

## Oscar nominees – Best Actor



**1 Leonardo DiCaprio:** Plays South African smuggler Danny Archer in ***Blood Diamond***. His role as an anti-hero who becomes a do-gooder earns DiCaprio his third Oscar nomination

**2 Forest Whitaker:** Front-runner for his capturing of brutal Ugandan dictator Idi Amin's charismatic personality in ***The Last King Of Scotland***. A first Oscar nomination for Whitaker

**3 Ryan Gosling:** A first Oscar nomination for his portrayal of a teacher and basketball coach who struggles with a drug problem as he attempts to mentor a talented young girl in ***Half Nelson***

**4 Peter O'Toole:** Plays an ageing actor who begins an unlikely courtship with his best friend's great-niece, in ***Venus***. This is O'Toole's eighth Oscar nomination, but he has yet to win one\*

**5 Will Smith:** Plays a father who struggles to care for his young son while being both broke and homeless in ***The Pursuit Of Happyness***. Smith's second Academy Award nomination