

# 2020 University of Pennsylvania Rhodes Scholarship Process\*

The Rhodes Scholarship seeks applicants who demonstrate: academic excellence; energy to use one's talents to the full, particularly through exemplary pursuit of one's interests and teamwork; 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.

Action	Date
<a href="#">Request access</a> to CURF's Canvas site for Fellowships (Penn login required), and review the Syllabus	ASAP
Attend a <a href="#">Fellowships Explained</a> or <a href="#">Fellowships 201 session</a> at CURF. If you are unable to attend a session, review the <a href="#">Fellowships 101 presentation</a> on the CURF website	ASAP
Login to review <a href="#">Preliminary Spring Fellowships Consultation Form</a>	ASAP
Schedule an appointment with Dr. Wallace Genser by visiting ARCH 205 or calling the CURF office at 215-746-6488 and email your resume at least 24 hours in advance of appointment to <a href="mailto:curf@upenn.edu">curf@upenn.edu</a>	ASAP
Read <a href="#">Rhodes Scholarship Conditions of Tenure</a> to understand your degree options, and read the <a href="#">Information for Candidates</a> for the country or constituency through which you plan to apply	ASAP
Use <a href="#">Oxford's Graduate Course Search</a> to identify academic degree programs of interest. Use "Academic and research staff" link on the Degree Program page to identify faculty with whom you wish to work	ASAP
Complete Penn's preliminary <a href="#">Request for Endorsement Form (RFE)</a> , which requests a tentative list of the academic degree(s) you intend to pursue at Oxford. Note: This academic degree plan <b>can be revised later</b>	ASAP
Complete <b>Fellowship Advisor preference form (emailed to you)</b> . When CURF assigns you an Advisor, send them your DRAFT responses to 4 questions on <a href="#">Preliminary Spring Fellowships Consultation Form</a>	1 week after RFE form submitted
<b>International applicants</b> should <a href="#">contact Dr. Genser</a> to arrange for advising and confirm your timeline. Some final deadlines are June or sooner. International applicants <b>MAY</b> need Penn's endorsement	1 week after RFE form submitted
Converse with all potential academic and non-academic recommenders to confirm their willingness to write for you. Seek advice from your <b>academic</b> recommenders on the academic programs and faculty with whom you wish to work at Oxford. Tell recommenders <b>what you are applying for, why you wish to apply, and how you think they can help you</b> by writing <b>SPECIFICALLY</b> what they have seen you accomplish.	ASAP
Submit <a href="#">Preliminary Spring Fellowships Consultation Form</a>	ASAP
Schedule <b>Spring Fellowships Consultation</b> with Dr. Genser and CURF staff (link will be sent to submitters)	During May
Schedule a <b>Progress Update Appointment</b> with Dr. Genser (link will be sent to active applicants in May)	During June
Once you have finalized your degree plan, send your recommenders the link to CURF's <a href="#">Information for Recommenders</a> , and complete a <a href="#">Recommendation Request Form</a> for each recommender. <b>All recommendation letters are also due to CURF by August 1</b>	By June 30
<b>Remind your recommenders</b> of Penn's upcoming <b>August 1 deadline</b>	July 20
Submit your <a href="#">Penn Internal Rhodes Application</a> . <b>DO NOT submit your application to Rhodes yet.</b> Penn's Internal Rhodes Application contains the same material you will submit directly to the Rhodes Scholarship	By August 1
<b>Interviews with Penn's Faculty Review Committee occur in late August – early September</b>	Aug – early Sept
<b>Submit recommendation requests on the Rhodes website. Remind recommenders 10 days before due</b>	10 days before due
<b>Submit your application on Rhodes website</b> after you make final revisions and carefully review your application. Email a PDF of your completed application to <a href="mailto:curf@upenn.edu">curf@upenn.edu</a> by the Rhodes deadline	24 hours before Rhodes deadline
Attend fellowship celebration	TBA, mid- October
Invitations for finalist interviews are sent by Rhodes Regions at different times. <b>CURF is NOT notified of your status by Rhodes — please email <a href="mailto:genser@upenn.edu">genser@upenn.edu</a> either way when you hear from Rhodes!</b>	Varies by Rhodes Region
Practice Interviews for finalists	After you notify us
US Rhodes interviews (Other countries have alternate interview dates and locations)	Fri-Sat before Thanksgiving
Inform us of your result – we're here to talk and support your next steps!	Saturday evening

\* Please note: No one may help you edit or assist you with your Rhodes Scholarship personal statement. Penn staff and you will be required to sign statements verifying that no one assisted you in writing your personal statement. Ask Dr. Genser at [genser@upenn.edu](mailto:genser@upenn.edu) if you have any questions about this rule.