



THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP 2012

PAKISTAN

MEMORANDUM

FOR ELECTION FOR 2012 ONLY

(This Memorandum cancels those issued for previous years)

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This document assumes that you have read and are familiar with the basic admission criteria for the Rhodes Scholarships, available on the main Rhodes website. For detailed conditions of tenure, view the document at <http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/files/Conditions-of-Tenure-2011.pdf>

1. Closing date

- a. Your application must be submitted hand delivered, couriered, or posted on or before 31st August 2011.

2. Eligibility criteria

- a. You must have achieved a First Class Bachelor's Degree in the Arts, Humanities or Sciences (including Law, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Computer Science etc) from any Pakistani University. Candidates who have appeared in the Final Degree examination and expect to get first division and have an exceptionally bright academic record may also apply. They will be considered only if the result is conveyed to the Selection Committee by 30th September 2011.
- b. You must be a citizen of Pakistan.
- c. You must be of such an age that you will have passed your 19th and not have passed your 25th birthday on 1 October 2012.
- d. The Rhodes Trust and Oxford University require that selection for a Scholarship and for admission to the University will be without regard to marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, sex and gender, religion, sexual orientation, social background, disability, caste or other irrelevant distinction.
- e. A selection committee will make no nomination if it is of the opinion that there is no sufficiently qualified candidate.

3. Application procedure

- a. A paper application form is available from the Secretary at PO Box 2939, Islamabad. Telephone: +92 51 282 4520. Alternatively, you may download an application form to print off and complete from <http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/pakistan>. Once you have completed this form, please post the form and all other material to the above address.
- b. The Selection Committee will invite candidates they wish to see to a personal interview. No candidate will be selected without a personal interview. The Selection Committee will typically meet in Lahore or Islamabad, on a date which will be notified to the candidates concerned. The granting of an interview is entirely within the discretion of the Committee and no candidate has the right to demand one. (If a candidate has not received any communication by 1st December 2011, they must assume their application has been unsuccessful). Travel expenses will be paid by the Rhodes Trust, covering the round trip cost of either a First Class rail ticket or an Economy Class air fare, but excluding hotel expenses.

4. Information to be submitted with application

- a. You must submit a completed application form in hard copy (see 3(a) above) with the documents and information detailed below:
 - i. A birth certificate (photocopy is satisfactory)
 - ii. A copy of either a Matriculation Certificate or an extract from the University Register, formally certified by the Registrar of the University Board. This will serve as evidence of your age.
 - iii. Certified copies of course taken and degrees, honours and other academic distinctions obtained. All evidence must be formally certified by the Registrar, or other Responsible Officer, of the University.
 - iv. Two passport sized photographs of yourself. These must be head and shoulder colour photographs of good quality, un-mounted and 12cm x 10cm.
 - v. Details of any employment or enterprise you have undertaken during your studies or thereafter.
 - vi. A statement, completed in the candidate's own handwriting in English, which should not exceed 1000 words, which should explain:
 1. Details of what you have achieved: your secondary school career; your college or university career; your involvement in student or community affairs, cultural, sporting or political activities; your leadership roles; and any other significant achievements or involvements.
 2. Your general interests and activities and what you plan to do with your life once you have completed your studies. In this statement you get a chance to discuss your aims and priorities and the contribution you have made and would like to make to society.

3. Indicate the course of study and degree you wish to follow at Oxford. Also demonstrate that you are able to meet the requirements of the specific course you have chosen.

Please note that your personal statement is a very important part of your application. Please avoid a diffuse or rhetorical style, or excessive curtness.

It is essential that you have considered what course and degree you wish to follow at Oxford before you submit your application. It is a good idea to discuss your proposed course of study with your professors or lecturers in that field, and, if possible, with someone who has knowledge of United Kingdom universities. Additional sources of information are the current issues of the *University of Oxford Graduate Prospectus* and the *University of Oxford Undergraduate Prospectus* available online at <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions>, as well as departmental websites.

The personal statement will be read not only by the Selection Committee but also by the Oxford College to which the candidate applies for admission.

Candidates are also advised that it is a requirement of admission to all post-graduate, and some other courses, to submit samples of written work. The regulations concerning this can be found in the *Oxford Graduate Studies Prospectus*. Some courses also require successful completion of the GRE or GMAT. Applicants wishing to undertake a DPhil must provide a brief outline of their proposed research.

- vii. A list of four people (your referees) who can be contacted by the selection committee for further detailed information about you:
 1. Furnish the business and home (or mobile) telephone and fax numbers as well as the postal and email addresses of all your referees.
 2. Choose reliable people who are likely to respond to requests for written reports as their reports will be crucial to your application. Ask their permission before listing them as referees.
 3. At least three of your referees should be academics who have taught you and who can comment on your academic ability and how well they think you would fare at Oxford.
 4. Other referees should be persons who are able to comment critically on whether you fulfil the requirements Rhodes set out in his Will. A good referee is one who knows you well, rather than a well-known person who only knows you superficially. It is not advisable to get close contemporaries or personal friends to be referees.

It is neither necessary nor desirable to include certificates or testimonials other than those required.

- viii. Include your home address, mobile phone number and email address.
- ix. All documents must be in English or English translations must be provided.
- x. CD-Rom and emailed applications will not be accepted.

- xi. If submitting a paper application, please remember that all documents you submit have to be photocopied, so do not bind, staple or clip them in a folder.
- b. Interviews: Applicants who cannot be at the relevant selection committee interviews will not be considered. For your guidance the selection committees usually meet at the end of November.
- c. The successful candidate will be required to obtain a medical certificate, on a special form which will be supplied by the Secretary of the Selection Committee, from a Civil Surgeon or other doctor appointed by the Selection Committee. The Rhodes Trustees reserve the right to cancel the selection of any candidate who does not successfully pass the medical examination and in that case, the Selection Committee may, at its discretion, nominate another candidate or declare the election void for that year.
- d. The successful candidate will receive a stipend of £1,025 per month for the duration of the course, plus all college and university fees.

For further information about the Rhodes Trust and the Rhodes Scholarships, see www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk and <http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/page/pakistan>

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