**Rhodes Scholarship Internal Application**

**PLEASE REMOVE RED TEXT BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR FINAL VERSION TO THE NIFS OFFICE**

**For guidance about the application visit:**

<https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/media/46372/information-for-candidates-usa.pdf>

**1. Personal Details**

Family name:

First name:

Middle name:

Preferred name:

**2. Proposed Course of Study**

**Please enter the course of study you would like to pursue at Oxford (e.g. MPhil in Economics, DPhil in History).**

**3. Personal Statement** (750 words) This should be entirely your own work, with no assistance.

**In your personal statement of 750 words, we ask you to address each of the following prompts by weaving them into your statement (the word allocation across the three is up to you):**

1. **Which Rhodes Scholar quality do you display most strongly, and how are different contexts and people helping you to develop the other qualities?**
2. **What would you like to learn from and contribute to the Rhodes community in Oxford?**
3. **From your place in the world, how will you use your energy and talents to address humanity’s pressing challenges? Every statement is individual; there is no single, “right” model. For over 120 years personal statements have been diverse and ever-changing. Selectors are looking for an original portrait of you as a candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship.**

**In your personal statement we are asking you to reflect on your experiences, influences and intentions through the lens of the Rhodes Scholar qualities outlined in the three criteria: “Energy to use one’s talents to the full”; “Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship”; “Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one’s fellow human beings”. (Note that the fourth selection criterion of “Literary and scholastic attainments (academic excellence)” are evidenced in your transcript, academic statement of study and academic reference letters.)**

**4. Academic Statement of Study:** (350 words)

**You will need to write an academic statement of no more than 350 words. The reason we ask for an academic statement is that entry to the University of Oxford is becoming ever more competitive and, should you be selected for a Rhodes Scholarship, you will have to submit your application to Oxford within a very short timeframe. Researching and writing this statement will help you prepare for that. Rhodes selectors will use the statement to assess whether you will thrive academically in one of the most competitive graduate environments in the world. The academic statement of study should, in a factual and concise manner:**

1. **Tell us your reasons for wishing to study at the University of Oxford, what your chosen course(s) of study is (are), and how this fits in your academic trajectory. Further, you may wish to explain how you hope to be stretched academically at the University of Oxford, and any academic support you imagine might be helpful.**
2. **Demonstrate that you are able to, at a minimum meet or exceed the specific entry and other academic requirements of the course(s) you have chosen. Tell us how you are prepared for the course(s) academically and otherwise. It is very important that you have a firm idea of which courses are viable for you to study at the University of Oxford (if you are listing a one-year course, please give an indication of your intentions for the second year).**
3. **If you wish to undertake a DPhil, provide a brief outline of your proposed research area, how it contributes to your future career plans, and list both the Department in which you propose to undertake your research and one or more researchers with whom you would like to work in Oxford.**

**5. Recommenders**

**Reference #1 Preferred Academic Reference (faculty who has taught you/faculty mentor)**

Name:

Title/position (i.e., Assoc. Professor):

Department & College:

Institution:

Work address:

Work phone #:

Email:

**Reference #2 General Academic Recommender (faculty who has taught you)**

Name:

Title/position (i.e., Assoc. Professor):

Department & College:

Institution:

Work address:

Work phone #:

Email:

**Reference #3 General Academic Recommender (faculty who has taught you)**

Name:

Title/position (i.e., Assoc. Professor):

Department & College:

Institution:

Work address:

Work phone #:

Email:

**Reference #4 General Academic Recommender (faculty who has taught you)**

Name:

Title/position (i.e., Assoc. Professor):

Department & College:

Institution:

Work address:

Work phone #:

Email:

**Reference #5 General Academic Recommender (faculty who has taught you)**

Name:

Title/position (i.e., Assoc. Professor):

Department & College:

Institution:

Work address:

Work phone #:

Email:

**Reference #6 Additional Academic or Leadership/Service Recommender (can be non-MSU)**

Name:

Title/position (i.e., Assoc. Professor):

Department & College:

Institution:

Work address:

Work phone #:

Email:

**Reference #7 Leadership/Service Recommender (can be non-MSU)**

Name:

Title/position (i.e., Assoc. Professor):

Department & College:

Institution:

Work address:

Work phone #:

Email:

**Reference #8 Leadership/Service Recommender (can be non-MSU)**

Name:

Title/position (i.e., Assoc. Professor):

Department & College:

Institution:

Work address:

Work phone #:

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**6. CV** (2 pages, paste in)

**A full curriculum vitae (CV) which should include specific details about academic qualifications, prizes, scholarships, positions of leadership, employment positions, involvement in student, voluntary, community or political activities and any cultural, musical or sporting accomplishments. This should not exceed two letter size pages in length with a minimum 10 pt font.**