



RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA, 2022

Diocesan College & Partner Schools Rhodes Scholarship

As an alumnus of our schools (Diocesan College, St George's Grammar School, Herschel School for Girls, St Cyprian's and LEAP 1) we wish to draw to your attention a wonderful post-graduate opportunity to further your studies at Oxford University. Online applications for the **2022 Rhodes Scholarships for Southern Africa** open on 01 June 2021. The scholarships target talented, young South Africans, are fully-funded for two years of study and inclusive (race, gender, religious affiliation, course of study, and financial need are **not** criteria for the Rhodes Scholarships).

Background

Internationally, the Rhodes Scholarships are regarded as the oldest and arguably the preeminent global fellowships. Funded by a bequest in the Will of Cecil John Rhodes, the Rhodes Scholarships have been awarded since 1903. From that date, nearly 1000 young people from across South Africa have been given the opportunity to further their post-graduate studies at Oxford University thanks to this scholarship programme. Annually 100 scholarships are awarded to high potential graduates from 30 regions across the globe.

Who should apply?

The Rhodes Scholarships are targeted at young South Africans (there is an age restriction); graduates who are academically talented, display proven leadership skills; and a commitment to making a difference in their own community and beyond. The scholarships fund post-graduate degrees (Masters and Doctorates) at Oxford University, which is ranked consistently as one of the top universities in the world and offers magnificent opportunities for post-graduate research and studies. Entrance to Oxford is highly competitive, hence the scholarships are aimed at academic high-achievers, who show moral courage and character, empathy, and a commitment and desire to impact positively on the world.

Of the 100 Rhodes scholarships awarded each year, ten are allocated to the Southern African Constituency (comprising South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and eSwatini). Further scholarships are awarded to graduates from other regions across the continent: Zimbabwe (2), Zambia (2), Kenya (2), East Africa (1) and West Africa (2).

Applications open 01 June 2021

The Rhodes Scholarships are open to graduates from universities across South Africa; are inclusive and generous, covering most of the graduate's expenses in Oxford (including university tuition fees, College accommodation fees, a monthly stipend, one return air flight, assistance with visa and health care costs); and offer superb wrap-around support. The scholarship also includes a Character, Service and Leadership Programme facilitated at Rhodes House; access to a range of forums and events on a host of global themes/topics; and international service projects.

If you are interested in applying for the 2022 Rhodes Scholarship, please note that applications open on **01 June 2021** and close on **15 August 2021**.

Kindly review the Rhodes House website (<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk>), the annual Information Document (especially the section relating to **Eligibility**: citizenship/residency, age and academic), and the links below, all of which contain the information you will need to prepare for your application.

- Conditions of tenure – [final-conditions-of-tenure2019-20.pdf \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)
- Graduate courses available at Oxford University – <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/courses/courses-a-z-listing>
- FAQs: <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/faqs/>
- Useful videos are to be found here: [Why Apply](#), [What on Earth are the Rhodes Scholarships](#) and the [Mythbusting Series](#)

Interested candidates are also referred to the following links:

- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RhodesTrust>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/rhodestrust>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RhodesTrust>

Virtual Information Session: 11 May 2021

There is no doubt that being awarded a Rhodes Scholarships is a life-changing experience. We have invited Rhodes Scholars (both resident and elect) to address our school communities on what being awarded a Rhodes Scholarship has meant to them. Do join us at the Information Session scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday, 11 May 2021
Time: 17:30 to 18:30
Platform: Zoom

Should you have any queries or if additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact:

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