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 Quick Facts

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Personal Statement

Research Focus: The Political Economy of Climate Adaptation in Small Island Developing States.

My doctoral research examines how institutional capacity and international funding mechanisms shape climate resilience outcomes across the Caribbean and Pacific SIDS. Drawing on mixed-methods fieldwork in Barbados, Fiji, and the Maldives, I have developed a novel framework linking governance quality indices to measurable adaptation success rates. This work addresses a critical gap: quantitative political-economy approaches remain strikingly underrepresented in the SIDS literature.

During my M.Phil. at Oxford (2020–2022), I co-authored a policy brief adopted by the Commonwealth Secretariat’s climate finance division. At the World Bank (2022–2024), I contributed to the \$450M Pacific Resilience Program, designing monitoring and evaluation protocols now deployed across 12 countries. These experiences sharpened my conviction that rigorous academic research must directly inform multilateral policy design.

Proposed Research Plan

The Rhodes Scholarship would enable me to pursue the D.Phil. in Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford. My proposed dissertation extends my M.Phil. findings through three methodological innovations:

- A panel dataset covering 38 SIDS over 20 years (2005–2025), merging IMF fiscal data with satellite-derived climate vulnerability indices.
- A quasi-experimental design exploiting exogenous variation in Green Climate Fund disbursement timing to estimate causal effects on institutional reform capacity.
- Qualitative process-tracing in Barbados, Fiji, Maldives, and Samoa to validate causal mechanisms identified in the quantitative analysis.

Budget Plan

Category	Description	Amount
Tuition & Fees	2 Blavatnik School D.Phil. (3 academic	£28,950