

Have you started a venture or initiative that is aimed at solving 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 venture/initiative 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

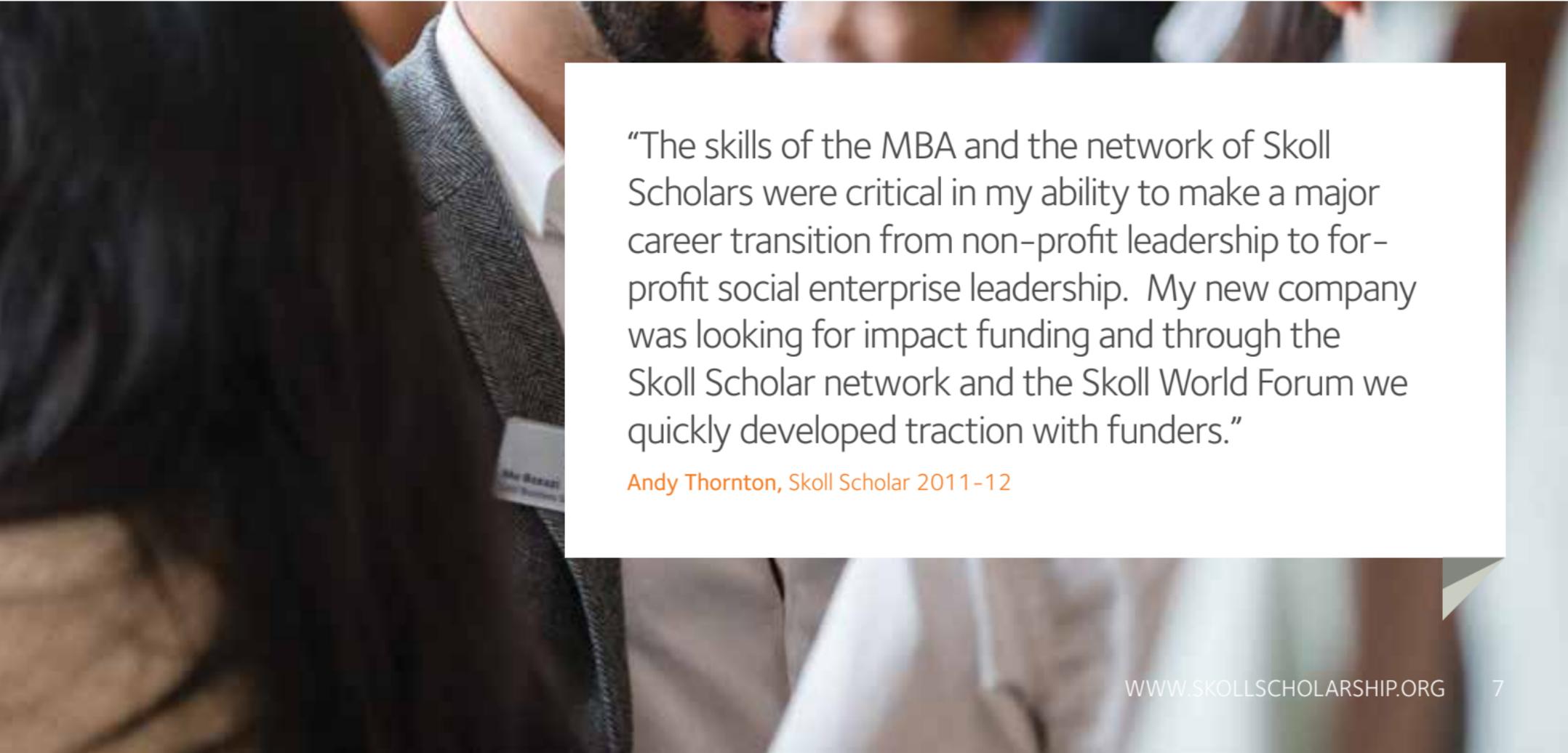
# Eligibility criteria

- ▶ You must have started and grown a social venture that has been running for at least three years OR have been responsible for leading a major expansion of an existing social venture or programme within that venture.
- ▶ 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 such as: persistence in pursuit of a social/environmental benefit goal, a bias toward action rather than reflection, a willingness to take personal risks, a habit of developing a network and using it to pursue mutual goals, and a tendency to explore the environment for opportunities and resources.

A man in a blue button-down shirt with a pen in his pocket, standing in a crowd. The background is blurred, showing other people in a social setting.

“I went into Oxford nervous but excited, hoping to make the most of the school’s entrepreneurial offerings. The Skoll Centre, Entrepreneurship Centre, professors and faculty at Saïd were all incredibly supportive and helped those of us interested in entrepreneurship do more than we ever dreamed possible. They are really doing things right.”

Michael Thornton, Skoll Scholar 2012-13



“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 question the Skoll Centre will send you after you are accepted on to the MBA.
4. Interview (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 “First Connection” 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.

