Rhodes Scholarships

2014 Information Session
Princeton University
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 (currently at least £11,500 per year).
Oxford: Whys and Wherefores
Why Study in Oxford?

• An ancient university: some Oxford colleges date from the 13\textsuperscript{th} century, the institution itself was established earlier.

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

• Explore British and European culture, history, politics; London is close.
What Degree?

• A second B.A. is an option, though an increasingly less common one. 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.
Courses and Faculty

• Courses and Programs may be interdepartmental

• Standard academic title is “Dr.”; only the highest-ranking are called “Professor.”

• 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 that are addressed on the website.

• No separate application to Oxford is necessary when applying for the Rhodes.
Rhodes Scholarships: Eligibility

- Requires an institutional endorsement from Princeton.

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

- Must hold a bachelor’s degree.

- 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 2014

• 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). A total of 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 2014

• Fine tune your essay.
• 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.
Rhodes : Campus Deadlines

August 1, 2014, no later than 5 p.m. You must register on the EMBARK application site and begin a Rhodes application. Please note: There has been a recent change in Rhodes policy concerning the personal statement. We will update you by early May about how the policy will affect our advising process. You must verify with Dr. Moloney that you are planning to apply for Rhodes campus endorsement.

Friday, August 29, 2013, no later than 5 p.m.

Campus deadline

- All students requesting Princeton’s institutional endorsement must submit PDF copies of their personal statement, a pdf of the Rhodes application (prior to the passport section and the letters of appraisal), official transcript, and cv to postgrad@princeton.edu Your eight letter writers must also send their letters as a Word or pdf attachment to postgrad@princeton.edu

DO NOT REQUEST THAT YOUR APPRAISERS UPLOAD THEIR LETTERS ONTO THE RHODES EMBARK SITE UNTIL CAMPUS ENDORSEMENT AND REVIEW IS COMPLETE IN LATE SEPTEMBER.
Rhodes: National Deadlines and Interviews

October 1, 2014

- 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 17th and/or 18th

Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22, 2014

- District interviews. There are no alternative dates.
RESOURCES

• Princeton Peer Mentors: Recent UK Fellowship Recipients are willing to support you through the process. I will put you in touch with one or two at our second spring meeting.
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).

• Join the Fellowship Advising Blackboard site to stay informed about meetings, opportunities, and upcoming deadlines, by e-mailing postgrad@princeton.edu.
PRINCETON’S RHODES SCHOLARS

• Tim and Adam [Photos, etc.]