

## RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Trustees of the Will of the late Mr Cecil Rhodes issue the following memorandum for the information of education authorities and intending candidates for Scholarships in New Zealand.

### *General Regulations*

A Rhodes Scholarship is tenable at Oxford University. After election a successful candidate has still to be accepted by a College of the University and by a Faculty. *There is no guarantee of a place and the award of the Scholarship is not confirmed by the Rhodes Trustees until the Scholar-elect has been accepted for admission by a College and a Faculty.*

Election to the scholarship is normally for two years. A scholarship may be renewed, at the complete discretion of the Trustees, for a third and final year for those who were initially admitted to Oxford on a recognised route to the DPhil (see below for details).

The Rhodes Trust will meet the cost of a Scholar's air travel, economy class, to and from the United Kingdom at the beginning and end of the Scholarship.

From October 2010 a Rhodes Scholar receives £11,730 sterling per year as a personal allowance in Oxford, fees being paid directly by the Trust to the College and University.

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

Three Rhodes Scholarships are allocated to New Zealand.

### *Conditions of Eligibility*

Candidates must:

- (a) be citizens of New Zealand or be British subjects with at least five years' domicile in New Zealand.
- (b) have graduated or be expected to graduate with a degree from a New Zealand university.
- (c) be of an age that they will have passed their nineteenth and not passed their twenty-fifth birthday by 1 October in the year for which they were elected.\*
- (d) have achieved academic training sufficiently advanced to assure completion of a Bachelor's degree by October in the year for which they were elected.

\*Note: The age requirement for candidates undertaking a MB,ChB course of study, and pre-registration year will be extended one year. Therefore they should have passed their nineteenth and not passed their twenty-sixth birthday by 1 October in the year for which they were elected.

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

### *Basis of Selection*

In considering applications, Committees of Selection will have regard to those qualities which Mr Rhodes expressly listed in order to define the type of Scholar he desired.

Proven intellectual and academic ability of a high standard is the first quality required of applicants, but they will also be required to show integrity of character, interest in and respect for their fellow beings, the ability to lead and the energy to use their talents to the full.

Mr Rhodes believed that the last of these qualities was best tested through participation and success in sports. Sporting prowess, however, is not essential if applicants demonstrate in other ways the physical vigour which will enable a Rhodes Scholar to make the effective contribution to the world around him or her which Mr Rhodes clearly expected in expressing the hopes that a Rhodes Scholar would come to “esteem the performance of public duties as his (her) highest aim”.

Financial need gives no special claim to a Rhodes Scholarship.

The Will lays down that “no students shall be qualified or disqualified for election to a Scholarship” because of “race or religious opinions”.

The Rhodes Trust and Oxford University require that selection for a Scholarship and for admission to the University will be ‘without regard to marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, sexual orientation, social background, or disability’.

In the absence of sufficiently qualified candidates a Selection Committee will make no nomination.

### *Method of Application*

Candidates for a Scholarship are required to apply to the Scholarships Office of the New Zealand university at which they graduated or are currently enrolled, by 1 August, using the prescribed application form.

Candidates should ensure that at least three of the six referees write about their academic ability and attainments and are aware that their references will be used in making application for admission to the University of Oxford and given the most rigorous scrutiny by admissions officers at Oxford.

Preliminary Committees of Selection at each university will summon a shortlist of candidates to a personal interview. Candidates nominated by preliminary Committees of Selection may then be invited to appear before the New Zealand Selection Committee in Wellington. No candidate will automatically be granted an interview by the New Zealand Selection Committee and no candidate will be elected without such interview save in the most exceptional circumstances.

### *Materials to be submitted by Candidates*

Candidates must comply strictly with the requirements prescribed by the application form.

### *Procedure after Selection*

On receiving notice of election Scholars must apply to the University of Oxford for the degree they wish to study. Full details of the Rhodes-online graduate application form will be given to successful candidates upon election. For those wishing to apply for a 2<sup>nd</sup> BA (with senior status over two years) a separate process applies and hard copy application must be submitted to Rhodes House by 3 December 2010. Full details will be provided to successful candidates.

In the meanwhile, candidates should explore in detail the Oxford University website, [www.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ox.ac.uk) and, specifically, the graduate Prospectus. Candidates will also find a wealth of information about specific courses on most departmental websites (accessed through the relevant page of the prospectus) and, by “drilling down” through the layers of information, candidates should find all the necessary information.

Candidates should also study carefully the details of materials that need to be submitted with their application to the University of Oxford. These requirements are set out clearly within the graduate prospectus [www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate\\_courses/index.html](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/index.html). For example, two pieces of written work are required for most Humanities and Social Sciences applications and GRE certificate is required for applications for Economics subjects.

Applications for graduate study will need to be submitted via the Rhodes-online application form in early January 2011.

The Scholar will come into residence at Oxford in October in the year following selection. Postponements will not be sanctioned except for those wishing to undertake clinical work at Oxford. Anybody wishing to attempt clinical medical work at Oxford must have fulfilled all the necessary obligations for registration since the General Medical Council has recently rejected a number of applications for temporary registration from doctors qualified overseas but who have travelled to Britain before acquiring the necessary professional experience. Before overseas qualified doctors are granted temporary registration, the Council requires them to have completed overseas an approved internship of 12 months' duration or equivalent appointments.

The first instalment of the Scholarship will be paid at the beginning of the Scholar's first term at Oxford. No request for earlier payment will be considered.

### **Courses open to Rhodes Scholars and detailed Conditions of Tenure**

The basic tenure of the Scholarship is two years, subject always, and at all times, to satisfactory academic performance and personal conduct. In some cases, and at the discretion of the Trustees, the Scholarship may be extended for a third year. In general, Scholars may enroll in:

- A one-year taught Master's degree, followed by another in their second year subject to a satisfactory outcome to the first year; Scholars who take two one-year Masters degrees are not eligible for a third year of funding;
- A two-year MPhil (or BPhil); subject to Department/Faculty agreement on the basis of performance in the MPhil/BPhil, a third year of funding may be given to convert the MPhil/BPhil into a DPhil (for those in the Humanities and Social Sciences only – see Note below);
- A two-year MSc by research; Scholars who take a two-year MSc by research are not eligible for a third year of funding;
- A DPhil either by the route of the preliminary MSt (Legal Research only) or as a Probationary Research Student (PRS); the third year of funding at the discretion of the Trustees will be dependent upon satisfactory reports from supervisors.
- Many one-year MSc's are in fact routes into doctoral work, and moreover Scholars sometimes discover the desire to do a DPhil in that field when working on the MSc. Scholars within the Humanities and Social Sciences Divisions and normally within the Medical Sciences Division (see Note below) may take such a route and receive a third year of funding (under the usual conditions) if they agree this with the Warden before the end of their first year. In the case of both MPhil/BPhil and MSc conversions to DPhil, it is necessary for the doctoral thesis to be clearly an outgrowth of work done in the Master's course, since beginning a wholly new topic inescapably leads to unfunded overruns.
- A BA with Senior Status (two years); Scholars who do a BA with Senior Status are not eligible for a third year of funding.

The MFE and the MBA are only tenable in the second year of tenure of the Scholarship.

#### Notes for any Scholar proceeding to the DPhil via a Master's degree

1. *Humanities & Social Sciences Divisions* - Most departments within the Humanities and Social Sciences insist on the Master's route to DPhil. In view of this insistence the Trust will underwrite the fourth year of fees for Scholars within these **two** Divisions.

The word “underwrite” is used quite deliberately. This presents quite an additional financial burden on the Trust, although the Trustees believe that it is necessary in order to give all Scholars the freedom to do the degrees they want to do. Therefore, if a Scholar is able to arrange for another sponsor for that fee, the Trust would hope that such a sponsor will assume the cost of the fee, leaving the Trust to underwrite those who cannot. Scholars are expected to make all reasonable efforts to secure such alternative funding.

2. *Medical Sciences Division* - Scholars may take the Master’s route to DPhil within most departments of the Medical Sciences Division. However, early advice should be sought from the Registrar of the Rhodes Trust in Oxford at [mary.eaton@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mary.eaton@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk).
3. *Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences Division* The Master’s route to DPhil is not open to candidates in the Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences Division. Candidates within these disciplines should apply direct to DPhil.

The Rhodes Trust reserves the right to vary these conditions at any time without notice.

Details of all courses at the University of Oxford are available on the University’s Web site at <http://www.ox.ac.uk>.

Copies of the annual Memorandum and application form may be obtained from the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors’ Committee or the Scholarships Officer of any university in New Zealand.

For further information on the Rhodes Trust and the Rhodes Scholarships  
Please visit: [www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk)