

RIRS Application Guidelines

Rising juniors and seniors (members of the classes of 2025 and 2024) 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 2023 RIRS Institute and submit an application for a specific research project. RIRS 2023 faculty include: Charles McKinney, Tyler Fritts, Laura Taylor, Andrea Jacobo and Charles Hughes. 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 **Wednesday, March 1**. Acceptance notifications will be sent out by Friday, March 17.

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: 2023_RI.z4vu0f1qq6nys2sn@u.box.com and recommendation letters should be submitted via email to Professor Charles McKinney at MckinneyC@rhodes.edu. Students will be notified of their acceptance in 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 2023 Faculty (listed above) are not eligible to write recommendation letters.