In preparation for completing the Summer Plus application for the above programs for Summer 2027-Summer 2028, please review the following questions and be prepared to answer them in one sitting.

This application is made available through the Turley Center for Community Engagement using GivePulse Software (also known as RhodesEngage). If you have any questions about software access or management, please contact Jessica Cowan at cowanj@rhodes.edu. Questions about logistics for the fellowships can be directed to the appropriate program director.

Application Deadline and Access:

Application Deadline: **Nov. 15, 2026.**

The application is accessible here.
https://rhodes.givepulse.com/survey/take/N151FYP7XuLWCeVmHvzM

Be prepared to:

1. attach **a current resume** or cv.

2. Indicate any **fellowships** you have previously held and any fellowships you are planning on applying for (in addition to the current application).

3. Indicate any **scholarships** you have received. These may include scholarships from Rhodes or other organizations.

4. **St. Jude applicants**: review the St. Jude Faculty Proposal List (there will be a link on the landing site for the fellowship applications) and select your first, second, and third choice of projects. There is a major map available for projects so that you can match your major with available projects. It is ok to apply to both St Jude and UTHSC, and you will be asked to indicate your first/second choice of fellowship..

5. UTHSC applicants: review the UTHSC Summer Plus participating laboratory list (there will be a link on the landing site for the fellowship applications) and select your first, second, and third choice of projects. It is ok to apply to both St Jude and UTHSC, and you will be asked to indicate your first/second choice of fellowship.

6. Evaluation: You will need to ask a **Rhodes faculty member** to complete an evaluation on your behalf. You should select someone who can speak to your academic and research/laboratory skills. You

may also include a non-Rhodes evaluation if you would like to; as a single supplemental letter of recommendation. Only the Rhodes faculty recommendation is required.

These evaluations are also due on Nov. 15th, so you must contact your evaluating faculty well in advance of the deadline to ensure that they have submitted their evaluation of you in time.
The evaluation link is below. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to share this link with the faculty evaluator.**

The application will ask you to provide the following information for evaluators who have agreed to write you a letter. Please get permission in advance.

a. Their Name
b. Their Email
c. Your relationship (faculty mentor, instructor, etc.)
d. Course(s) you took with this faculty member, if applicable

Link to Faculty Evaluation Survey (you share this link with your recommender)
https://rhodes.givepulse.com/survey/take/Pjvrt6WQ4QCqaTOD017F

7. Academic History: You will need to indicate your GPA, courses you have taken, are currently enrolled in, or plan to take in the spring, along with your grades in those courses.

8. Laboratory Essay (no word limit): Please detail your research/laboratory experiences, as related in nature to the projects that you rank as your preferred projects in the application. Include experiences taken at Rhodes as part of a class and any out-of-class research/laboratory experience. Discuss specific techniques with which you are familiar, projects completed, and any other skills or experience you feel are relevant to your application.

9. Activities Statements, one for summer and one for the academic year (no word limit): These Fellowships include the expectation that the student will work full-time (40 hours/week) for 8 weeks (UTHSC) or 10 weeks (St Jude; May 24-July30 2027 for the first summer) during one-two summers and 8-10 hours/week during the intervening academic year.
Please note that no other significant summer activities are allowed (examples include study abroad, summer courses, other fellowships, etc.).

You will be asked to describe any other activities during the summer and academic year (including work-study, extra-curricular activities, or other jobs) that could impact your time commitment, and discuss how you would fulfill these commitments along with that of the Fellowship.

10. Career Goal Essay (250 word limit): You will be asked to write an essay describing how this experience is likely to benefit your career objectives and goals.

11. Optional Essay (250 word limit): You may use this space to provide additional information specific to you as a candidate that you would like the selection committee to know.