Scholarships
Providing life-changing opportunities

The life-changing impact of Scholarships

Nicholas Behn
PhD Health Sciences, recipient of The Worshipful Company of Saddlers Studentship in 2016.

“In September 2012 I was one of the first recipients to be awarded a Studentship by The Worshipful Company of Saddlers to study at City within the Division of Language and Communication Science in the School of Health Sciences. Until then I had worked for nearly 15 years as a Speech and Language Therapist in both Australia and in the UK for the NHS and for private charities. I treated those who had sustained catastrophic and debilitating brain injuries. The causes of these were many and varied including car accidents, pedestrians hit by cars, assaults, falls, encephalitis or a brain haemorrhage. The scholarship provided me with a unique opportunity to research the priorities of this vulnerable group of people. In particular, to understand how to assess, diagnose and treat the communication problems people have after a brain injury.

“Brain injury research, relative to other acquired and long-term conditions, is relatively under-researched in the UK, with little funding nationwide. Speech and Language Therapy has quite a low profile in leading research, which means that the communication needs of people are less considered against better-funded aspects of physical, emotional and cognitive functioning. Therefore, my motivation for undertaking my PhD lay in the challenges people with brain injury face every day and my own challenges in knowing how to treat the range of communication problems they can present with. The scholarship at City gave me the opportunity to carry out research that matters. Research that matters to the people who have had brain injury. Research that matters to the therapists treating these communication problems on the front line.

“The scholarship has given me a renewed sense of enthusiasm to continue research in this field and translate what is learnt to existing NHS therapists, helping them treat communication problems after a brain injury. It has provided me with the unique opportunity to develop research skills, to network on a national and international scale and be part of a wider academic community. For while the support of the Worshipful Company of Saddlers helped one person in the short term, the impact of that generosity will help hundreds of people in the years which follow. Funding support for PhD scholarships is important to help ensure world-class research is undertaken that is creative, innovative, driven by a desire to help others and motivated by people who want to carry out research that can make a difference in the wider world.”

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With support from our donors City can:
- Attract the brightest students who can go on to contribute to global success.
- Increase cultural diversity in higher education which leads to exciting thought leadership.
- Spark research that makes a difference.
- Transform a student’s potential.

How you can support students through Scholarships

The first step to making a life-changing impact to our students’ lives is to begin the conversation with City’s Development and Alumni Relations team. We are excited to assist you with your ambition of giving back to City and being a part of a student’s journey of success.

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To ensure that the academically strongest students have the opportunity to maximise their potential, either at undergraduate or postgraduate level, there is a need to provide additional financial support through scholarships. A scholarship to study at City can:
- Make a lasting impact on a student by providing a life-changing opportunity.
- Spark research that makes a difference.
- Transform a student’s potential.

Start the conversation
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Gabriella Soffer
Current undergraduate Biomedical Engineering student, recipient of a George Daniels Scholarship.

“I started university a year after the £9,000 tuition fees were implemented and in the knowledge that I would have a minimum of £27,000 debt when I graduated. At the age of 18 that was more money than I could understand and was really daunting. I took several tutoring and babysitting jobs so I could start saving up and didn’t even question the idea of living away from my parents’ home and the added financial pressure of that. I jumped at the opportunity to apply for a George Daniels Scholarship as I knew that not only would it cover my fees but that it would mean I could get several of my evenings and weekends back to focus on my work and also to have some fun and socialise which I hadn’t really been able to do.

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