



RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

AUSTRALIAN WEBINAR, 6 May 2026

**Information for Australian Applicants in 2026,
for Entry to Oxford University in October 2027**

Rhodes Scholarships in Australia
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Today's webinar:

- Overview of scholarship, eligibility & process
 - Peter Kanowski, National Secretary for Australia
- Current & recent Scholar panellists
 - Samantha Climie (Tas 2023, environment)
 - Marcus Dahl (AAL 2020, law)
 - Oliver Douglas (SA 2024, history)
 - Ragavi Jayakumar (NSW 2025, medicine)
 - Caleb McKenna (WA 2024, engineering)
- Q&A – we'll respond later if we don't cover all
 - Elizabeth Leane, Deputy National Secretary for Australia

RHODES SCHOLARS are:

- **from 30+ countries, studying at Oxford University (100+ Scholars annually; including 9 Australians)**
- **‘like-hearted’ but not necessarily ‘like-minded’**
- **selected against 4 criteria, by distinguished committees of diverse membership:**
 - academic excellence (1st class Honours or equivalent, +)
 - character & leadership
 - commitment to service
 - energy to use their talents
- **as diverse as the ways by which those criteria are expressed**

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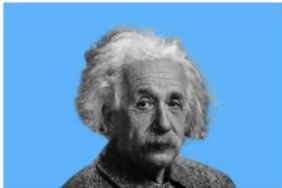




Introducing the Rhodes Class of 2026



Scholars Elect from the Class of 2026 announcing their selection.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS are not:

- (just) the stereotypes you've heard about ...

 <p>Myth Number One I'm not the "type" of person who wins a Rhodes Scholarship</p> <p>PLAY VIDEO</p>	 <p>Myth Number Two I have to be a genius to win a Rhodes Scholarship</p> <p>PLAY VIDEO</p>	 <p>Myth Number Three I have to be Sporty</p> <p>PLAY VIDEO</p>
 <p>Myth Number Four I need to have a precise and confident plan for my future</p> <p>PLAY VIDEO</p>	 <p>Myth Number Five The Rhodes Scholarship is elitist</p> <p>PLAY VIDEO</p>	 <p>Myth Number Six The Rhodes Scholarships aren't for people from my Uni</p> <p>PLAY VIDEO</p>

The Rhodes Scholarships Australia: Eligibility

1 I am an Australian citizen or permanent resident or refugee, AND I have completed at least two years at an Australian secondary school.

2 I will be under the age of 25 on 1 October 2026
OR
I will be under the age of 27 on 1 October 2026 AND
I completed my first degree on or after 1 July 2025

3 I will have completed an Australian Honours 1 degree or equivalent*, at First-class Honours or equivalent level by 1 July 2027.
(minimum GPA of > 6.75/7 or WAM 80% or equivalent)
[* unless I qualify for an exemption, in which case I can demonstrate similar performance]

4 I have not previously applied more than once;
and if so, I am applying in the same jurisdiction.

What does a Rhodes Scholarship provide?

A minimum of 2, and maximum of 3, years of full funding (fees, living stipend) for most full-time courses at Oxford University.
See: www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/conditions-of-tenure

Return airfares, medical insurance, visa & OU application fees

Participation in the Rhodes Programs for Scholars;
and a multitude of other Scholar activities.

Lifelong fellowship with Rhodes Scholars,
and with others you meet at Oxford.

A transformative life experience!

In Australia: 9 Scholarships annually

New South Wales

Queensland

South Australia

Tasmania

Victoria

Western Australia

Australian Commonwealth Territories

Australia at Large (3 scholarships)

- Apply either where you went to university or school, whichever is the stronger connection
- Interjurisdictional consideration: if you partly satisfy the criteria in 2+ Rhodes constituencies

Rhodes Scholarships Australia: 2026 timeline

- 1 Anytime until applications close – consult Secretariat/ Advisors**
www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/pages/rhodes-australia-team/
- 2 1 June – Applications open** (“where your connection is greatest”)
www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/applications/
- 3 11 August – Applications close**
Secretariat and Committee review; followed by Committee shortlisting
- For each State/ Territories (specific dates vary):
4 Early-Mid-September – Shortlisting/ Interview invitations
Mid-September/ early October – Interviews + Election/ Referral
- For Australia at Large – candidates nominated from #4:
5 Mid-late October – Interviews + Election

The Rhodes Scholarships Australia: How do I apply?

See: www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/application-overview/

Applications open 1 June 2026 and close 11 August 2026 at 23.59 AEST. You will need:

- evidence you meet eligibility criteria
- your academic transcripts
- an academic statement of study (450 words)
- a personal statement (1000 words)
- a 3-page CV
- 5 references (of which 3 are academic).

Referees must be consulted well ahead of the deadline!

See: *Information for Candidates – Australia*

at www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/applications/australia/



AUSTRALIA

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AUSTRALIA

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

This document is a guide to the application and selection process for the Rhodes Scholarship. Please read this carefully to make sure that you are applying to the right constituency and meet all of the eligibility criteria. You will also find important information about how to apply and what you will need to submit an application.

This information is for candidates applying to the 2027 Rhodes Scholarship through the Australia constituency, for entry in October 2027 to the University of Oxford, in the United Kingdom.

Key Dates

Applications Open: 00:01 AEST, Monday 01 June 2026

Applications Close: 23:59 AEST, Tuesday 11 August 2026

Reference Deadline: 23:59 AEST, Tuesday 11 August 2026

Application Process

Navigate below to understand each stage of the application process.

1. The Rhodes Scholarship

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- The Rhodes Scholarship

- History of the Rhodes Scholarship

2. Selection Criteria

3. Check Your Eligibility and Apply

Information Sessions

FAQs

The Rhodes Scholarship

When different people come together in a shared spirit, an exciting new journey begins. The Rhodes Scholarship is a life-changing postgraduate opportunity to join outstanding young people from around the world to study at the University of Oxford.

Applications for the Rhodes Scholarship 2026 are now closed. You can [sign up to our mailing list](#) to be notified when applications reopen in 2026, for entry to University of Oxford in 2027.



What is the Rhodes Scholarship?

A life-changing opportunity for postgraduate study at Oxford University



What does the Rhodes Scholarship cover?

Costs covered by the Scholarship

www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/the-rhodes-scholarship/

See also the 2026 video – [“Why apply ...”](#)



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Please review all the information & guidance at:

www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/the-rhodes-scholarship/
(see *Information for Candidates – Australia*)

Please follow up with:

- **the Rhodes Secretariat in your State/ Territory**
- **the Advisor at your university**

Listing at: www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/pages/rhodes-australia-team/

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