



2026 Rhodes Scholarship, U.C. Berkeley Campus Application Instructions
Campus Deadline: Noon, Friday, August 8, 2025

Late Materials will not be accepted!

Applicants must be nominated by UC Berkeley's Rhodes Scholarship Committee to be considered by the Rhodes Trust. The August campus deadline allows the Berkeley committee time to carefully review applications and select those nominees who seem most competitive before the Rhodes Trust's early October nomination deadline.

Applicants should make an **individual advising appointment** with Alicia Hayes, the Rhodes campus representative, as soon as possible at ourscholarships@berkeley.edu.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- **Rhodes Scholarships Common Application** (available at <https://form.jotform.com/221304762820145>)
(Please note that the application components are subject to change)
- **Personal statement** (1000 words) - an integrated response to these three prompts:
 1. Which Rhodes Scholar quality do you display most strongly, and how are different contexts and people helping you to develop the other qualities?
 2. What would you like to learn from and contribute to the Rhodes community in Oxford?
 3. From your place in the world, how will you use your energy and talents to address humanity's pressing challenges?
- **Academic study statement** (350 words) - The academic statement of study should:
 1. Tell us your reasons for wishing to study at the University of Oxford, what your chosen course(s) of study is (are), and how this fits into your academic trajectory. Furthermore, you may wish to explain how you hope to be stretched academically at the University of Oxford, and any academic support you imagine might be helpful
 2. Demonstrate that you are able to, at a minimum meet or exceed the specific entry and other academic requirements of the course(s) you have chosen. Tell us how you are prepared for the course(s) academically and otherwise.
 3. If you wish to undertake a DPhil, provide a brief outline of your proposed research area, how it contributes to your future career plans, and list both the Department in which you propose to undertake your research and one or more researchers with whom you would like to work in Oxford.
- **CV/List of principle activities** (No more than two pages)
- **Transcripts** from all colleges and universities you have attended. (Unofficial copies are acceptable and preferred for the campus selection process)
- **Five to eight letters of recommendation (at least four from academics from whom you have received undergraduate or graduate instruction)** - Choose reliable people who are likely to respond to your request for a detailed reference, as their letters will be crucial to your application. - to be submitted at <https://form.jotform.com/221304875947160>. Recommenders can receive guidance on writing the letter at <https://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/media/46349/usa-guidance-for-referees.pdf>

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