



Harvard College  
**Canadian Rhodes Scholarship**  
2022-2023 Application for Institutional Endorsement

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:**

Cecil J. Rhodes, the British colonial pioneer and statesman, dreamed of improving the world through the diffusion of leaders motivated to serve their contemporaries, trained in the contemplative life of the mind, and broadened by their acquaintance with one another and by their exposure to cultures different from their own. Mr. Rhodes believed that, in addition to its eminence in the world of learning, Oxford University—with its emphasis on individualized instruction and on the community life provided by residential colleges—offered an environment highly congenial to personal and intellectual development.

Mr. Rhodes wished his Scholars to benefit from education at Oxford and to return, enriched by their experience, to contributive careers in their home countries, without losing the affection for the University of Oxford and for the United Kingdom, which he believed that experience would nurture. The Scholarships are for this reason best seen as long-term investments in the growth of promising young persons and in the encouragement of ever-closer international relations.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must be graduating Harvard College seniors or alumni under the age of 25 as of October 1 of the year of application, and must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents whose permanent address is in Canada.

**Benefits:**

Eleven Scholarships are assigned annually to Canadian candidates grouped into six regions. Successful candidates will be placed in departments at Oxford University, according to the candidates' preference insofar as possible. Scholarships cover all tuition fees plus a maintenance stipend of not less than £14,276 per year for two or three years. \*In some cases a fourth year may be undertaken, but the scholarship will be reduced for that time. The Rhodes Trust will assist successful candidates with their traveling expenses to and from Oxford.

**Selection Criteria:**

The criteria which Mr. Rhodes set forth in his will still guide Committees of Selection in their assessment of applicants. The will contains four standards by which prospective Rhodes Scholars should be judged:

- 1) literary and scholastic attainments;
- 2) energy to use one's talents to the full;
- 3) truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship;
- 4) moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

Underlying these standards is the aim that Scholars be physically, intellectually, and morally capable of leadership, that is, persons who will "esteem the performance of public duties as [their] highest aim." From this statement one may infer that Scholars should plan to play an influential part in the betterment of society, wherever their careers might lead them. Mr. Rhodes wanted the administrators of his Will to seek out those qualities of excellence in young people which would contribute to "the world's fight."

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND ORGANIZE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR YOUR APPLICATION:**

■ **APPLICATION FORM**

Complete the online CARAT information, which will become your application cover sheet.

■ **CURRENT TWO-PAGE RESUME**

Indicate activities, interests, achievements, and work that demonstrate your values and trajectory. Do not exceed two pages.

■ **CURRENT UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

Download your unofficial transcript from [my.harvard.edu](http://my.harvard.edu).

■ **ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONS**

In lieu of submitting your personal statement, answer the following 3 questions in no more than two pages total (single spaced.) Each question should be clearly labeled (“Question 1”, “Question 2”, etc.) **DO NOT SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT.**

- What is your interest in Oxford, and more specifically your choice of academic program? How does this selection inform your academic trajectory and probable professional goals?
- Provide an example of your leadership skills and/or service experience and elaborate on the broader impact of the contribution you made.
- Consider the new Rhodes essay prompt reference to “self/others/world.” What is important for the endorsement committee to know about you?

■ **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

GIVEN THE TIMING OF THIS APPLICATION, WE STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU GIVE AT LEAST THREE WEEKS NOTICE WHEN REQUESTING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. You will only need to submit two letters of recommendation for the Harvard Endorsement round. If you are awarded Harvard endorsement, all letters (including these initial two) should then be uploaded to the Rhodes national submission portal (on their website). Letters should comment on the suitability of your candidacy for a Rhodes Scholarship, especially in view of the selection criteria elaborated on the [Rhodes Scholarship website](#). They should be addressed to the “Canadian Rhodes Scholarship Endorsement Committee” and submitted online by your recommenders.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **LOG IN TO [CARAT](#) USING YOUR HARVARD KEY** and confirm that your profile information is correct.
2. **BROWSE FOR THE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY AND CLICK “APPLY”**  
Fill out all required fields.
3. **REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS (via “References” tab)**  
Once you have provided name (Last, First) and contact information for your recommenders, **YOU MUST CLICK “Send Reference Request”** under each recommender’s entry in order for CARAT to send the notification to your recommender’s email. **“Save and Next” will NOT submit your recommendation requests.**
4. **UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS**  
All documents must be submitted concurrently, in PDF format. No supplementary materials will be accepted.
5. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION (via “Submission” tab)**  
Enter your HUID and click “Submit”. The date and time of your submission will be noted, and late applications will not be accepted.

If you or your recommenders have questions about this application or the online submission process, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at (617) 495-5095 or [fellowships@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:fellowships@fas.harvard.edu).

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## CANADIAN RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

### Requirements for the Personal Statement

The Rhodes Scholarship application asks you to provide a 750-word personal statement. The personal statement is not part of the Harvard endorsement application. Your personal statement should address the following 3 prompts, and we provide explicit and expanded guidance in the Information for Candidates, as follows:

**1. “Self”: Which Rhodes Scholar quality do you display most strongly, and how are other contexts and people helping you to develop the others?**

This is asking applicants to reflect on the Rhodes selection criteria, the unique Rhodes qualities we are looking for. We don’t expect candidates to be the ‘finished product’ - we want to hear how you intend to evolve.

**2. “Others”: What would you like to learn from the Rhodes and wider community in Oxford?**

This is asking you to reflect on the relationship between self and community, and to explore what you want to learn from the various communities you will join and encounter in Oxford, and how you hope to grow through that experience.

**3. “World”: From your place in the world, what is humanity’s greatest need?**

This is asking you to look at the world from the place you are now, your specific context, and to reflect on what is missing in society, whilst considering the complexity and nuance of the world’s challenges. We are seeking in Rhodes Scholars people who aspire to make a difference and contribute in some way to “fighting the world’s fight.” Here we want to know your thoughts on what is most needed in the world.

For additional personal statement writing guidelines, please read the [U.S. Information for Candidates website](#), [Canada Information for Candidates website](#), or [Global Information for Candidates website](#).

**You must independently write and edit your Rhodes Scholarship personal statement.** Do not ask anyone for assistance when writing or editing your personal statement or your candidacy may be at risk.

From the Rhodes Scholarship: “Your personal statement should be wholly accurate, and written in your own words from your own perspective. Material misrepresentation will result in disqualification of an application or, where appropriate, the rescinding of a scholarship. It should be entirely your own work, with no assistance received. Through the online application form you will be asked to confirm that the entered / uploaded personal statement is accurate, is your own work and that no external help was given in its creation or editing.”