

**Instructions for the University of Calgary**  
**Applications for the Rhodes Scholarship Competition 2020**  
*(These set of instructions cancels those issued for previous years)*

### About the Rhodes

The Rhodes Scholarships are funded by the estate of Cecil J. Rhodes (The Rhodes Trusts) 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.

Eleven Canadian Rhodes Scholars are chosen each year from among those nominated by Canadian universities across the country. Three of these scholarships are allotted to The Prairie Region (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta).

Please familiarize yourself with the [2020 Canadian Rhodes Scholarship Package](#). The Rhodes Canada document is the official information for candidates. The current document outlines the internal endorsement process for UCalgary students only.

### Eligibility

For the 2020 Scholarship, all candidates must:

- ✓ Nationality/citizenship: You must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada (students who are attending a Canadian university on a student visa are not eligible to apply)
- ✓ Education/residency: You must be domiciled in Canada
- ✓ Age: You must have reached your 19th and not have passed your 25th birthday on 1 October 2020, which means you must have been born after 30 September 1995 and on or before 1 October 2001
- ✓ Academic achievement: You must have completed (or will have completed by June / July 2020) 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. In this respect, please carefully note the requirements for your chosen course of study at Oxford.

As noted on the Rhodes website, Cecil Rhodes's vision in founding the Scholarship was to develop outstanding leaders who would be motivated to fight 'the world's fight' and to 'esteem the performance of public duties as their highest aim', and to promote international understanding and peace.

His will 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.

In short, 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 a strong propensity to emerge as “leaders for the world’s future.”

The Rhodes Scholarship does not require a specific grade point average; however, given the fierce competition for the Rhodes, candidates must have excellent academic records to be considered by the University of Calgary's Internal Rhodes Review Committee. In general, candidates with a 3.7 CGPA or higher are most competitive.

### Before Applying

Before applying, potential candidates should research the academic programs offered at Oxford. The strongest applicants are able to articulate their suitability for a program at Oxford that corresponds with their academic profile and aspirations. For further information, please visit the [Oxford website](#).

### Application

Overall, the application (including your interview if you are a finalist) must tell a *coherent narrative* of your life, your accomplishments, and how a Rhodes Scholarship will help you achieve your academic and professional aspirations.

All candidates enrolled at the University of Calgary must submit a **pre-application** and **internal screening** process and earn the institutional endorsement of University President, Dr. Ed McCauley. The Pre-application requires:

- (1) A **Personal Statement** of no more than 1000 words setting forth your general interests, activities, passions and aspirations: reasons for wishing to pursue a particular course of study at the University of Oxford; and a vision as to your future endeavors (what you hope to contribute to the world and/or your local community)

**Your personal statement must be clearly signed by you and must state under your signature: “This statement is my work alone, and no external assistance of any kind was received in its creation or editing.”**

- (2) A **Curriculum Vitae** listing your principal commitments and activities and should include details about scholarships, prizes, awards, leadership positions held, involvement in student life, community or political activities and any cultural, musical or sporting accomplishments. **This should not exceed two A4 (12 pt) pages in length.**
- (3) A photocopy of **Transcripts** (official copies are required for the official application, but not for the internal review).

- (4) The names and contacts of your **six possible referees**. Letters are not required for the Pre-application Package, but of course will be required should you be endorsed for the regional competition.

**Submit the application to [sap@ucalgary.ca](mailto:sap@ucalgary.ca) with the subject line: “Rhodes Scholarship Application”**

### Steps for successful internal applicants

If you are shortlisted by the University of Calgary Internal Rhodes committee, the official application requires:

- The Rhodes Online Application Form
- A Personal Statement of 1000 words (max)
- A Curriculum Vitae
- Official Transcripts
- Six References
- Birth Certificate/Passport (Evidence of Age)
- An Institutional Endorsement from the University President (if internally selected)

To submit your official application and/or register your referees, you must obtain an **authorization code** from the University of Calgary. A code will be provided once your Pre-application Package is approved by the Internal Rhodes Review Committee.

### Timeline and deadline

- **August 25, 2019:** Pre-application Package submission deadline to: [sap@ucalgary.ca](mailto:sap@ucalgary.ca) before midnight
- **September 10, 2019:** The UCalgary Internal Rhodes Review Committee meets to review all submissions and decides which applications will be endorsed by the University of Calgary. Students will be informed of their results by email, whether they are successful or not. Endorsed candidates will be given the authorization code to apply to the regional competition.
- **September 27, 2019:** The Rhodes Regional Selection Committee must have received the all application material
- **October 12, 2019:** Deadline for submitting reference letters
- **November 21-23, 2019:** Shortlisted candidates across the nation will be invited for an interview by the Rhodes Regional Selection Committee.

For complete details about the Rhodes application, please visit their [website](#).