Rhodes/Marshall Scholarships

2016 Information Session
Princeton University
Why Study in the U.K.?

• Ancient, self-governing universities: Cambridge’s 800th in 2009; Oxford even older

• Collegiate system in Cambridge and Oxford: traditions, ideal of close academic and social contact between Fellows and students

• Other great and often historic universities outside “Oxbridge”: e.g. University College London, founded by Bentham; LSE; the distinctive Scottish universities (Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrew’s)

• Explore British and European culture, history, politics

• Develop global networks and professional collaborations
Courses and Faculty

- Courses and Programs may be interdepartmental and housed in a different department than in the U.S.

- Should you e-mail possible academic tutors/supervisors? Ideally you should do so after a referral from Princeton faculty and only when you have undertaken research on your program of interest and have clear sense of what you wish to do. Ask informed questions rather than those addressed on the website.
Admissions & Oxbridge Colleges

• Admissions primarily done by department, often much later than in U.S. system: rolling admissions from autumn to mid-March and sometimes later.

• In Oxbridge: admitted to department first, then to College.

• Both the Marshall Foundation and the Rhodes Trust will place its Scholars in their proposed program(s); no separate admissions application is required until one is awarded a Rhodes or Marshall.
What Degree?

• A second B.A. is an option for the Rhodes, though an increasingly less common one. Please speak to Dr. Moloney about this track before you apply for it. It is not an option for the Marshall.

Graduate Level Degrees:

• M.Phil., M.Res., M.Stud., B.Phil. [Oxford Master’s in Philosophy only] ... but never M.A.

• Oxford B.Phil. and most Oxford M.Phil.’s are two-year courses. There is a possibility for third year (D.Phil) funding.
Rhodes and Oxford
Rhodes Scholarships: Overview

- 32 scholarships given each year to U.S. citizens—two scholars selected per geographical district (16 districts).

- One-, two-, or three-year period of study at Oxford University.

- Scholarship covers all fees and tuition in addition to a living stipend and other expenses.
Rhodes Scholarships: Eligibility

- **Requires an institutional endorsement from Princeton.**

- Must be a citizen (or, in some instances, a permanent resident) of the United States, Australia, Bermuda, Canada, India, Commonwealth Caribbean and Jamaica, UAE, Hong Kong, India, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and Southern Africa, Uganda, Zambia, or Zimbabwe. **Please be aware that there are different procedures and deadlines for each international Rhodes process. Make sure that you are familiar with them. Note: the list of eligible countries changes from time to time.**

- Must hold a bachelor’s degree by the time you enter Oxford

- Athletic ability is NO LONGER a requirement.

- Must be between 18 and 24 years of age. Some age exceptions exist for non-U.S. applicants only.
Preparing Your Rhodes Application

February-May 2016

• Plan to meet with Dr. Moloney twice: once to discuss program/university selection, review your two page CV, and discuss a list of potential recommenders (appraisers) and again to finalize those choices, and develop a summer meeting schedule in person, by phone, or Skype.

• Ask Princeton faculty members or others who know you well to write letters of appraisal (recommendation) prior to your leaving campus. At least two should be from Princeton faculty members who have taught you in upper level courses in your concentration and supervised your research or creative work (e.g. a junior paper). Typically four should be academic. Others should be those who have worked closely with you in leadership organizations, internships, laboratories, etc. Avoid high school-based references, unless you have had continued contact with a mentor or student group there.
Rhodes Campus Application Timeline

June-early August 2016

• Draft and Fine tune your essay and cv.
• Successful past essays on file at OIP and Firestone. Review your social media profile; submit by mail an original copy of the Fellowships Release and Disclosure Form. I will circulate that by late July to all prospective applicants.

Please note: There has been a recent change in Rhodes policy concerning the personal statement. It can not be reviewed or edited by anyone but the applicant. Princeton’s policy and an agreement form will be distributed and is available on the OIP Fellowships website.
Rhodes : Campus Deadlines

• August 1, 2016, no later than 5 p.m.
You must register on the Rhodes application site and begin a Rhodes application. Please note: There has been a recent change in Rhodes policy concerning the personal statement. It can not be read or edited by anyone but the applicant. Princeton’s policy and an agreement form will be widely circulated and is available on the OIP Fellowships website.

• Thursday, September 1, 2016, no later than 5 p.m., is the campus deadline
All students requesting Princeton’s institutional endorsement must submit their Rhodes application materials through GPS (http://gps.princeton.edu/) beginning on August 1st and arrange for letters of appraisal, and official transcript to be submitted through that system. DO NOT REQUEST THAT YOUR APPRAISERS UPLOAD THEIR LETTERS ONTO THE OFFICIAL RHODES SITE UNTIL CAMPUS ENDORSEMENT AND REVIEW IS COMPLETE IN LATE SEPTEMBER.
Rhodes: National Deadlines and Interviews

First week of October 2016 is the national deadline (TBD)
- Endorsed applicants MUST submit online application.
- All letters of appraisal MUST be uploaded to the online application
  Remember: Servers get very busy. Do not wait until the last minute.

Late October and Early to mid-November
- Notification if shortlisted for interview; schedule varies by district.
- Mock interviews for Finalists: November 14th and/or 15th

Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19, 2016
- District interviews. There are no alternative dates.
Marshall Scholarships

U.K. Universities: Whys and Wherefores
Marshall Scholarships: Overview

• Up to 40 scholarships awarded each year.
• Available for study at any U.K. university. Applications indicating interest in universities other than Oxford, Cambridge, and LSE are especially welcome. Applications that select partner institutions (see Marshall website for list) are at a distinct competitive advantage.
• Traditional Marshall is tenable for two years. In exceptional circumstances, renewable for third year. You must discuss the limited one-year option with Dr. Moloney before selecting it. It should be done only in very rare instances.
• Scholarship covers tuition and University and college fees, plus a living stipend and other expenses (books, research and travel, fares to/from U.S.).
Marshall Scholarships: Eligibility

- **Requires institutional endorsement from Princeton.**

- Must be a U.S. citizen.

- Must have graduated with a bachelor’s degree from a U.S. university within three years by Marshall (since 2014 for this application cycle).

- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or better. In some regions (e.g. New York and Boston), a 3.85 or higher is expected. New York has an endorsement cap.
Marshall Scholarships: Selection Criteria

- The selection criteria are divided into three equally weighted categories:
  - Academic Merit
  - Leadership Potential
  - Ambassadorial Potential

- Also consult the “Study in the UK” tab on the Marshall Scholarship website: [www.marshallscholarship.org/studyuk/](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/studyuk/)
- Use the Marshall application system (not GPS) for campus endorsement and for final submission if endorsed. It opens in late spring: [http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/apply](http://www.marshallscholarship.org/applications/apply)
RESOURCES

- UK Faculty Advisors will review your final essay drafts for Marshall and offer feedback
- Princeton Peer Mentors: Recent UK Fellowship Recipients are eager to support you through the process. In addition to this cohort, I can put you in touch with others. Your Princeton faculty mentors are vital resources in guiding your choice of degree, department, and for Marshall, UK universities.
- UK Fellowships Boot camp in early May. Details TBA. This will jumpstart your summer work.
PRINCETON’S 2016 RHODES SCHOLARS

- **Nick Barton ‘16**
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Additional Questions?

• Deirdre Moloney, director of fellowship advising: (moloney@princeton.edu, 8-1998, Skype: deirdre_moloney; make appointments on WASS calendar.
• Fellowship Advising is located in the Office of International Programs, 36 University Place, Suite 350 (third floor of the U-Store building). Will move to 20 Washington in the late summer.
• Join the Fellowship Advising Blackboard site to stay informed about meetings, opportunities, and upcoming deadlines, by e-mailing postgrad@princeton.edu.