Rhodes/Sachs Worcester Scholarships

2018 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.

- 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 Sachs Worcester.
What Degree?

• A second B.A. is an option for the Rhodes, Please speak to Dr. Moloney about this track before you apply for it.

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

• **U.S., Canadian, and Global Applicants require an institutional endorsement from Princeton.**

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. [http://www.rhodesscholar.org/](http://www.rhodesscholar.org/) [https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/](https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/)

• 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 2018

- 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. We will discuss reaching out to a peer mentor.

- 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 2018

• Draft and fine tune your essay and cv.
• Successful past essays are on file at OIP and Firestone Libraries.

Review your social media profile; submit by mail an original copy of the Fellowships Release and Disclosure Form. We will circulate that by late July to all prospective applicants.

Please note: It is your responsibility to read and agree to the 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, 2018, 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.

- **Friday, August 31, 2018, 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 1\textsuperscript{st} 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 Wednesday of October 3, 2018 is U.S. national deadline (pending confirmation)
- 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.
- Practice interviews for Finalists: November 12th and/or 13th

Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17, 2018
- District interviews. There are no alternative dates.
Jordan Thomas, Rhodes Scholar

- Class of 2018
- WWS concentrator
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Sachs Scholarship: Overview

Established 1970 in memory of Dan Sachs ’60, who attended Worcester College Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar to prepare for a career in politics.

Sachs Scholarship: Worcester College, Oxford

Two Years

• Worcester must offer the program(s) proposed: most M.Phil. and M.St. courses; second BA and D.Phil. also possible (but NB: Sachs can only cover first two years of D.Phil. funding)
• Scholarship covers all fees, tuition and living stipend.

Sachs Scholarship: Global Option

One to Two Years

• Institutional study: may be degree or non-degree program
• Independent project may be intellectual or creative; generally not a social service project.
• Scholarship covers estimated costs up to $45,000.
• One-year programs at other Oxford colleges generally not encouraged.
Sachs Scholarship: Eligibility and Criteria

- Princeton senior of any nationality; should be dedicated to public service, broadly defined.
- Selection process an attempt to identify the individual “whose tenure of the scholarship would be most in keeping with Dan Sachs’s qualities of character, intelligence, and commitment, and in whose prospective career the scholarship would be most likely to have consequences of value to the public.”
- No institutional endorsement required
- In application letter, you must indicate whether applying to Sachs Worcester or Sachs Global (cannot apply to both)
- No prior application to Oxford required (EXCEPT candidates for Second BA).
- Scholarship must commence in the academic year following graduation.
Hans Hanley, Sachs Scholar, Worcester

- Class of 2018
- Electrical Engineering
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Additional Resources

- Read Katty Kay and Claire Shipman, *The Confidence Code*. Two copies are on reserve at Firestone Library.
- Develop your presentation and interview skills this spring and summer. Attend workshops sponsored by Princeton Writes (https://pwrites.princeton.edu/public-speaking-group/) or Speak with Style (https://speakwithstyleprinceton.wordpress.com). Career Services also offers workshops.
- Have you tried meditation?
- Attend the UK Fellowships Bootcamp on May 9th at the Writing Center, Baker Hall. Detailed Schedule TBA.
- Contact Fagan Harris, Assistant Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, if you have non-logistical questions about the application process: fagan@baltimorecorps.org