

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR 2011

Memorandum

CANADA

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS: A Rhodes Scholarship is tenable at the University of Oxford. Election to the Scholarship is normally for two years, depending upon the degree programme 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.

The tenure of a Rhodes Scholarship is dependent upon the maintenance by the Scholar of a standard of work and conduct which, in the opinion of the Trustees, justifies the Scholarship.

The tenure of other awards in conjunction with a Rhodes Scholarship is not permitted without prior consultation with the Secretary of the Trust in Oxford.

Scholarships for 2011 are allotted in Canada as follows:

- Three Scholarships to – The Western Region (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta)
- Two Scholarships each to – Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Region (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)
- One Scholarship each to – British Columbia and Newfoundland

After the successful candidate's election to a Scholarship, the application portfolio is submitted to the University of Oxford's online application system. Since the residential colleges and academic departments determine their own admissions, there is no guarantee of a place and the award of the Scholarship is not confirmed by the Rhodes Trustees until the Scholar-elect has been accepted by both the University and a College.

The stipend of a Rhodes Scholarship consists of a direct payment to the University and the Scholar's College of approved fees (such as matriculation, tuition, laboratory fees and certain other set charges), plus a maintenance allowance, which is paid directly to the Scholar at a rate of not less than £977 per month to cover board, lodging and other expenses. The sum provided should be sufficient to enable a Scholar to meet the necessary expenses for term-time and vacations, but those who can afford to supplement it to a modest extent from their own resources are advised to do so.

Reasonable travel expenses to and from Oxford at the beginning and end of the Scholarship will be paid by the Trust.

Married candidates should bear in mind that the Scholarship stipend is sufficient only for one person, and that the Trust takes no financial responsibility for the support of a Scholar's spouse.

2. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY: A candidate must

- (1) be a Canadian citizen or a person domiciled in Canada;
- (2) have been born between October 2, 1986 and October 1, 1992;
- (3) except for medical students, have received an undergraduate degree before taking up the Scholarship.

Candidates may compete in a province or region prescribed under either (a) or (b) below:

- (a) The province in which they are ordinarily resident. If a candidate is ordinarily resident in Nunavut, the Yukon or Northwest Territories, application may be made in a province under (b) or, if there is no such province, in the Western Region (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta). If ordinarily resident in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island, application may be made in a province under (b) or, alternatively, in the Maritime Region.
- (b) Any province in which they have attended a university, provided that if a candidate is ordinarily resident outside Newfoundland, an application may not be made in that province. Summer courses do not qualify as attendance at a university.

If a candidate is in doubt about the appropriate province or region in which to apply, the General Secretary should be contacted and will decide on the basis of available evidence.

All students wishing to read for a graduate degree in medicine should contact the Registrar at Rhodes House as the system of medical training in the UK is markedly different than in Canada. A student would not be able to complete the equivalent of North American medical school while on a Rhodes Scholarship. Students who plan to do clinical medical research will normally be advised to complete internship before arrival in Oxford since without it the British General Medical Council will not grant registration.

3. BASIS OF SELECTION: In considering the applications, Selection Committees will have regard to those qualities which Rhodes expressly listed in order to define the type of Scholar he desired.

Proven intellectual and academic attainment of a high standard is the first quality required of applicants, but they will also be required to show integrity of character, sympathy for and protection of the weak, the ability to lead and the energy to use their talents to the full.

Mr. Rhodes believed that the last of these qualities was best tested through participation and success in sports. Sporting prowess, however, is not essential if applicants demonstrate in other ways the physical vigour which will enable a Rhodes Scholar to make an effective contribution. Mr. Rhodes clearly expected this in expressing the hope that a Rhodes Scholar would come to ‘esteem the performance of public duties as his highest aim’.

Candidates should ensure that at least four of the six reference letters required in the application comment upon the applicant’s academic preparation and scholastic achievements.

The Rhodes Trust and the University of Oxford require that selection for a Scholarship and for admission to the University be made without regard to race, religion, colour, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, marital status, social background or disability. Financial need gives no special claim to a Rhodes Scholarship.

In the absence of a sufficiently qualified candidate, a Selection Committee will make no nomination.

4. METHOD OF APPLICATION: Application must be filed online through the website for the Rhodes Trust in Oxford (<http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/>) and be complete not later than October 15, 2010. Earlier application is requested. Information on the Rhodes Scholarships in Canada will be available from the end of June at: www.canadianrhodes.org

All candidates currently attending a Canadian University must participate in their institution’s screening process and earn the endorsement of their University President. Please contact the fellowship advisor on campus for details on this process, which occurs in advance of the Scholarship’s mid-October deadline. The online application process for the Rhodes Scholarship requires an authorisation code, available through the Fellowships and Awards Office at Canadian universities.

All candidates currently attending a University outside Canada should contact the Secretary of the Selection Committee for the province or region in which they wish to compete for details about how to secure authorisation to file an online application. Contact details for Regional Secretaries are listed on the last page of this Memorandum. As part of their application, all candidates must submit a letter from the President of their University stating that they are approved as a suitable candidate for the Scholarship.

5. METHOD OF SELECTION: Application must be directed toward the province or region in which the candidate wishes to compete. Selection Committees are responsible for deciding whether candidates comply with the conditions of eligibility for a Scholarship and for making nominations for the award.

A preliminary selection is made on the basis of credentials assessed in the written application. Selection Committees will then summon to a personal interview such of the applicants as they find it desirable to meet and no Scholar will be selected without such an interview.

Interviews will be held across Canada in late November or early December. The full application materials of the successful candidates will then enter the University of Oxford's online application system.

All candidates are required to pay their own expenses for travel to attend interviews.

6. DETAILED CONDITIONS OF TENURE: Admission is the responsibility of both the relevant department or faculty, and a college. Election to a Rhodes Scholarship does not guarantee automatic admission to any particular course or college.

The basic tenure of the Scholarship is two years, subject always, and at all times, to satisfactory academic performance and personal conduct. In some cases, and at the discretion of the Trustees, the Scholarship may be extended for a third year. In general, Scholars may enrol in:

- A one-year taught Master's degree, followed by another in their second year subject to a satisfactory outcome to the first year; Scholars who take two one-year Master's degrees are not eligible for a third year of funding;
- A two-year M.Phil. (or B.Phil.); subject to Department/Faculty agreement on the basis of performance in the M.Phil./B.Phil., a third year of funding may be given to convert the M.Phil./B.Phil. into a D.Phil. (for those in the Humanities and Social Sciences only – see Note below);
- A two-year M.Sc. by research; Scholars who take a two-year M.Sc. by research are not eligible for a third year of funding;
- A D.Phil. either by the route of the preliminary M.St. (Legal Research only) or as a Probationary Research Student (PRS); the third year of funding at the discretion of the Trustees will be dependent upon satisfactory reports from supervisors;
- Many one-year M.Sc.'s are in fact routes into doctoral work, and moreover, Scholars sometimes discover the desire to do a D.Phil in that field when working on the M.Sc. Scholars within the Humanities and Social Sciences Divisions and normally within the Medical Sciences Division (see Note below) may take such a route and receive a third year of funding (under the usual conditions) if they agree this with the Warden before the end of their first year. In the case of both M.Phil/B.Phil. and M.Sc conversions to D.Phil., it is necessary for the doctoral thesis to be clearly an outgrowth of work done in the Master's course, since beginning a wholly new topic inescapably leads to unfunded overruns;

- A B.A. with Senior Status (two years); Scholars who do a B.A. with Senior Status are not eligible for a third year of funding.

The MFE and the MBA are only tenable in the second year of tenure of the Scholarship.

Notes for any Scholar proceeding to the D.Phil. via a Master's degree

1. *Humanities & Social Sciences Divisions* – Most departments within the Humanities and Social Sciences insist on the Master's route to D.Phil. In view of this insistence, the Trust will underwrite the fourth year of fees for Scholars within these **two** Divisions. The word “underwrite” is used quite deliberately. This presents quite an additional financial burden on the Trust, although the Trustees believe that it is necessary in order to give all Scholars the freedom to do the degrees they want to do. Therefore, if a Scholar is able to arrange for another sponsor for that fee, the Trust would hope that such a sponsor will assume the cost of the fee, leaving the Trust to underwrite those who cannot. Scholars are expected to make all reasonable efforts to secure such alternative funding.
2. *Medical Sciences Division* – Scholars may take the Master's route to D.Phil. within most departments of the Medical Sciences Division. However, early advice should be sought from the Registrar of the Rhodes Trust in Oxford at mary.eaton@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk.
3. *Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences Division* – The Master's route to D.Phil is not open to candidates in the Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences Division. Candidates within these disciplines should apply direct to D.Phil.

The Rhodes Trust reserves the right to vary these conditions at any time without notice.

7. INFORMATION ABOUT OXFORD: Candidates are encouraged to examine the academic system at the University of Oxford carefully in order to determine their plan of study. Detailed information about courses and academic departments is available online at www.ox.ac.uk, as are the University's Undergraduate Prospectus and Graduate Studies Prospectus.

Candidates who have particular questions about Oxford and the Scholarships may contact the Secretaries of Selection Committees who will attempt to put them in touch with former Rhodes Scholars with knowledge and experience in specific areas.

8. PROCEDURE AFTER SELECTION: On receiving notice of election, the Scholars-elect are required to make application immediately to the University of Oxford via the Rhodes online graduate application form. Full instructions will be provided on election.

Candidates are expected to familiarize themselves at an early stage with the specific requirements for their proposed course of study. For example, most economics degrees require the GRE or GMAT, and degrees within the Humanities and Social Sciences (B.A. or advanced) usually require two samples of written work. Applicants should have this material in their possession at the time of the interview.

Reference should also be made to the Graduate Studies Prospectus which outlines admission procedures. Please study carefully and in detail the requirements for your course of study.

The first instalment of the Scholarship will be paid at the beginning of the Scholar's first term at Oxford. No request for earlier payment will be considered.

All Scholars are required to come into residence at Oxford in October, 2011. Postponements are not normally allowed except for medical internship.

Scholars-elect must notify the Warden of Rhodes House of any change of address.

THE RHODES TRUST, RHODES HOUSE, OXFORD

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NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR APPLICATION

Applications for the Scholarships must be filed online through the website for the Rhodes Trust: <http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk>. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is October 15, 2010. Late submissions will not be considered. As part of the on-line application process, applicants should be prepared to provide personal contact details and all of the following information:

4. A photocopy of an official birth certificate and where needed, an English translation. In the case of candidates born outside of Canada, evidence of being domiciled in Canada will be required. (Successful candidates will be required to produce their original certificate at the interview.)
5. A written Statement from the President or Acting President of your College or University endorsing your candidacy for the Scholarship. Some universities have screening procedures and applicants should enquire as to their existence and any applicable time limits. The President's letter should be sent directly by the University to the Secretary of the Regional Selection Committee. Contact details are listed on the last page of this Memorandum.
6. An official transcript certified by the Registrar or other responsible official of your College or University of the courses of study you have taken together with the grades (showing, if possible, the number of students and your rank in each year of your course).
7. A factual list of principal activities and honours while in College or University (including scholarships, prizes, awards, offices held, athletic record and extra-curricular interests and activities) with dates.
8. A statement of your general interests and activities, your proposed course of study at Oxford and your present intentions as to your future career. This statement should not exceed 900 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.
9. *References:* The names and contact details of six referees who will provide information regarding the applicant's qualifications. Professional or institutional affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number must be included for all referees. At least three of these referees should be persons under whom the applicant has studied at University and at least four should comment upon the applicant's academic preparation and scholastic achievements. Please see the instructions to referees later in this Memorandum.

NOTE: Once a candidate has registered referee details in their online application, the Rhodes Trust will email referees to advise them how to submit their letters of appraisal online. Reference letters must be received no later than October 15, 2010. Submission as soon as possible after the October 15 application deadline for applicants is requested. To prepare referees for the arrival of an email requesting a reference, candidates should print out and give their referees the instructions regarding letters of appraisal provided in this Memorandum as soon as possible.

10. A digital or scanned photograph. This should be a head and shoulders colour photograph of good quality, and of sufficient resolution to be printed at postcard size.
11. After being chosen as a Scholar-elect, candidates will be required to submit a medical certificate on the form provided (page 5), duly signed by a physician.

LAST DATE FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED— OCTOBER 15, 2010
EARLIER APPLICATION IS REQUESTED.

N.B. — All application materials for unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed after the selection process is complete. Documents will not be returned unless specifically requested by the applicant.

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<p>Instructions to the applicant:</p> <p>Please print this form and distribute it to persons asked to provide letters of appraisal, and ensure that the name and address of the Secretary of the Selection Committee in the Region in which application is made is correctly supplied in the space at the bottom.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Name of applicant,</p>
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Information for the person from whom a letter of appraisal has been requested:

The person whose name is given above is an applicant for a Rhodes Scholarship. The Selection Committee will be grateful if you will provide a frank statement regarding this applicant's qualifications.

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It is not expected that you will be able to speak from first hand knowledge of the candidate's qualifications under all those heads. If you are primarily acquainted with the candidate through an academic relationship you are requested to concentrate particularly on intellectual quality and potential (bearing in mind that your reference will be used for admission procedures at Oxford University) although your assessment of the other qualities will be very welcome to the Committee. If, on the other hand, you are better acquainted with the candidate through non-academic interests, you are requested to concentrate on assessment of character in the knowledge that the Committee is looking for persons who show promise of outstanding achievement in later life.

Please do not hesitate to speak of the candidate's limitations as well as their qualities. A critical appraisal will add to, rather than detract from, the force of your letter, since Committees naturally tend to be dubious of recommendations which imply that a candidate has no limitations whatever.

Student applications for the Scholarship are due online by Oct. 15, 2010. The Selection Committee will begin preliminary evaluation of the credentials of applicants on

or about October 19. Your assistance will be especially valuable if your comments can be made available to the Committee by that date. All letters must be received by October 15, 2010.

The Rhodes Trust will email you with instructions about how to file your letters of appraisal online once a candidate has registered the details of referees with their application in our online system.

Thank you for your assistance. Selection Committees deeply appreciate your rich insights in helping us in our assessment of candidates for the Scholarship.

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