
The Rhodes Scholarships for New Zealand A Partnership between the Rhodes Trust and the Robertson Foundation

Introduction

This document assumes that intending applicants have read and are familiar with the criteria for the Rhodes Scholarships which are available on the main Rhodes website:

<http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/section/rhodes-countries>

For detailed information on the conditions of tenure view the document at:

<http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/Application/Conditions-of-Tenure.pdf>

General Information

A Rhodes Scholarship is tenable at Oxford University.

After election a successful candidate has still to apply to and be accepted by a Department or Faculty of the University and by a college.

A Rhodes Scholarship is confirmed once a successful candidate has been offered a place in a Department or Faculty of the University and in a college.

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

The New Zealand constituency may elect up to three scholars each year.

Eligibility Criteria for New Zealand applicants

Candidates must:

1. on 1 August in the year of application be a citizen of New Zealand or hold a New Zealand Permanent Resident visa.
2. by 1 August in the year of application have spent at least five of the previous ten years in New Zealand.
3. by the time of entry to Oxford have graduated with an undergraduate degree.
4. a) be of an age that they will have passed their nineteenth and not passed their twenty-fifth birthday by 1 October in the year they would begin study at Oxford.
b) candidates undertaking an MBChB course of study must be of an age that they will have passed their nineteenth and not passed their twenty-sixth birthday by 1 October in the year they would begin study at Oxford.

The Selection Committee in New Zealand will be responsible for deciding whether candidates comply with these conditions. In any case of doubt the Rhodes Trustees reserve complete discretion to determine a candidate's eligibility.

Method of Application

New Zealand Graduates/Students

Candidates for a Rhodes Scholarship for New Zealand who have graduated or who expect to graduate from a New Zealand university should apply through the Scholarships Office of their New Zealand university.

Application Forms and other information are available from the university Scholarships Office.

Applications must be received by 1 August.

Overseas Graduates/Students

Candidates for a Rhodes Scholarship for New Zealand who have graduated or who expect to graduate from an overseas university should apply through Universities New Zealand.

Application Forms and other information are available from the Universities New Zealand website.

Applications must be received by 1 August.

References

All applicants

The application form asks for the names and contact details of six referees.

Candidates should ensure that at least three of the six are academic referees and are able to write about the candidate's academic ability and attainments at university.

Referees should be made aware that their references will also be used during the process of the candidate's application for admission to the University of Oxford and will be given the most thorough scrutiny by admissions officers at Oxford.

Selection - First Stage

New Zealand Graduates/Students

For graduates/students who apply through their New Zealand university a Committee of Selection convened by the university will invite a shortlist of their candidates to an interview.

From these interviews the university may nominate up to three candidates for inclusion in the second stage of the selection process.

Overseas Graduates/Students

For graduates/students who apply through Universities NZ, Universities NZ will convene a Committee of Selection and will invite a shortlist of the overseas candidates to an interview.

From these interviews Universities NZ may nominate up to three candidates for inclusion in the second stage of the selection process.

Selection - Second Stage

The applications for all the candidates nominated by the universities and by Universities NZ the first stage will be presented to members of the National Selection Committee for their review.

From this review a final short list of candidates will be created.

Selection - Third and Final Stage

The short listed candidates will be invited to a personal interview with the New Zealand Selection Committee.

From these interviews the committee may elect the Rhodes scholars.

Note: No candidate will automatically be granted an interview by the New Zealand Selection Committee and no candidate will be elected without such an interview.

Materials to be submitted by Candidates

Candidates must comply with the requirements specified in the application form and in the Guidelines for Applicants.

Selection Criteria

The will of Cecil Rhodes outlines four criteria to be used in the election of Scholars:

- literary and scholastic attainments.
- energy to use one's talents to the full.
- truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship.
- moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

Rhodes Scholarship selection committees will be seeking young women and men of outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service. The Rhodes Scholarships support students who demonstrate strong potential to emerge as 'leaders for the world's future'.

The Rhodes Trust

The information contained in this document is intentionally brief.

All applicants for the Rhodes Scholarship should familiarise themselves with the extensive information provided on the Rhodes Trust website.

<http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk>