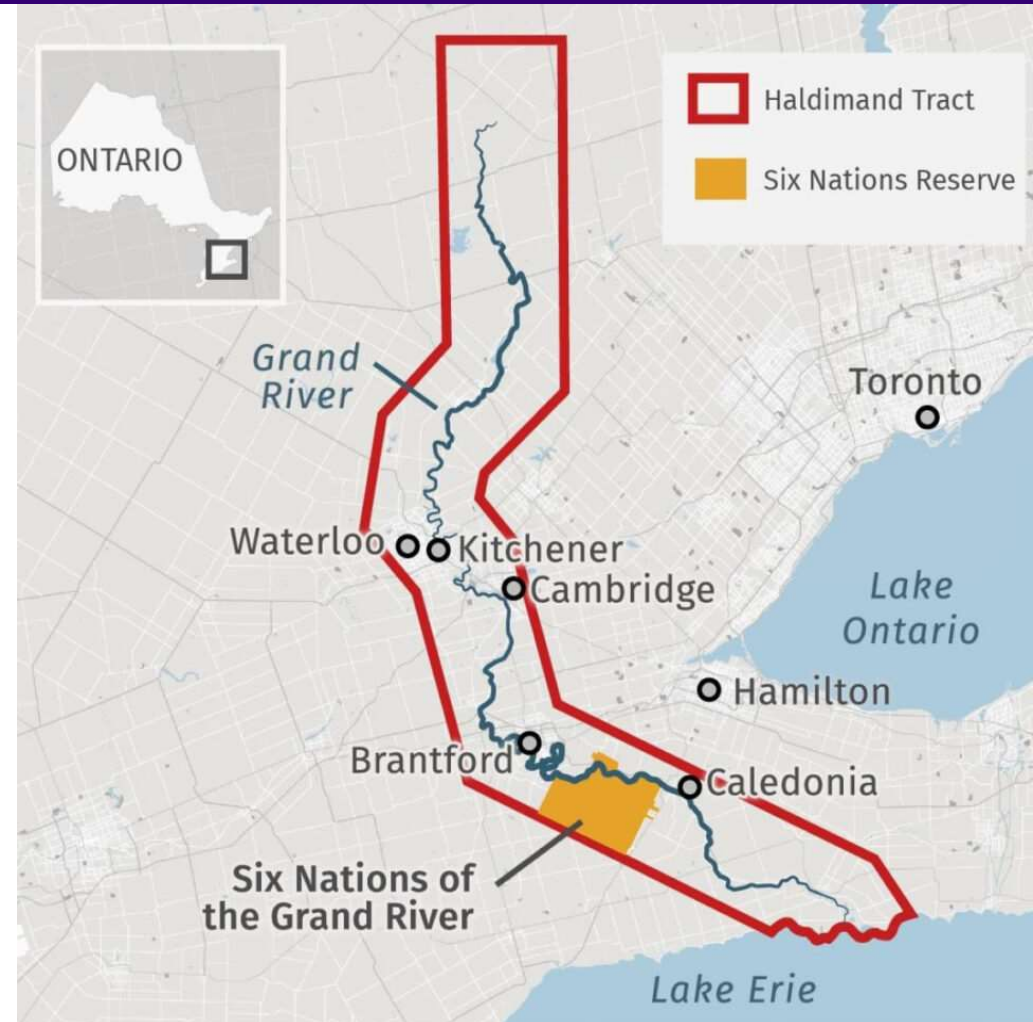**RHODES SCHOLARSHIP**

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that Wilfrid Laurier University and its campuses are located on the shared traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabe (Anish-nah-bay) and Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-no-show-nee) peoples.

This land is part of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty between the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples and symbolizes the agreement to share, protect our resources and not to engage in conflict.

From the Haldimand Proclamation of Oct. 25, 1784, this territory is described as: "six miles deep from each side of the river (Grand River) beginning at Lake Erie and extending in the proportion to the Head of said river, which them and their posterity are to enjoy forever." the proclamation was signed by the British with their allies, the Six Nations, after the American Revolution.

Despite being the largest reserve demographically in Canada, those nations now reside on less than five percent of this original territory.

AGENDA

The Rhodes Scholarship is a fully funded, full time, postgraduate award which enables talented young people from around the world, to study at the University of Oxford.
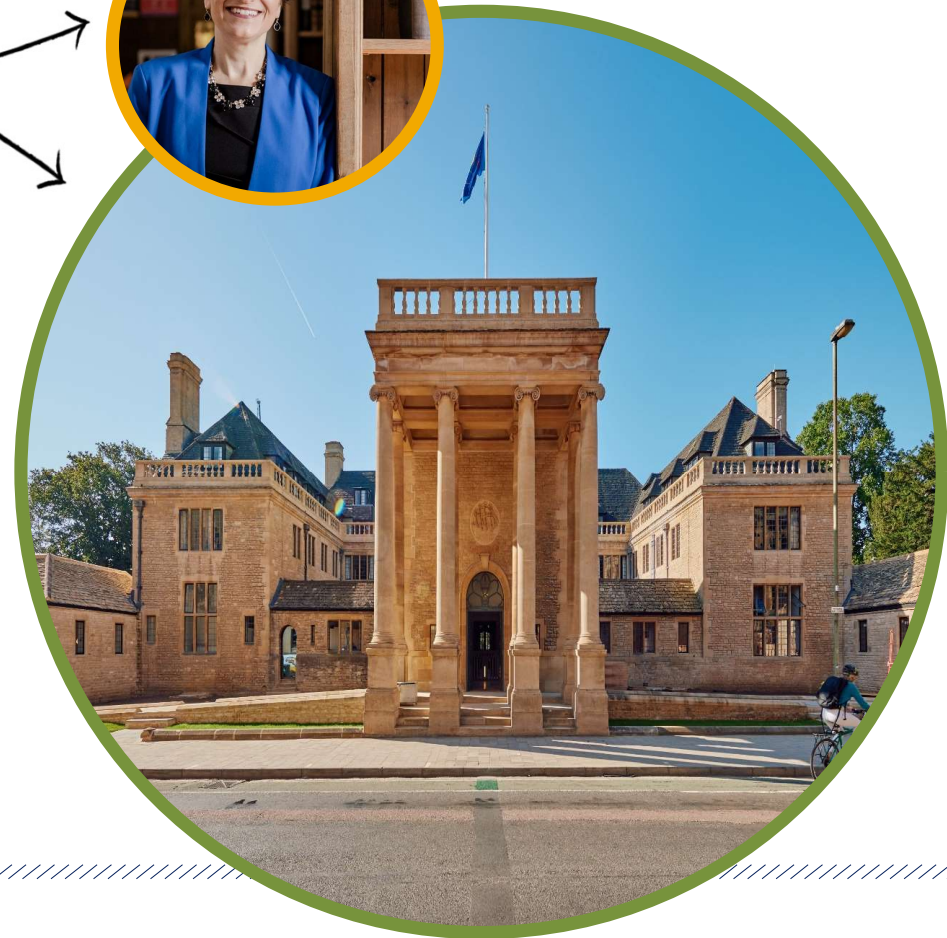
✓ Started in **1902** and considered the **oldest** and **most prestigious** scholarship program.

✓ **Exclusive opportunity** to participate in a Rhodes Character, Service & Leadership Program (CSLP)

✓ Applying for the Scholarship is a challenge, but it is an **experience** which has helped generations of young people to **succeed**.

Unlike other Oxford University students, you'll have **Rhodes House**, a beautiful building at the heart of the city. It's where the Registrar, the Director of Programming, and the Warden are based.

- Rhodes House hosts **talks**, **seminars** and **forums** with world **leading experts** and guests.

- There are **study spaces**, **libraries** and **social events** where you will meet other **Scholars**.

- Scholars also attend social events like the Coming Up Dinner and Rhodes Ball.

- It is expected that Rhodes Scholars to study at Oxford for two years

- Rhodes Scholars may read for **any** full-time postgraduate degree at the University of Oxford, **subject to the few Rhodes requirements and a couple of exceptions**

- [Courses covered by the Scholarship](#)

STUDYING AT OXFORD

- See 'Introducing our Courses' for details of the different types of courses offered by the University of Oxford.
- See 'A-Z of courses' for a comprehensive A-Z of Oxford's graduate courses for entry in 2024-25.
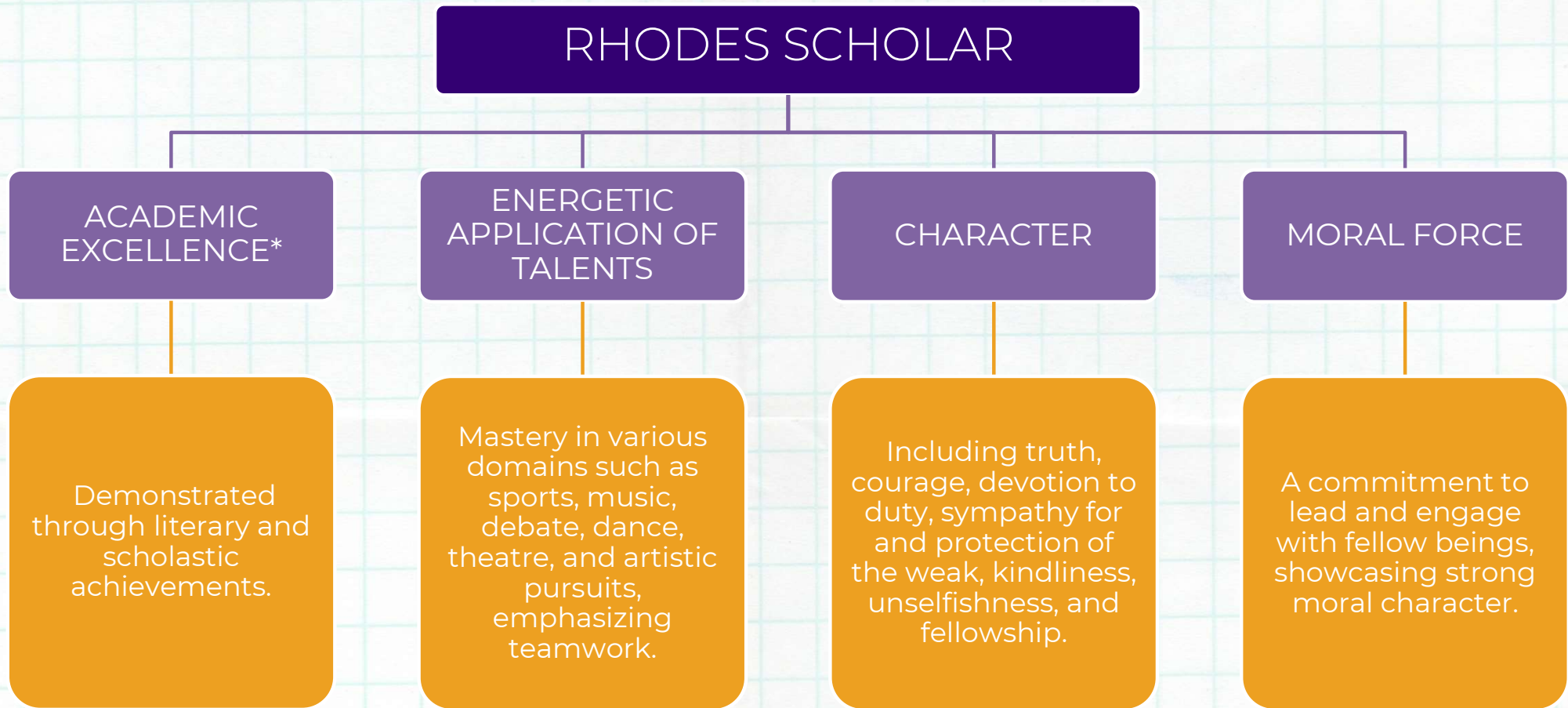
The Character, Service and Leadership Programme (CSLP) support, nurture and facilitate Scholars' lifelong commitment to lead and serve others.

Through Rhodes House-led structured programmatic activities, they equip Scholars with the practical skills and tools to craft a life of impact and passion as individuals and as a collective.

WHO IS A RHODES SCHOLAR?

RHODES SCHOLAR

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE*

Demonstrated through literary and scholastic achievements.

ENERGETIC APPLICATION OF TALENTS

Mastery in various domains such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits, emphasizing teamwork.

CHARACTER

Including truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness, and fellowship.

MORAL FORCE

A commitment to lead and engage with fellow beings, showcasing strong moral character.

WHAT DOES THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

- The Rhodes Scholarship covers **Oxford University fees**, as well as providing an **annual** stipend.

- Following selection for the Scholarship, the Rhodes Trust will cover the application fee required to **study** at the University of Oxford.

- The Trust will cover the fee for a **Tier 4 study visa** and the associated **International Health Surcharge (IHS).**

- Two economy class **flights** - to and from the UK - for the beginning and end of studies in Oxford.

- On arrival in Oxford, Scholars also receive a **settling in allowance.**

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

Citizenship

- Citizen, permanent resident, protected person of Canada.

- Live in Canada.

Age

- Ages **18-23** on 1st October 2025

   OR

- Under the age of **27** on 1st October 2025
   AND
   completed your **first** undergraduate degree on or after 1 October 2024*.

Academic Achievement

- Completed an undergraduate degree (usually a Bachelor's) by **July 2026**.

- Academic background and grade that - at a minimum **- meets or exceeds** the specific entry requirements of your chosen course at the University of Oxford.

- Candidates will have a higher chance of successful admission to Oxford if they have '**A' or 83%.**

What do you need?

Birth Certificate

Passport

Transcript

Evidence of Residence

Personal Statement

CV/Resume

Evidence of English Language Proficiency
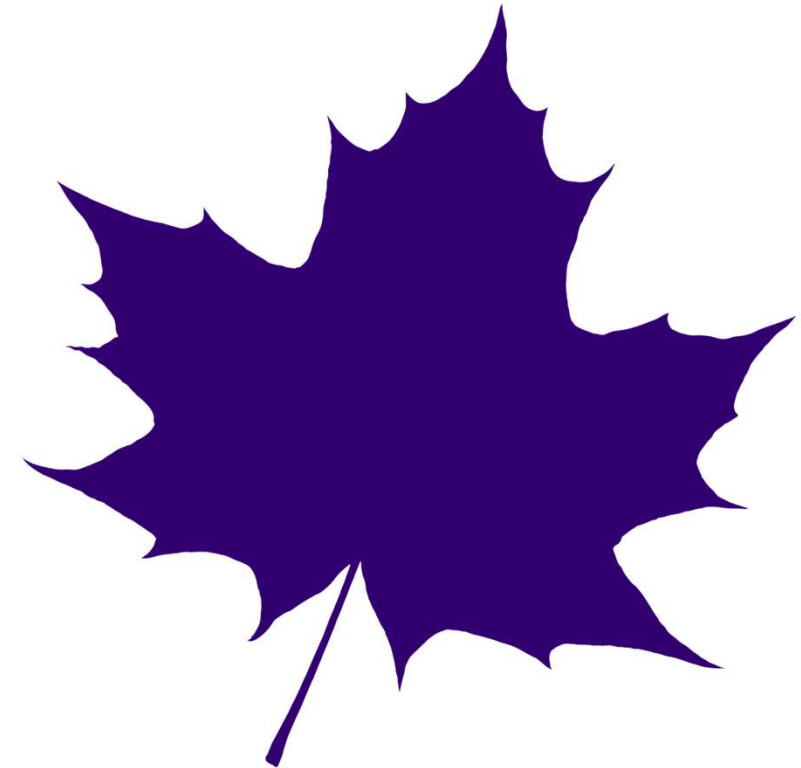
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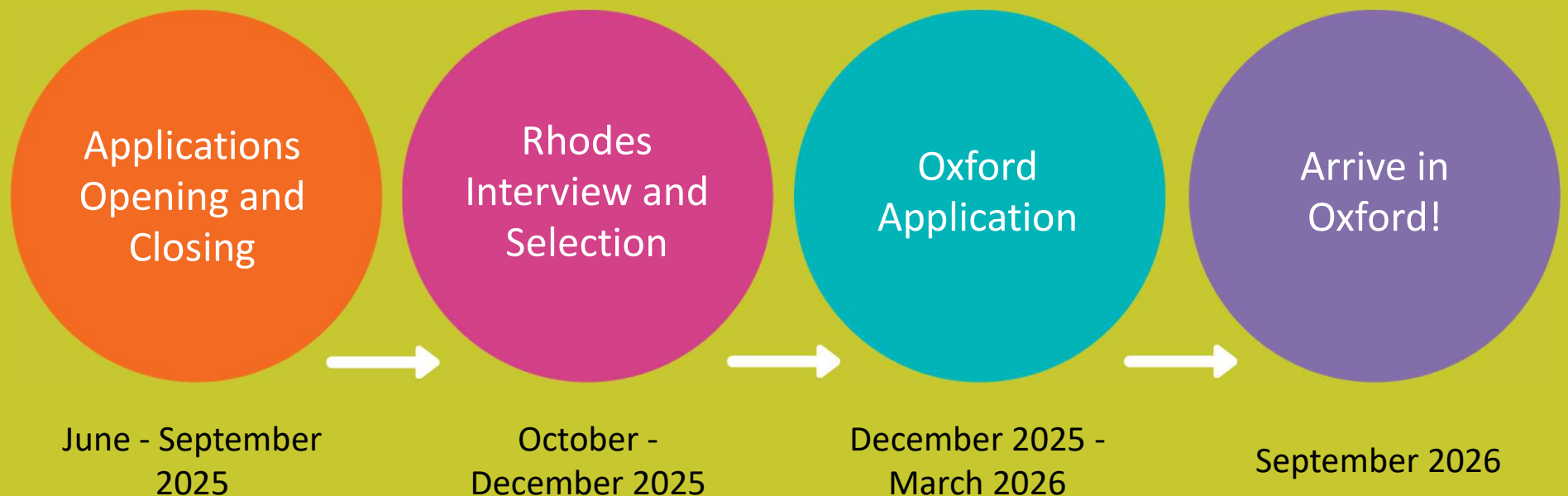
Academic Statement

Institutional Endorsement

To be eligible to apply for the Rhodes Scholarship, you must receive **official university endorsement** from the institution.

You must complete Laurier's internal application to be considered for Laurier's endorsement of your application for the Rhodes Scholarship Program.

More than one student may be endorsed by the President!

The **Rhodes** Application Process

Applications Opening and Closing

June - September 2025

Rhodes Interview and Selection

October - December 2025

Oxford Application

December 2025 - March 2026

Arrive in Oxford!

September 2026

www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/apply

Internal Application Process
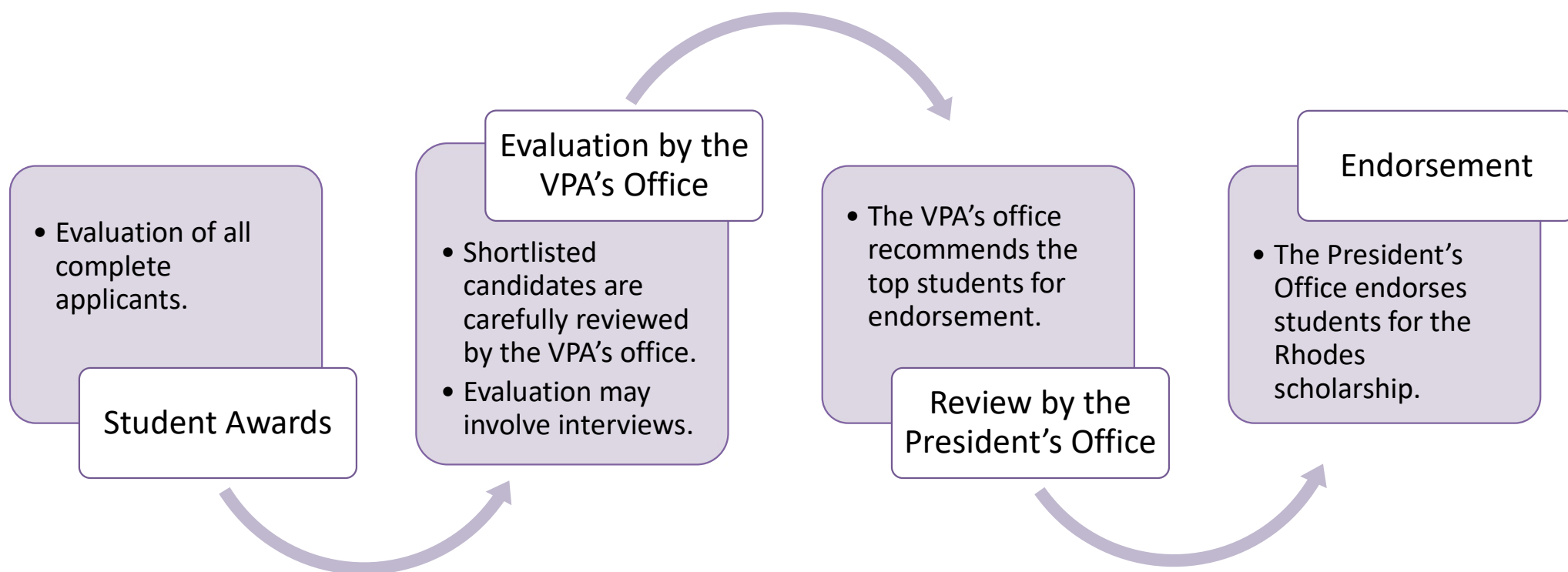
INTERNAL APPLICATION

- **Cover page**
  - Name, address, phone number, e-mail address, faculty, program of study, year of study.

- **CV** *(maximum 2 pages, 12 pt. font)*

- **Statement of Interest** *(maximum 1000 words)*
  - Include your proposed course of study.
  - Who you are, what matters to you and what you hope to do in the world.

- **3 Academic References**
  - Faculty members with direct knowledge of your scholastic and other achievements.

- **3 Character References**
  - Direct knowledge of your volunteer and public service duties.

Check List:

- ☑ **Cover Page**
- ☑ **CV**
- ☑ **Statement of Intent**
- ☑ **3 Academic References**
- ☑ **3 Character References**

What's Next?

Student Awards

- Evaluation of all complete applicants.

Evaluation by the VPA's Office

- Shortlisted candidates are carefully reviewed by the VPA's office.
- Evaluation may involve interviews.

Review by the President's Office

- The VPA's office recommends the top students for endorsement.

Endorsement

- The President's Office endorses students for the Rhodes scholarship.

Laurier's Endorsement

If you are endorsed, you will receive support from our campus partners to ensure that your package is as strong as possible.

o **Writing support from Teaching & Learning** regarding your personal statement.

o **Career and Co-op** provide feedback to strengthen your resume.

o **A faculty mentor** will support the preparation of your package and provide feedback to your references.

Important Dates and Deadlines

May 29, 2025 (11:59 PM)

Deadline to submit application via webform
Applicant Submission

*All referees must submit reference letters by this deadline!
Reference Submission

June 2025

Interviews with VP: Academic & President

July - September 2025

Official Rhodes Application submission

Supports
at
Laurier

Career Centre Resources

Career Centre provides you with resources to research potential programs including what questions you should be asking as well as assisting you with the preparation of your applications

- Attend a workshop about teacher education, grad school, law school, college programs or rehabilitation sciences.
- Check the event calendar as educational institutions host information sessions regularly for Laurier students.
- Planning for Grad School
- Writing a Personal Statement/Letter of Intent
- Crafting a CV/Resume
- Asking for References

Career Centre Resources

Book an appointment with a Further Education Consultant to discuss and receive feedback on your application materials (personal statements, reference selection, and transforming your resume into a CV).

Log into Navigator to book an appointment.

Waterloo	Brantford

Lisa Roy
Further Education & Employment Consultant
Career Development Centre
llroy@wlu.ca

Angel Evans
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Additional Resources

There's a great series of short videos about [applying for the Rhodes Scholarships](#) on their website!

Q&A

More questions?
studentawards@wlu.ca