Rhodes Scholarship

- **Purpose**
  - Thirty-two American Rhodes Scholars are selected on the basis of intellectual distinction, leadership, and service from all over the nation to pursue a course of study of their own choosing at Oxford for two years, with all tuition fees paid and a living allowance provided. Students may work towards a master’s degree or a second bachelor’s degree during their time at Oxford University.

- **Eligibility Requirements**
  - Student must be a U.S. Citizen.
  - Student must be a lawful permanent resident of the United States for prior to and including at least 5 years of the application deadline.
  - Student must be at least 18 but not yet 24 years of age.
  - Student must be sufficiently advanced academically to assure completion of a bachelor’s degree before October 1 in the year following election.

- **Application Process**
  - To apply for the Rhodes Scholarship students must first contact the campus representative, Dr. Ravi Paul, to start the application process.
  - Students can expect the following requirements of the application process:
    - The endorsement of East Carolina University
    - Between 5 and 8 letters of recommendation, 4 of which must be persons from whom the student has received collegiate instruction, and 1 that speaks to the character of the student
    - A personal statement not exceeding 1000 words
    - A list of principal activities
    - Proof of citizenship
    - A certified transcript
    - A passport sized photograph
  - The application deadline is early October.

- **Selection Process**
  - Applications are reviewed and finalists will be notified of interviews no later than November.
  - Historically, elections for the scholarship are made and winners announced following interviews during the weekend preceding Thanksgiving.

- **Campus Contact**
  - To apply, contact ECU Faculty Representative, Dr. Ravi Paul, at paulr@ecu.edu, 252-737-1049.

- **Website Link**
  - For more information, please visit www.rhodesscholar.org