



The Rhodes Scholarship

**Information for Applicants in 2020 for Entry to
Oxford in October 2021**

What is the Rhodes Scholarship?



- **The Rhodes Scholarship programme was established in 1903 and is one of the most prestigious international scholarship programs in the world.**
- **Rhodes Trust offer fully-funded scholarships for postgraduate study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.**
- **Each year, 9 Australian Rhodes Scholars from Australia are selected to study at Oxford.**
- **The scholarships is a life changing opportunity for exceptional young people with the potential to make a difference for good in the world.**

**Academic achievement
and excellence.**



**What do we look for in
a Rhodes Scholar?**



**The courage and skills
required to lead with a
wider desire for public
good.**



**Ambition for impact,
clarity of purpose, and
intrinsic motivation. A
commitment to make a
difference for good in the
world.**

What do you study at the University of Oxford?



You can study loads of different things! Here are just a few examples...

Environmental Change and Management

Musculoskeletal Sciences

Computer Science

Geography and the Environment

Historical Studies

Literature and Arts

International Development

Fine Art

Biodiversity, Conservation and Management

Cuneiform Studies

Chemistry

Law

Music Composition

African Studies

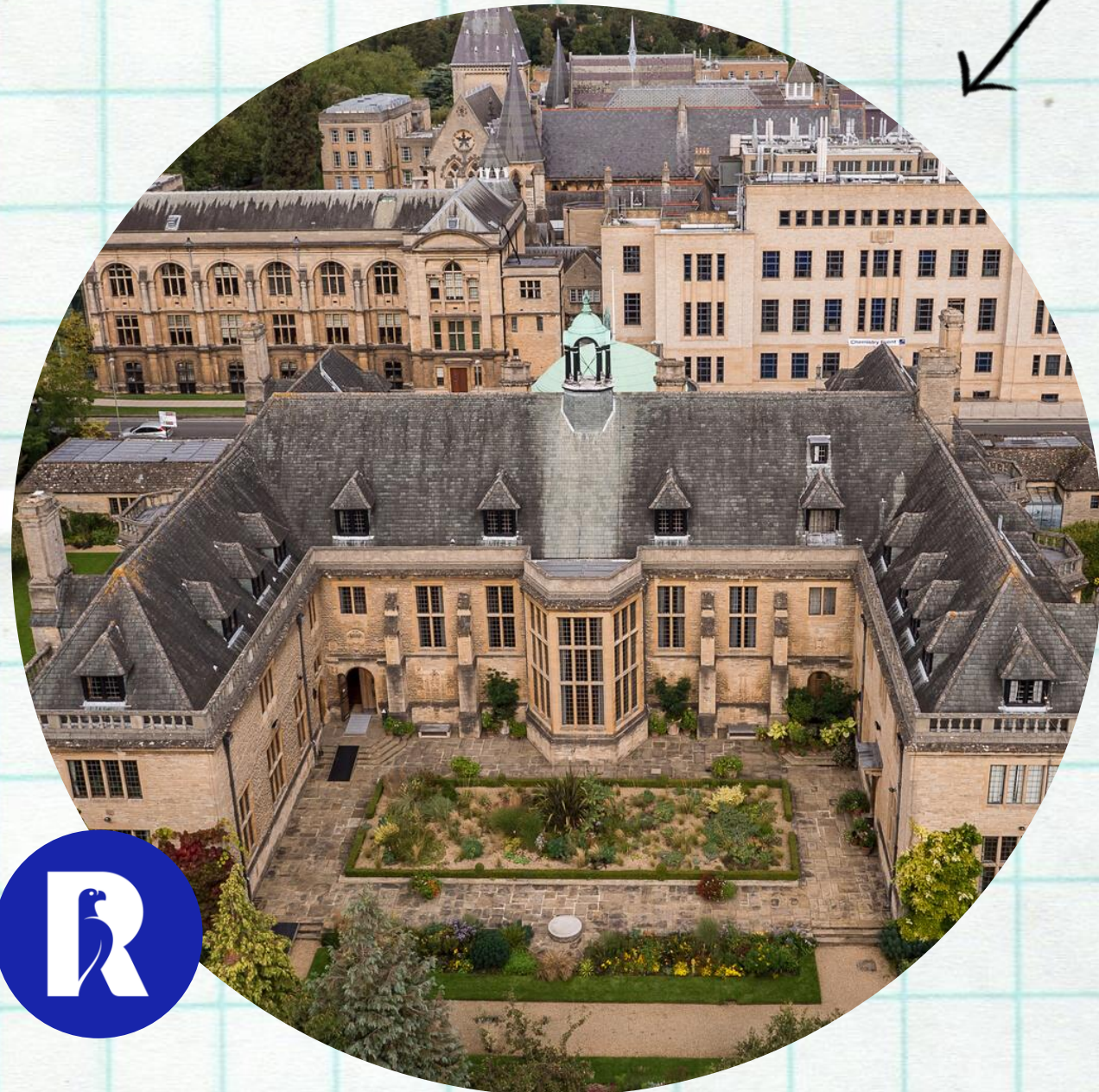
Economics

Astrophysics



Rhodes House

Unlike other Oxford University Students you'll have Rhodes House...



It's where the Registrar, the Dean and the Warden are based!



Rhodes House hosts talks, seminars and forums.



There are study spaces, libraries and social events where you will meet other Rhodies.

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My first year at Oxford has been a whirlwind of sunshine, rain, wind and snow...In retrospect I can say that I enjoyed exam season, it really brought me closer to my community here at Oxford and made me call Rhodes House home as I spent most of my days in Roseberry studying, napping and procrastinating.

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Maitha AlMemari (UAE & University 2018)



Eligibility Criteria

- ✔ **Nationality/citizenship: You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident**
- ✔ **Education/residency: You must have completed at least two years of schooling at an Australian secondary school**
- ✔ **Age: Upon 1 October 2020, you must meet either of the below criteria:**
 - **You must be at least 18 and have not reached your 25th birthday (i.e. you must have been born after 1 October 1995 and on or before 1 October 2002)**
 - **OR (for older candidates who completed their first undergraduate degree later than usual) You must have not reached your 27th birthday (i.e. have been born after 1 October 1993) AND you have met or will meet the requirements for completion of your first degree on or after 1 July 2019**

Academic Eligibility Criteria



- ✓ **Academic achievement: Your academic achievement must be outstanding, as demonstrated by:**
 - 1. an Australian Bachelor's degree, with or without Honours (Australian Qualifications Framework levels 8 or 7)**
 - 2. an Australian Masters degree (Australian Qualifications Framework levels 9 or 9E)**
 - 3. an international equivalent of one of the above degrees**
- ✓ **Achievement of a GPA of at least 6.75/7, Weighted Average Mark of 80%, or equivalent, in your degree(s)**
- ✓ **Completion of your degree by no later than 30 June 2021**

What are the key qualities of a Rhodes Scholar? (Selection Criteria)

- **Academic excellence**
- **Energy to use your talents to the full - as demonstrated by mastery in areas such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits, including where teamwork is involved. (Extra-curricular activities)**
- **Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship (Community Service)**
- **Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in your fellow human beings (Leadership)**



The Application – Curriculum Vitae

Organise your CV against the selection criteria of the Rhodes Scholarships. This is stated in the Information for Candidates – Australia document.

- 1. Academic Achievements**
- 2. Extra-curricular activities - mastery in areas such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits, including where teamwork is involved.**
- 3. Community Service - Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship**
- 4. Leadership – elected leadership positions and/or examples of initiatives you have led, change you have identified and actioned.**



The Application – Personal Statement



The notes for guidance advise that in their personal statements a candidate should:

1. Addresses your general interests and activities. What inspires you? What are your passions?

2. Discusses your aims and priorities and the contributions you have made and hope to make to the world and/or your local community.

3. Tells us your reasons for wishing to study at the University of Oxford, which course / courses you would wish to pursue and why.

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Your leadership vision

Articulating your vision of leadership and service is very important. Why should the opportunity of a Rhodes scholarship be given to you? Your personal statement should address this:

- What is one of the challenges facing our world that you care about - at a local, national or global level? Why is it important?**
- How will you be part helping to address that challenge? What is your vision for tackling it? Why kind of new approach, for example, is needed?**
- What have you done so far in your career that shows this is something you care about?**
- How does study at Oxford fit into that picture? And what will it enable you to do afterwards?**

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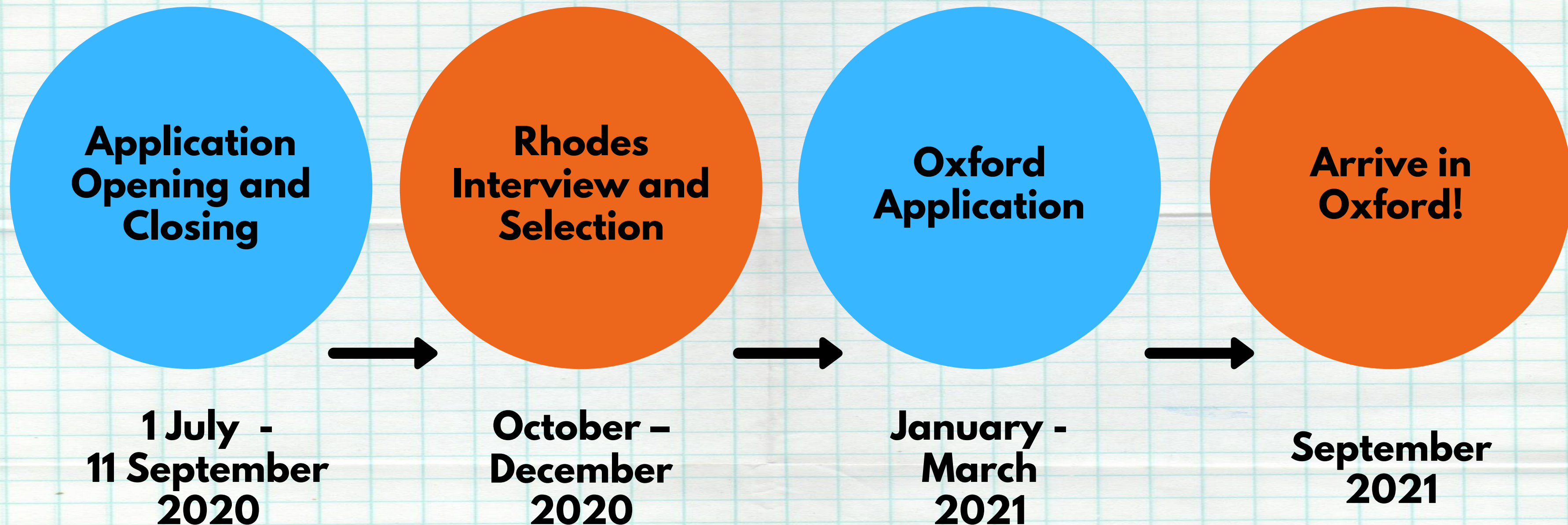
Still Unsure Where to Start?

If you are struggling to know how to begin, think about a meaningful event that set you on your pathway - this is often a good way to open your personal statement:

- **What is the turning point in your life?**
- **What is a time when you look back and decided that you were passionate about this challenge facing society?**
- **What did you then do about it?**



Important Dates

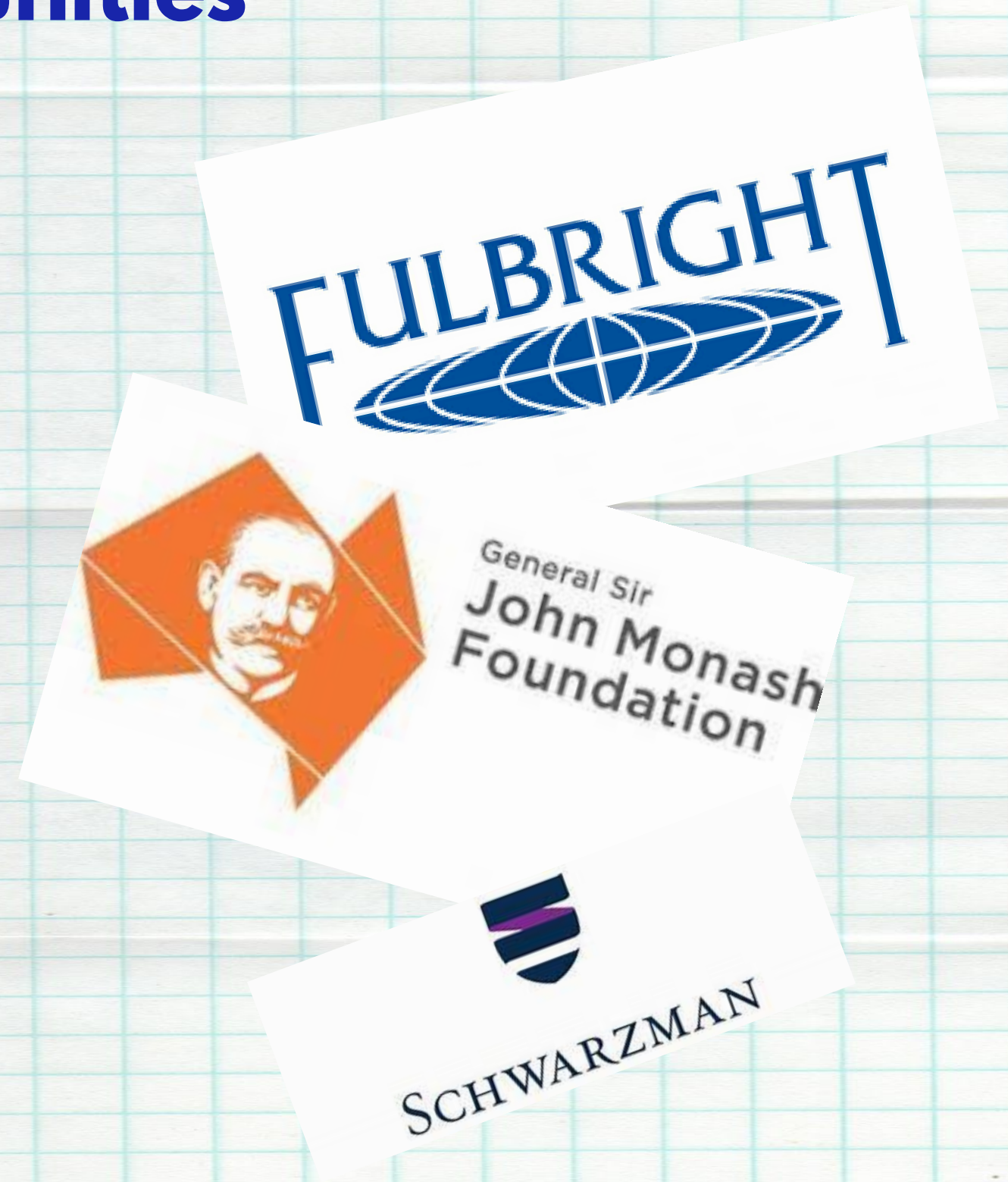


Other Opportunities

Sir John Monash Scholarships

Fulbright Scholarships

Schwarzman Scholarships



More Information

Your university has a network advisor, you can find their details on the Rhodes Trust Website

You can find more information on the Rhodes NSW website - uts.edu.au/RhodesNSW – including FAQs

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