

## **GNLU Student receives a Prestigious Rhodes Scholarship for 2020**

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**Gandhinagar, Nov 18, 2019:** Hatim Hussain, a final year student of the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), is selected as the Rhodes Scholar for 2020 after a highly-rigorous application and selection process.

The Rhodes scholarship is the oldest (first awarded in 1902) and perhaps most prestigious international scholarship programme, enabling outstanding young people from around the world to study at the University of Oxford. Studying at the University of Oxford will give the chosen scholars access to world-class academics in their field as well as an international alumni network that includes heads of state, Pulitzer Prize-winning authors, Nobel Prize winners and Olympians.

The Rhodes Scholarships include all university and college fees, an annual stipend and travel expenses to the University of Oxford before the start of the programme and a return ticket following the course of study.

One of the five Indian Scholars selected to join Rhodes Scholars from around the world at the University of Oxford, Hatim is the second Rhodes scholar from GNLU.

As a Rhodes Scholar, Hatim wishes to pursue Bachelor of Civil Law – BCL (equivalent to a master's degree) followed by a DPhil (PhD) at the University of Oxford.

His research interests focus on regulatory innovation, more specifically in bringing together interdisciplinary fields of law, finance and technology in researching the impact of new technologies in the financial services sector and develop economically viable regulatory models which can help in eradicating problems such as financial exclusion, poverty and inequality.

On receiving the coveted award, Hatim noted, “I consider this award as an enabler for me to collaborate with people from diverse fields across the world who share a common objective of bringing about a positive change and who want to work together to make the world a better place. I am deeply grateful for the tremendous support and guidance of my teachers at GNLU; their constant encouragement has been a source of immense motivation through the entire process.”

Hatim is currently doing a two-month internship with Justice Dr Dhanajay Chandrachud, Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of India.

### About the Rhodes Scholarship

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Established through the Will of Cecil John Rhodes in 1902, the Rhodes Scholarship was a truly visionary project for its time. Over a hundred years later, the Rhodes Scholarships are the oldest and perhaps most prestigious international scholarship programme in the world, enabling outstanding young people from around the world to undertake full-time postgraduate study at the University of Oxford, (ranked first internationally in the Times Higher Education rankings for 2017 and 2018).

One of the founding aims of the Scholarship was to identify young leaders from around the world who, through the pursuit of education together at Oxford, would forge bonds of mutual understanding and fellowship for the betterment of mankind. Although the language is old-fashioned, this remains one of the founding aims of the Scholarship: to select outstanding young people, with the potential to lead, who will make an impact for good in the world in later life.

The scholarship is not just a financial bursary, it is a life-changing opportunity for exceptional young people with the potential to make a difference for good in the world. Rhodes Scholars are people who have a vision of how the world could be better and the energy to make a difference – whatever their sphere of interest. Rhodes alumni have distinguished themselves in every field.

As Selection Committees select on the basis not only of intellect but also of character, leadership and commitment to service, the Scholar Programme in Oxford aims to build on these Rhodes Scholar qualities, with the first and second-year retreats, workshops and conferences, in addition to social and discussion events, hosted at Rhodes House.

The fellowship of Rhodes Scholars, worldwide and across generations, is active and over 7,000 strong. Rhodes Scholars, therefore, enter a life-long fellowship with ongoing opportunities to connect with current and Senior Scholars and, beyond that, a warm and engaging community within Scholars typically develop enduring friendships. The Rhodes scholarship opens up opportunities for Scholars before, after and during their time in Oxford.

The Rhodes scholarship is for two years in the first instance. The Rhodes Scholarship covers Oxford University (and College) fees as well as providing an annual stipend. In addition to the above, the Rhodes Trust will cover two economy class flights - to and from the UK - for the beginning and end of studies in Oxford. Scholars also receive a settling-in allowance on arrival. The International Health Surcharge, which enables international students to access the UK's National Health Service, is covered for the duration of a Scholar's tenure. Following selection for the Scholarship, the Rhodes Trust will also cover the application fee required to apply to study at the University of Oxford.

A number of research grants are also available to Rhodes Scholars which enables Scholars to attend international conferences or conduct additional fieldwork.

Each year, five Indian Scholars are selected to join Rhodes Scholars from around the world at the University of Oxford.



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