

**In order to apply for the Rhodes scholarship you must earn the institutional nomination from the UNM CAELD office. To be considered, submit the UNM Preliminary Application (<https://nisf.unm.edu/prestigious-scholarships/uk-scholarships/uk-application-form.php>) by 11:59 pm, March 10.**

### I. Eligibility

- Be U.S. citizens.
- Be at least 18 years of age, but not yet 30 years old, on 29 September (those who turn 30 on September 30th are not eligible).
- Have a bachelor's degree from UNM before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholar.

### II. Awards

The Mitchell Scholars program supports one year of [post]graduate study in any discipline offered by an institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland. The Mitchell Scholars program provides tuition, housing, cash living expenses stipend, and an international travel stipend.

### III. Criteria

Mitchell Scholars program candidates are judged on three criteria:

- **Scholarship** -- Academic excellence and intellectual distinction. Although the Scholars program does not require a minimum GPA, a prospective candidate must have the academic ability and preparation to succeed in a postgraduate program.
- **Leadership** -- An outstanding record of leadership which may be evidenced through a variety of activities and accomplishments. These efforts may be on- or off-campus, local, regional, or global.
- **Commitment to Community and Public Service** -- A record of and sustained commitment to service and community, on-campus, locally, nationally, or internationally.

### IV. Objectives of the program

- Introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland
- Promotes the spirit of community between and among the Scholars and the Irish/Northern Ireland communities
- Deepen the scholar's understanding of Ireland and the world

### V. Online Application (After UNM nomination)

1. Personal Information
2. Education and Employment
3. Registration of Recommenders/Institutional Endorser
4. Awards and Activities
5. Personal Statement: describe the applicant's field of interest and the justification for the applicant's proposed study in Ireland or Northern Ireland (maximum 1000 words)
6. A candidate is responsible for researching and listing **at least three** specific proposed graduate programs at **three different universities** in Ireland and/or Northern Ireland. It is essential that candidates list at least three different university choices. Listing only one or two university

choices will significantly weaken a candidacy. University placement may be a factor in the selection process.

7. Supporting Documents
  - Passport-style photo (PDF)
  - All transcripts scanned into a single PDF
  - A PDF scan of your signature
8. Letters of Recommendation (750 words)
  - All candidates are required to provide **four letters of recommendation**. Candidates register those who are providing recommendations online with an email address for each person. Once registered, each recommender will receive an email with a login user name and password.
  - Of the four letters of recommendation, **at least two** must be from persons with whom a candidate has done academic work (courses or research) at a college or university.
  - Letters of reference should comment on a candidate's general fitness for the proposed course of study. Confidential observations, negative as well as positive, on the candidate's character, integrity, generosity of spirit, intellectual distinction, leadership and commitment to service will be of great value to the selection committee in deciding which candidates should be Mitchell Scholars. By requesting these letters through the online application system, candidates waive their rights of access to these letters.
9. Video Interview - Once your application has been received and certified as complete after the initial deadline, you will receive information about the required video interview. You will have approximately 48 hours to submit the video interview. The interview will take less than 10 minutes. You will have the opportunity to do practice interviews. Once you start the real interview, you will not be able to pause or take a break. You will see three questions written in text on your screen, and you will respond orally to them in the time allotted. Your responses will be recorded.

## VI. Partnership Universities

Dublin City University  
Dublin Institute of Technology  
Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design &  
Technology  
National University of Ireland, Galway

National University of Ireland,  
Maynooth Trinity College Dublin  
University College Cork  
University College Dublin  
University of Limerick

## VII. Selection Process

### UNM Preliminary Application

1. March 10, 2018 – Deadline of the UNM Preliminary Online Application (submit by 11:59 pm)
2. Early April – UNM Finalists Announced
3. Mid-April – UNM Finalists Interview

### After UNM Nomination

1. June – August – work on Online Application
2. September 25 – All recommendation letters should be submitted by your recommenders.
3. Late September - Application Deadline
4. Late October - Semi-finalists interviews via Skype (normally 300 applications are received)
5. November 16 & 17 – Finalists interview in Washington, DC