

Are you using an innovative approach to tackle one of the world's biggest social or environmental challenges?  
If so, you may be the next Skoll Scholar!

 Skoll Centre for  
Social Entrepreneurship



The Skoll Scholarship provides full funding plus a living stipend to complete a *Masters of Business Administration (MBA)* at the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School.




# Why apply to be a Skoll Scholar?

- Receive exclusive opportunities to meet with world-renowned entrepreneurs, thought-leaders, and investors.
- Take your social impact to the next level.
- Gain professional, leadership, and business skills.
- Become a part of the Skoll Scholar community, a group of leaders who are positively impacting the world through innovation and system change.

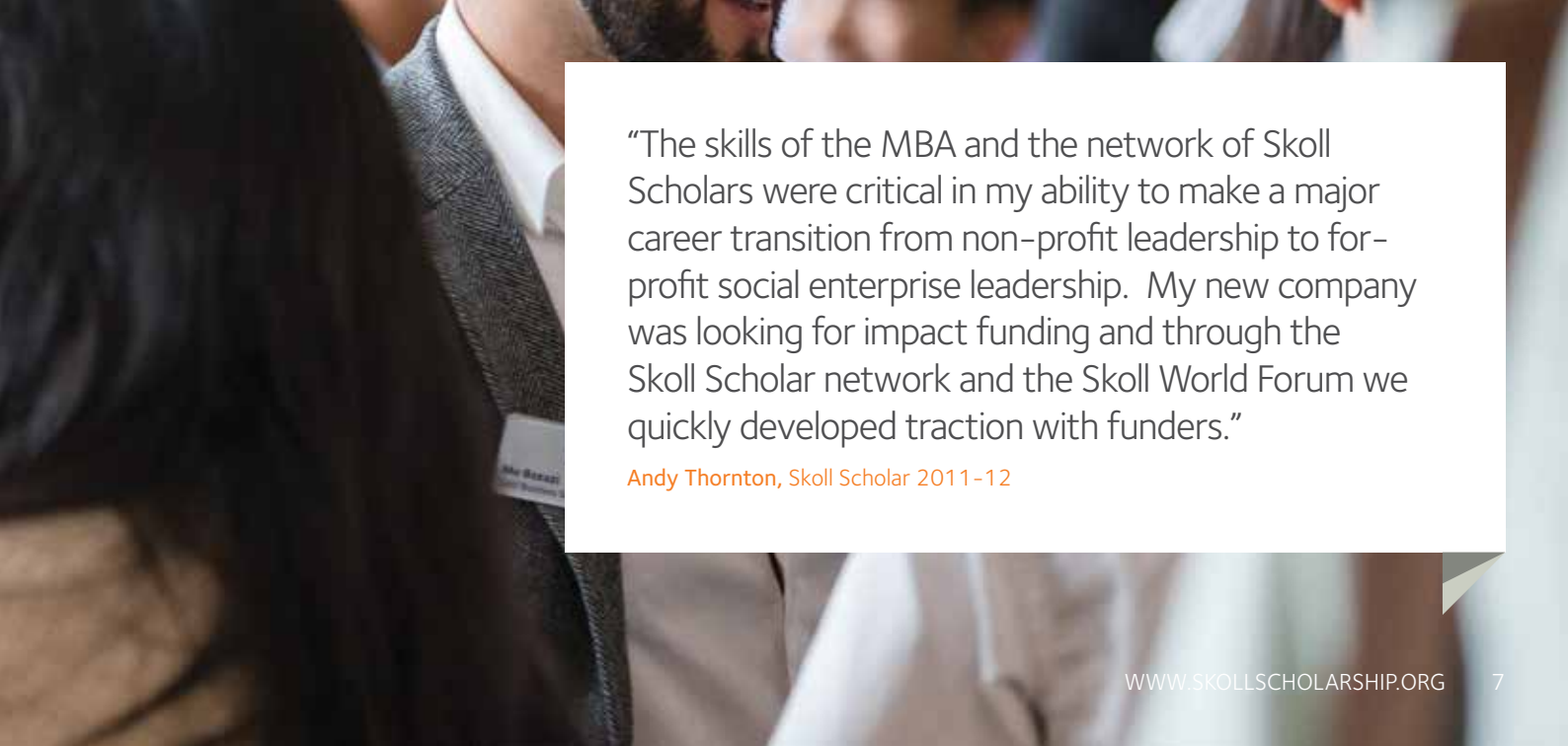
# Eligibility criteria

- ▶ For preferably at least three years you must have: started and grown a social venture, led a major expansion of an existing social initiative within an organisation, OR have been creating positive change as an impact career professional, i.e. using entrepreneurial approaches to address the same social/environmental issue with a clear core thread that unites your work.
- ▶ You must demonstrate some evidence of your need for the Scholarship (e.g. circumstances that make self-funding the MBA a significant financial burden).
- ▶ You must demonstrate how a business education can contribute to the wider development of the community within which you work. You will need to illustrate why a business degree at this stage of your career can help amplify your impact.
- ▶ You must demonstrate evidence of personal qualities strongly resonating with social entrepreneurial leadership, e.g. bias toward action rather than reflection and persistence in pursuing a social/environmental impact goal.

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“The Scholarship enabled me to complete an MBA, but beyond that, it has given me the credibility to access incredible opportunities.”

Pip Wheaton, Skoll Scholar 2015-16



“The skills of the MBA and the network of Skoll Scholars were critical in my ability to make a major career transition from non-profit leadership to for-profit social enterprise leadership. My new company was looking for impact funding and through the Skoll Scholar network and the Skoll World Forum we quickly developed traction with funders.”

Andy Thornton, Skoll Scholar 2011-12





## Application process

1. Apply to the MBA programme at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford. (Don't forget to indicate your interest in the Scholarship on your MBA application!)
2. You must apply during specific MBA application stages to be considered for the Scholarship. Consult the Skoll Scholarship website for more information.
3. Complete the essay questions via the written application the Skoll Centre will send you after you are accepted onto the MBA.
4. Participate in the interview process. (Note: not all candidates will be offered an interview.)

## Tell us about yourself!

Do you think you are a good candidate for the Skoll Scholarship? If so, go to our website and introduce yourself and your work via the “Connect” Form.

# Nominate someone you know

Perhaps you aren't a Skoll Scholar but you know someone who is. Introduce us! Nominate them on our website!

## Saïd Business School

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Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford blends the best of new and old. We are a vibrant and innovative business school, but yet deeply embedded in an 800-year-old world-class university. We create programmes and ideas that have global impact. We educate people for successful business careers, and as a community seek to tackle world-scale problems. We deliver cutting-edge programmes and ground-breaking research that transform individuals, organisations, business practice, and society. We seek to be a world-class business school community, embedded in a world-class university, tackling world-scale problems.

## Skoll Centre

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The Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship is a leading centre for the advancement of social entrepreneurship worldwide. The Skoll Centre's mission is to accelerate the impact of 'entrepreneurial' activity that aims to transform unjust or unsatisfactory systems and practices. The Centre fosters social transformation through education, research, and collaboration. We offer world-class graduate education, providing students with the vision and skills to bring together market-based approaches and social innovation. We support the development of actionable insights that help to advance entrepreneurship, and we develop and support a network of academics and practitioners to disseminate this knowledge globally. We also connect social entrepreneurs with thought leaders and key players in business, government, and philanthropy to enhance positive social impact.

