

RIRS Application Guidelines

Rising juniors and seniors (members of the classes of 2023 and 2022) with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 can apply to be Rhodes Institute Fellows. A limited number of Rhodes Institute Fellowships may also be awarded to members of other classes. All majors are welcome.

Interested students should consult with a faculty mentor from the 2021 RIRS Institute and submit an application for a specific research project. RIRS 2021 faculty include: Charles McKinney, Joy Fairfield, Tyler Fritts, Charles Hughes, Tait Keller, and Shaolu Yu. Students must obtain one letter of recommendation from a Rhodes faculty or staff member who can speak to your relevant research experience or creative work.

The deadline for submission of proposals and recommendations is Friday, March 12. Acceptance notifications will be sent out by Monday, March 29.

Note: Accepted students will be expected to attend an orientation for the Institute in April.

Students should email electronic versions of proposals (Word documents or PDF files preferred) as an attachment to this Box address: 2021_Rh.n7ppeu4o1d4aolzu@u.box.com, and recommendation letters should be submitted via email to Professor Charles McKinney. Students will be notified of their acceptance in late March.

A completed application will include:

- Name of primary faculty member you would like to work with
- A proposal that is 1000-1250 words in length. This proposal should address the following questions:
 - What specific topic do you want to explore? What question or questions are you seeking to answer?
 - How do you plan to explore this topic?
 - How is this topic connected to or inspired by the region?
 - Why is this worth exploring? (Why do you care? Why should anyone else care?)
- A writing sample, research paper, or project from a portfolio

One letter of recommendation from a Rhodes faculty or staff member who can speak to your relevant research experience or creative work. RIRS 2021 Faculty (listed above) are not eligible to write recommendation letters.