)

Application Tips and Insight

- Begin the preparation process for all deadlines early - the internal application is due early June (Rhodes Global) and early September (Rhodes), dates TBA.
- Ask your faculty for advice and coaching if needed.
- In your personal statement include examples of your exemplary character. Highlight the attributes of yourself that fit the Rhodes profile. Reflect on your accomplishments and why they are important in your life. This is your story so make sure you are clear about why *you* should study at Oxford.

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Tips and Insight (cont.)

- You should contact your six referees (as required by Rhodes):
 - provide your referees (at least three or more of your referees should speak to your academics and two or more of your six referees should testify to your character) with the two-paged Guidance for Referees document prior to mid September and have their letters written and ready to go by October 1st regardless if you **don't** move forward to the regional interview. Referees can include: professors, work supervisors, directors of organizations that you volunteered for; coaches and athletic directors.
- Remain in contact with your referees to confirm that the letters have been written. Always let your referees know the outcome of the application and remember to thank **them**.

Keep the details from the website in mind:

Dalhousie Rhodes Scholarships website has provided applicants with a wealth of information on the Rhodes process and also includes important documents to aid you – be sure you’ve reviewed all information before considering your application materials complete:

- Do the various pieces of your nomination package complement each other?
 - Does the personal statement address any “gaps” that may appear on your transcript or CV?
 - Across the complete package, have you addressed the major attributes of a Rhodes Scholar?
 - Have you been able to demonstrate both character and achievement?

Rhodes Website (cont.)

- The individual will have to be “**brought to life**” through concrete evidence, examples, quotes, compelling anecdotes, persuasive support letters, and the inspiring believability of the nominee’s own words.
- Tell the story of yourself as a **learner, a thought-provoker, a visionary, and a community member in action**. Do not over-use disciplinary or academic jargon.

Crafting your personal statement...

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Writing with substance

- Support your thoughts and ideas; be sure that the 'why' and 'how' of things has been addressed (especially in the sections where you're talking about your perceptions of problems, change and solutions)
- Provide the reader with a sense that you understand the complexities of the topics / issues you've discussed – *try to stay away from words such as: always, everyone, never, etc.*
- Focus on strong introductions and closings; elements of your writing samples that can help launch and weave together a compelling story

Writing with substance (cont.)

- Be careful of assumptions you may have about the reader – how much context do they require to understand the importance of the issues / topics you're addressing. *Test those assumptions by having others read your application materials.*
- Be concrete...identify / speak to several proven or demonstrated activities that support your interests in an issue or topic.

Authenticity

- Allow your application materials to disclose a **genuine** sense of who you are and what's important to you
- Be confident in what you have to offer as an applicant, but keep in mind how the adjudicators understand 'leadership'
 - *A strong balance between confidence and humility / self-awareness may be critical.*
- Consider the difference between being impressive on paper vs. in person
 - *If you would generally rely on aspects of your personality to emerge in a meeting or interview, consider how that energy or charisma can emerge in your writing*

Creativity and Innovation

- These attributes manifest themselves very differently depending on the person and the environment.
- Consider how robust problem identification and problem solving can emphasize your creative skills
- Keep in mind that innovative ideas often present the opportunity for positive change for a number of people, but could also be perceived negatively by others – anticipate the players / stakeholders and reflect on innovations that might facilitate the implementation of adoption of the idea(s) you've proposed

Demonstrating a sense of excellence...

- Proof-read your application materials!
 - *catch the spelling and grammar mistakes (especially those that can often be overlooked by spell-check functions)*
- Review the entire application for cohesiveness – does it fit together as a tight, comprehensive picture of you and your interests?
- Double check your application against the check-list provided on the Dal Rhodes website

Rhodes Scholarship – Which Scholarship

- **Jurisdictional:** “I meet the eligibility criteria for one Rhodes Constituency only” - If you meet the eligibility criteria for one Rhodes constituency, you should apply there. The eligibility criteria are listed in each constituency’s Information for Candidates document, which can be found on the [‘How to apply’](#) webpage.
- **Multi-jurisdictional:** “I meet the eligibility criteria for more than one Rhodes constituency” - If you meet the eligibility criteria (as listed in the Information for Candidates document) for more than one Rhodes constituency, you must apply only to one. You should choose the constituency with which you feel you have the strongest connection.
- **Inter-Jurisdictional:** “I don’t meet the eligibility criteria, but I have sustained and verifiable connection to two or more Rhodes constituencies.” - If you do not meet the eligibility criteria for any of the Rhodes constituencies, but you have sustained and verifiable connection to two or more Rhodes constituencies, you should apply for inter-jurisdictional consideration. Further details can be found here: [Applying for Inter-Jurisdictional Consideration.](#)
- **Global:** “I am not eligible for any existing Rhodes scholarships, nor do I have significant connection to two or more Rhodes constituencies/countries and you do not qualify to apply for inter-jurisdictional consideration (see above) you may apply for the Global Scholarship. Please note that, with only two Global Scholarships currently available, these will be our most competitive scholarships by far, therefore if you can apply via any of the above routes, it will be in your interest to do so. Further details on the Global Scholarships can be found here by selecting 'GLOBAL' from the countries drop down on the [‘How to Apply’](#) page. Queries about the Global Scholarships can be sent to info.global@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk

From: <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/which-scholarship/>