



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
SANTA CRUZ

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP



Application Instructions | **2021-2022**

Campus Pre-Application Deadline: June 10, 2021

Application Materials Deadline: Noon, Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Applicants should make an advising appointment with Gabi Schmiegel, gschmieg@ucsc.edu.

Applicants are required to obtain an institutional endorsement before applying to the Rhodes Scholarship Program. The UC Santa Cruz selection committee makes endorsement decisions for the University.

To apply for UC Santa Cruz endorsement, you must submit the following:

1. Complete the [2021 Rhodes Scholarship Pre-Application form](#) by **June 10, 2021**
2. Upon UCSC approval, complete the [2021 Rhodes Scholarship online application](#) by **noon PST August 17, 2021**
The application will be available starting July 1, 2021. **Application includes:**
 - **Personal Statement:** (1,000 words maximum) describing who you are, what matters to you, what you are hoping to do in the world. This will influence the overall narrative for the selection committee. Make sure to also address:
 - * General interests and activities. What inspires you? What are your passions?
 - * Discuss your aims and the contributions you have made and hope to make to the world and your local community.
 - * Reasons for your choice of study course at Oxford. Applicants hoping to read for a Doctorate degree should give an outline proposal of the research they wish to undertake and with whom they would like to work.
 - * Demonstrate that you meet entry and application requirements for the proposed major at Oxford.
 - * Your personal statement should be accurate and a fair representation of your story, written in your own words. Material misrepresentation will result in disqualification and, where appropriate, the rescinding of a scholarship. It should be entirely your own work, with no assistance received.
 - **Full CV:** (2 pg max, no less than 10pt font) including details about academic qualifications, prizes, scholarships, leadership positions, employment, involvement in student/voluntary/community/political activities, and any cultural/musical/sporting accomplishments
 - **Letters of recommendation:** (minimum 5, maximum 8), submitted via the online application.
 - * At least four (4) of the references should be university academics who have formally taught and graded you and who can comment in detail on your academic ability and assess your ability for academic success at Oxford. These references can later be used in the application to study at the University of Oxford. The recommendation letters must be uploaded directly by the writer who will answer a few additional questions.
 - * One of the references should testify to your character and/or involvement in extra-curricular/service or leadership activities. The references should be able to comment critically on whether you fulfill the extra-curricular, non-academic requirements of the Scholarship and who can speak in detail to your character.
 - **Official paper transcripts:** from all colleges and universities attended. Upload a pdf of your transcripts to the application, please make sure they upload both the grades and the explanation pages. Note: portfolio system transcripts that are password protected cannot be uploaded.
 - **Color picture:** (jpg) showing head and shoulders for publication of shortlisted applicants on Rhodes website. Do not include any pictures with your CV.