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Information Session

The Rhodes Scholarship for University of Calgary students

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Zoom Session

- We are recording this session. A link to the video will be made available to you after, if you missed any information. You will also receive an email with a PDF copy of these slides and a list of all the links we shared.
- We will make sure to leave time for questions at the end of the session.
- As questions come up, please feel free to send them to us in the Chat.
- You can send questions publicly to everyone in the Chat. Or, if you'd prefer, you can send your questions privately to Stephanie, who will be monitoring the chat during the session.



General Information

- The Rhodes Scholarships are funded by the estate of Cecil J. Rhodes and are considered one of the oldest and most prestigious international scholarships for outstanding scholars from any academic field of study.
- Rhodes Scholarships are tenable for postgraduate studies or a second bachelor's degree at Oxford University, for two years with the possible extension for a third year. The Scholarships cover all approved fees (such as matriculation, tuition, laboratory fees, and certain other set charges), in addition to living expenses.
- **Three scholarships are available in the Prairie Provinces.**



In the past 10 years, 9 UCalgary students have been named Rhodes Scholars

Selection Criteria

Cecil Rhodes's will specifies four selection standards:

- Literary and scholastic attainments;
- Energy to use one's talents to the full, as exemplified by fondness for and success in sports, athletics, community, art, etc.;
- Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness, and fellowship; and
- Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

In short, Rhodes Scholarship selection committees will be seeking young people of outstanding **intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service**. The Rhodes Scholarships support students who demonstrate a strong propensity to emerge as “leaders for the world’s future.”

Eligibility – 2022

- **a. Nationality/citizenship:** You must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
- **b. Education/residency:** You must be domiciled in Canada.
- **c. Age:** Upon 1 October 2021, you must meet either of the below criteria:
 - i. You must be at least 18 and have not reached your 24th birthday (i.e. you must have been born after 1 October 1997 and on or before 1 October 2003).
 - OR (for older candidates who completed their first undergraduate degree later than usual) ii. You must have not reached your 27th birthday (i.e. have been born after 1 October 1994) AND you have met or will meet the requirements for completion of your first degree must have been (or will be) awarded on or after 1 October 2020.
- **d. Academic achievement:** You must have completed (or will have completed by June / July 2022) an undergraduate degree from a college or university (normally a Bachelor's degree) to a sufficiently high standard to be admitted to postgraduate study at the University of Oxford.

University endorsement is required to compete for the Rhodes Scholarships in Canada.

The deadline is August 25, 2020. The application should be emailed to sap@ucalgary.ca



University of Calgary students are encouraged to meet with an advisor to discuss the application.



Manpreet Deol, 2020 Rhodes Scholar

Application Material

All University of Calgary applicants:

Due August 25, 2021

- Academic CV (2 pages)
- Personal Statement (1000 words)
- List of 6 names of references
- Unofficial transcript

UCalgary shortlisted candidates:

- Academic CV
- Personal Statement
- Reference letters (filled out forms)
- Official transcript
- Copy of passport
- Access code

What makes a competitive application?

The Academic Curriculum Vitae

“Provide a factual list of your principal activities and honours while at university (including scholarships, prizes, awards, offices held, athletic record and extra-curricular interests and activities) with dates.”

- Other items to include: research and publications; certificates; memberships and affiliations
- Chronological-Functional

The Personal Statement

“Provide a statement about your interests and activities, your proposed course at Oxford, and your present intentions and future career”

Past: What past skills, experiences brought you here today

Present: What are you doing now?

Future: How can this scholarship help you towards your career and life goals?

- 1000 words maximum
- Also used for college admission

References

- For all candidates: list references and include professional or institutional affiliation
- At least three should be persons under whom you have studied at the university
- At least four should comment upon your academic preparation and scholastic achievements.
- They should also be able to comment on: character and intellect of the applicant, including academic, personal, extra-curricular and leadership achievements
- Never include people to whom you are related

Info about programs at Oxford

Types of programs:

- Bachelors
- Masters: MSc, MPhil, MSt,
Master Taught/Master Research [no third-year funding]
Master of Philosophy [possible third-year funding]
- DPhil
- MFE (Financial Economics) and MBA

Advising Resources

For **academic advice** on courses of study, consult:

- Oxford online prospectuses, via www.ox.ac.uk;
- Faculty and advisors in appropriate UCalgary departments, schools, and research centers; and
- Potential advisors and instructors in appropriate Oxford departments, programs, and research centers.
- Rhodes Canada website, www.canadianrhodes.org

Final Thoughts

- Start your application early
- Reach out to referees
- Have courage to submit your application!

- Rhodes Application is (likely) due before any other applications you will be submitting for graduate/professional school.
- Completing Rhodes Application is a good way to get a start on all of your applications for the year.

Resources to help with your application

- I will be offering Zoom workshops on how to put together effective CVs and Personal Statements
 - Personal Statements: Monday, July 26, at 12:00 p.m., and Tuesday, August 3, at 5:00 p.m.
 - CVs: Wednesday, July 28, 12:00 p.m., and Wednesday, August 4, at 5:00 p.m.
- To book a spot, go to <https://careerlink.ucalgary.ca/home.htm>
 - After you have logged in, click “Student Success Centre,” then “SSC Events / Workshops.”

Other scholarship and funding possibilities

- Funding for research-based graduate studies
 - CIHR: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/193.html>
 - NSERC: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/index_eng.asp
 - SSHRC: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>
- McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill University:
 - <https://mccallmacbainscholars.org/>
- Sir James Lougheed Award of Distinction
 - <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/sir-james-lougheed-award-of-distinction/>

Need more assistance?

Book an appointment at the Student Success Centre

ucalgary.ca/ssc

Or enter the SSC virtual front desk (Mon – Fri, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)