

## Rhodes Scholarships for Southern Africa 2022

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) focus area(s)



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### BACKGROUND

The [Rhodes Scholarship](#) programme is the oldest (established 1903), and perhaps the most prestigious, international scholarship programme in the world. Administered by the [Rhodes Trust](#) in Oxford, the programme offers **100 fully-funded Scholarships** each year for postgraduate study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom - one of the world's leading universities. Rhodes Scholarships are for young leaders of **outstanding intellect and character** who are motivated to engage with **global challenges**, committed to the **service of others** and show promise of becoming **value-driven, principled leaders for the world's future**.

The Committees are looking for outstanding young people who are motivated to engage with the global challenges facing humankind, who are committed to the service of others, and to the promotion of international understanding and peace. In short, candidates will be **young people of outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service, who demonstrate a strong propensity to emerge as 'leaders for the world's future'**, wherever their careers might take them, and in any field.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Academic excellence (First Class Honours or **GPA of minimum 3.70 out of 4.00**, or equivalent).
- Age, ranging between **19 and 25 years** (MBChB/MBBCh can be up to the age of 27 years).
- Must be a **citizen or legal permanent resident** of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia or eSwatini. Applications from refugees/asylum seekers in South Africa will also be considered in this constituency.
- Must have resided for at least **five years** within the period of ten years immediately preceding your application in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia or eSwatini.
- Must have **completed** (or will have completed by 30 June 2022) **an undergraduate degree** from a college or university (normally a Bachelor's degree) to a sufficiently **high standard** to be admitted to postgraduate study at the University of Oxford
- Energy to use their 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).
- Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship.
- Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in their fellow human beings.

### IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

- Where appropriate **priority** will be given to hitherto **under-represented designated groups**, institutions, and or **under researched priority research niches**.
- Applicants to note that once the benchmarking process has been completed (based on the criteria at the time) and a scholarship amount has been awarded, it will **remain fixed for the full duration of the studies** irrespective of a change criteria e.g. additional qualifications/credentials obtained or an increase in Occupation Specific Dispensation scales.
- The current funding opportunity is targeting applicants who preferably hold a **MBChB or master's degree**, are in their **second year of PhD study** within the specialized fields of **Biostatistics, Data Science, Digital Health, Demography, Epidemiology, Health Economics, Genomics/Bioinformatics and Immunology**.

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Of the 100 Rhodes scholarships awarded each year, ten are allocated to the Southern African Constituency (comprising South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and eSwatini).

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be completed [online](#) and copies of the following documents:

-A certified copy of your birth certificate.

-A certified copy of a valid passport or ID document. For those candidates not born in one of the above countries, please also supply additional materials necessary to validate citizenship, legal permanent residency or refugee status.

-An official transcript from the college or university at which you are studying, or have studied, showing grades achieved (to date). You should also upload certified copies of your degree certificates.

-A certified copy of your school leaving certificate.

-If English is not your first language, please also see the University's English language requirements:

<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/englishproficiency>

-A full curriculum vitae which should include details about academic qualifications, prizes, scholarships, positions of leadership, employment positions, involvement in student, voluntary, community or political activities and any cultural, musical or sporting accomplishments. This should not exceed two A4 (12pt font size) pages in length. Please do not include a photograph in your CV.

Application details can be found [here](#) and on the attached documents.

Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents, that you have submitted online to the Faculty Research Office – [natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za](mailto:natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za).

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## CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

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