



THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS AUSTRALIA

Information for
West Australian applicants
applying in 2018 for 2019

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The Rhodes Scholarships

Every year 9 Australian Rhodes Scholars are elected (95 from around world).

They are part of a tradition that started in Australia in 1903.

They join a community of nearly 8000 Rhodes Scholars worldwide.

The Rhodes Scholarships

New South
Wales

Queensland

South
Australia

Tasmania

Victoria

Western
Australia

Australia at Large (3 scholarships)

Eligibility: Can I apply?

1	I am an Australian citizen and have been a resident in Australia for at least two of the last ten years
2	I completed at least two years of secondary schooling in Australia
3	I will have completed an honours degree or masters degree or international equivalent with a proficiency level of first class honours or an equivalent mark of distinction (for masters) by 15 June 2018
4	I will not have passed my 26 th birthday when I start at Oxford at 1 October 2018
5	I have not applied for a Rhodes Scholarship two or more times before.

Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

Literary and scholastic attainments

Energy to use one's talents to the full

Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship

Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings

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Literary and scholastic attainments

- First class honours required
- Other evidence such as prizes, awards, publications

Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

Energy to use one's talents to the full

- What do you do *outside* the classroom?
- What are you passionate about and how have you pursued those interests?
- Sport is an example but only one way to demonstrate this criterion

Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship

- What do you stand for? What are your principles?
- Part of this is evidenced by your service to the community

Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings

- How do you demonstrate leadership?

Selection Criteria: What are the Panels looking for?

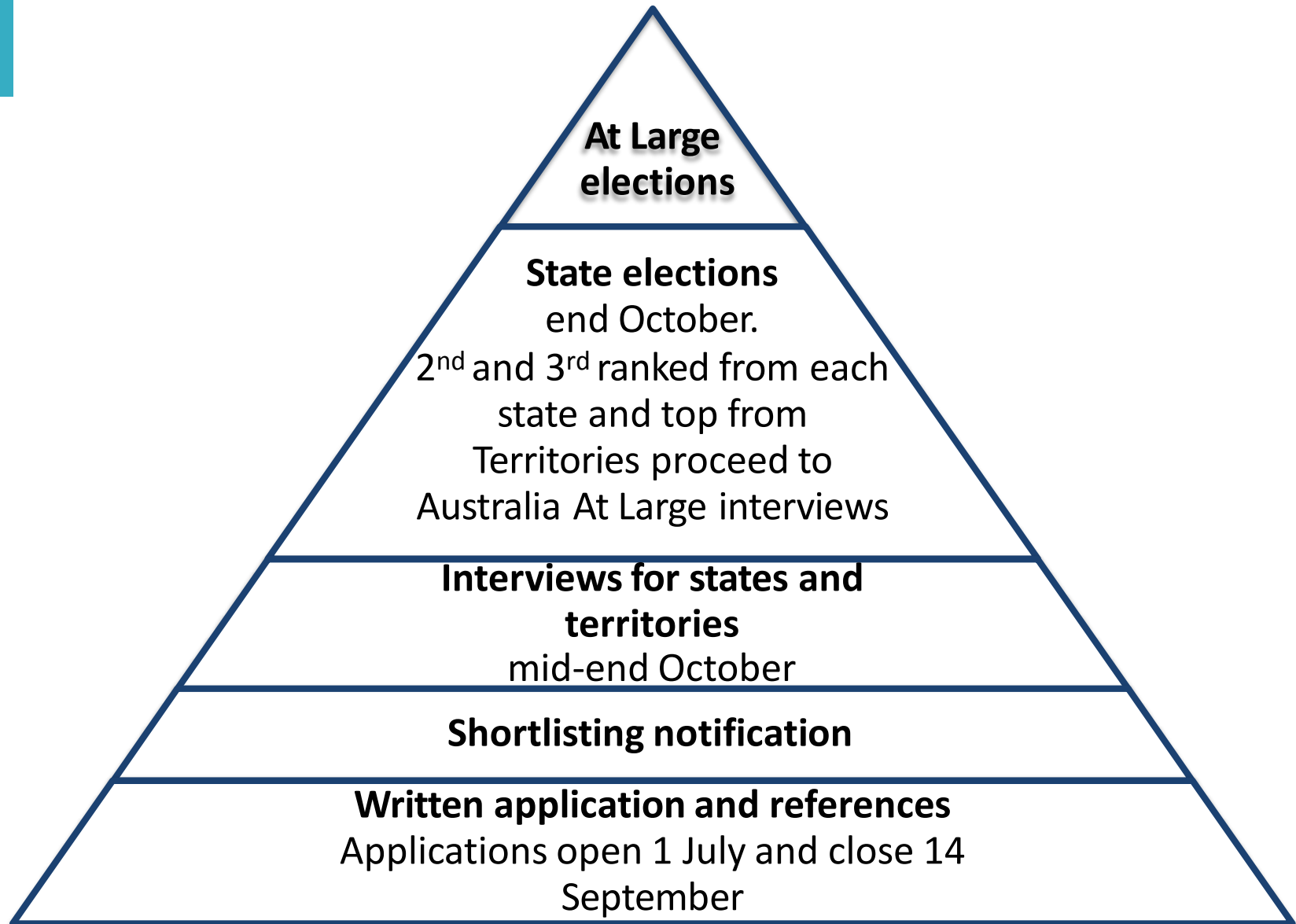
There is no “Rhodes Scholar”, only Rhodes Scholars. Panels don’t have any particular kind of person, degree or list of achievements in mind.

You need to tell the Panel about your leadership journey.

Selection Process: Where do I apply?

- State or territory in which you are completing or have completed your highest degree; or
- State or territory in which you completed at least two years of secondary schooling.

Selection Process



Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Applications submitted through online system
- Link is available here:
www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarship/how-to-apply-for-a-rhodes-scholarship/
- 4 parts to the application

Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Part 1 – Applicant details and declaration including proof of Australian citizenship

Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Part 2 – “Case for consideration” including:
 - Personal statement (1,000 words)
 - Address selection criteria
 - Outline plans for realising the Rhodes vision and contributing to the Rhodes community
 - Proposed course at Oxford
 - See information about courses:
www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/media/1101/conditions-of-tenure.pdf

Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Key issues for Personal Statement
 - <https://storify.com/rhodesaustralia/rhodes-australia-how-to-write-a-personal-statement>
 - www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarship/how-to-apply-for-a-rhodes-scholarship/ - video with advice from previous Scholars
 - “I attest that this personal statement is my own work. Neither it nor any earlier draft has been edited by anyone other than me, nor has anyone else reviewed it to provide me with suggestions to improve it. I understand that any such editing or review would disqualify my application.”

Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Part 3 – A curriculum vitae of no more than three A4 pages in length (12pt)
 - Helps demonstrate selection criteria
- DPhil applicants must also submit:
 - 2 page research proposal
 - Email confirmation from Oxford that the proposed research can be supervised

Selection Process: How do I apply?

- Part 4 – Details of six referees
 - 3 academics – rate academic performance
 - 3 other referees – address other criteria
- Guidance for referees
 - www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/media/3066/australiarefereeguidance.pdf

Selection Process: How do I apply?

- A recent instruction for applicants:

“Applicants are not to contact Rhodes Scholars currently studying at Oxford for advice on the application process or for feedback on their application.”

What does the Scholarship entail?

- All University and College fees
- The University application fee
- A personal stipend (£14,276)
- Private health insurance (BUPA)
- One economy class airfare to Oxford at the start of the scholarship and one economy flight back to the student's home country at the conclusion of the scholarship
- The Scholarship cannot be deferred and cannot be held with another scholarship

The Rhodes Program includes:

FIRST YEAR RETREAT
Service & Leadership

SECOND YEAR RETREAT
Building a life of Purpose, Meaning, and Balance

SKILLS WORKSHOP SESSIONS
Public speaking, problem solving, leadership, writing for impact and media training

SPEAKER SERIES

with leading international speakers from politics, academia, commerce

WEEKLY DISCUSSIONS
and debates on global challenges

INTERNSHIPS

within a wide range of organisations

Other resources

- West Australia Rhodes Scholarship page
- <http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/community/western-australian-rhodes-scholars>
- The Rhodes Scholarships Australia: Memorandum for Selection 2019 Round
www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/media/40402/australia_me_morandum.pdf
- Applying for the Rhodes Scholarships
www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/scholarship/how-to-apply-for-a-rhodes-scholarship/
- Should I Apply for an Australian Rhodes Scholarship?
(Storify resource)
<https://storify.com/rhodesaustralia/should-i-apply-for-an-australian-rhodes-scholarship>

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Thank you

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