Rhodes Scholarship
Campus Application Instructions

For US and Canadian citizens, US permanent resident aliens, those from US territories, or those with US DACA status

For all others, follow the country instructions

APPLICANT CAMPUS DEADLINE: 31 August 2018
RECOMMENDER CAMPUS DEADLINE: 7 September 2018

The following instructions pertain only to citizens and permanent resident aliens of the United States and US Territories (www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/united-states) and Canada (www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/canada)

Citizens of all other Rhodes eligible countries should check the Rhodes website regarding their eligibility for application as a student in the US

Step 1: Register/Create a Rhodes Application Account:
http://www.rhodesscholar.org/applying-for-the-scholarship/

• IMPT: Only create the account at this time. DO NOT submit anything, including the names of your recommenders, until your application is approved by Dean Goldberg! This is VERY IMPORTANT. We cannot provide you with the necessary letter of institutional endorsement without first approving your application prior to its submission!!!!

• Once you have created an account, you may save your work, but DO NOT submit it using the electronic Rhodes application system, even if you believe it is complete. Dean Goldberg, on behalf of the Campus Selection Committee, will let you know when you may electronically submit your application. Until that time, we prefer that you work on your application off-line.

• DO NOT register the names of your recommenders at this time. Once you submit their names/register them using the on-line application, the application program manager will contact those individuals requesting that they submit their letters of recommendation on-line. Once a letter is submitted on-line, it is very difficult for a recommender to retrieve and/or revise the letter.
Step 2: Submit the following materials to Dean Goldberg no later than 31 August 2018 using the “Submit Materials” tab on our website.

1. A signed/dated copy of the Nomination Permission Waiver Form found on our website’s Submit Materials tab.

2. A detailed Resume/CV with Dates (no more than 2 pages)
   The resume/CV should include a pertinent list of college and other activities, leadership positions, honors (including prizes and scholarships), research, publications, conferences attended, etc.

3. The names, email addresses and reasons for selecting each of your 5 - 8 individuals (★6, if you are a Canadian citizen) who have agreed to write you STRONG letters of recommendation in support of your Rhodes application. At least 4 of those 5-8 LORs must be from individuals who have taught or supervised your work while in college. (For Canadian applicants, 3 of those letters must be from individuals who have supervised your work while in college and of the six letters, 4 must comment on your academic preparation for study at Oxford.)

4. A Personal Statement of no more than 1000 words. Submit this essay as a WORD document.
   The personal statement is your chance to tell your story in your own voice: Who are you? What matters to you? What are you hoping to do in the world? It complements your academic transcript, your curriculum vitae and your reference letters—these items (transcripts, CV and LORs) will provide the substantive detail of your commitments and accomplishments. The essay gives you the opportunity to cast the overarching narrative for the selection committee. You can find further guidance on the personal statement on the Rhodes Completing Your Application page of their website.

Please ensure that your personal statement:

- Addresses your general interests and activities. What inspires you? What are your passions?
- Discusses your aims and priorities, as well as the contributions you have made and hope to make to the world and/or your local community.
- Tells us which course / courses you are most attracted to at the University of Oxford and why.
  - You may apply for postgraduate courses or to do a second undergraduate degree (Second BA with Senior Status)
  - It is important that you have a firm idea of which course / courses are viable for you to study at Oxford - not all University of Oxford courses are covered by the Rhodes Scholarship.
  - Additional sources of information are available online at http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions, as well as on individual faculty/departmental websites.
  - If you are selected for the Scholarship you will have the opportunity to revisit your course choice.
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- Demonstrates that you are able to meet the entry and application requirements of the specific course you have chosen. Please read the Oxford graduate studies course pages carefully: http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate;
- If you wish to undertake a DPhil (doctorate), you should provide a brief outline of your proposed research area, how it contributes to your future career plans, and list one or more researchers with whom you would like to work in Oxford.
- If you wish to undertake a research masters, you may want to include your proposed research area and explain how the course and research contributes to your future career plans.

Your personal statement should be entirely your own work, with no assistance received.

The online application form will ask you to verify and sign that your personal statement is your own work and that no external help was given in its creation or editing.

**Remember:** Do not submit anything using the Rhodes on-line application at this time! Work off-line until told to do otherwise by Dean Goldberg.

**Step 3:** This information is for your Recommenders.

**Their draft LORs should be emailed directly to Dean Goldberg as WORD attachments and are due by 7 September 2018.**

- Letters may be DRAFT/Preliminary letters, and are for the purposes of the Campus Selection Committee at this time.

★We ask that recommenders refrain from submitting their letters through the Rhodes electronic application program at this time. If, however, they mistakenly do so, please ask that they provide Dean Goldberg with a copy of their letter.

The reason we ask that they refrain from submitting their LORs directly onto the Rhodes application website is because this your application will probably be revised, sometimes substantially, after meeting with the Campus Committee and you will want your letters of recommendation to reflect your revised proposal. Even minor discrepancies can hurt your application.

Moreover, once a letter has been electronically uploaded into the application program, it is difficult to retrieve and revise that letter. The best advice, therefore, is to have recommenders refrain from officially submitting their letters using the Rhodes application until later in the application process.

- Information on what scholarship committees like to see in letters of recommendation is available on the Rhodes website. Additionally, Dean Goldberg will be happy to speak with recommenders regarding their Rhodes letter of recommendation.

- Remember: Letters are a critically important component of both the Campus Selection and Endorsement process as well as the regional/official selection process. If the letter is submitted on-line using the Rhodes electronic application system prior to the campus selection process, your application will be disadvantaged. Therefore, PLEASE, PLEASE have your recommenders refrain from submitting their letters directly to the Rhodes Scholarship until the Campus Selection and Endorsement process is completed!!!
Questions:

If you or your recommenders have any questions about the Rhodes Scholarship or campus application process, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Goldberg at goldbeja@lafayette.edu, externalscholarships@lafayette.edu, or 610.330.5067.