

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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Jhenn Javier  
Fairway UWA Swans Scholarship

*Create the future*





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## Scholarships at UWA

Many of us look back on our student years as among the best of our lives. For those of us fortunate enough to have attended university, it was a time when we really stepped into our own. Our horizons broadened and we began to appreciate the world around us and the ways in which we might contribute to making it better. We formed new and lifelong friendships. Prior to the mid-1980s, many of us benefitted from a free education.

At The University of Western Australia, there is no greater priority than ensuring a transformative educational experience through which all students, regardless of means, may step into their destiny as contributing global citizens. Here, education represents much more than memorising facts and figures. We are creating the space for students to explore ideas, think critically and use the knowledge they acquire to make a difference in the world.

A century ago, UWA was forged from the philanthropic vision of Sir John Winthrop Hackett, whose belief in the power of education continues to inspire us today. Our founder knew the vital role a university education plays, not only in the lives of individuals but also in social and economic progress. His enduring vision was that all students with the desire and ability to learn would have access to an exceptional educational experience at UWA.

Today, our University is committed to creating a dynamic learning environment, rich in opportunities for personal as well as intellectual growth. The *New Century Campaign* will make certain that such an environment exists and that the best and brightest minds are drawn to and thrive on our campus. It is for these reasons that scholarship funding is central to the *New Century Campaign*, with a goal to raise \$100 million for endowed scholarships and outreach.



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## Providing a home on campus

Living and learning on campus is known to create a more engaging, rewarding and successful student experience. The combination of easy access to professional and peer support, along with quality accommodation close to lecture halls, libraries and other resources, lessens the pressures of student life. In residence, students are part of a vibrant community, surrounded by a diversity of thinking that expands their perspectives while enhancing their studies. In residence, students form bonds that will last a lifetime.

UWA is investing in increased student accommodation space. Opened in 2013, University Hall is the first student residence owned and operated by the University. The need for accommodation scholarships for this new residential hall is compelling. Perth's commercial boom has sent off-campus rental prices soaring. To live affordably outside the city often requires students to use limited public transport. This translates into long commutes and even longer days, impacting their ability to achieve success in their studies and actively engage in the University community.

The strain of off-campus living can be particularly acute for rural and international students, who must contend with the costs of relocation as well as cultural adjustment. For some, disproportionate part-time work to pay the bills is a fact of life.

With residential scholarships, students receive the gift of a complete campus experience – the room to explore life and learning in the company of peers, free from the financial worry of accommodation expenses.

### **Selected residential scholarship gift opportunities:**

- \$5 million endows a residential scholarship for 12 students
- \$3 million endows a residential scholarship for seven students
- \$2 million endows a residential scholarship for five students
- \$1.5 million endows a residential scholarship for three students
- \$1 million endows a residential scholarship for two students
- \$400,000 endows a residential scholarship for one student
- \$60,000 creates a three-year residential scholarship for one student

## Rio Tinto partnership

Visionary companies like Rio Tinto have committed to a better future through ongoing support of student scholarships. Rio Tinto's partnership with UWA aims to encourage the people and the skills the world needs by supporting curriculum development, investing in teaching excellence and fostering leadership.

Through a portfolio of scholarships and graduate recruitment initiatives, the partnership targets specific undergraduate programs and under-represented student groups. Residential scholarships for Indigenous students completing Science degrees are a top priority. The first of these were awarded in 2013, providing on-campus accommodation for five Indigenous students at the newly-opened University Hall.

Rio Tinto is committed to bringing gender balance to the field of engineering and, as part of *Aspire UWA*, also supports a program designed to inspire girls in Years 5 to 9 to enter the field. Dr Carla Boehl, Rio Tinto Iron Ore's Principal Engineer, Hydrocarbons explains, "In Germany, where I was educated, the perception that engineering and mining is a man's domain is long gone. I am optimistic that those stereotypes are disappearing in Australia, and hope that the Girls in Engineering program will open young minds to the exciting possibilities offered by engineering as a profession."



Recipients of the Rio Tinto Undergraduate Residential Scholarship for Indigenous Students. Jayden Dadleh, Mariah Lwoy, Joseph Bin Omar, Marlia Fatnowna.



## **Kirsty McDonald**

**Frank Pyke Memorial Scholarship (Sport Science Honours)**

**Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a major in Sport Science, Exercise and Health**

I came to UWA because I wanted to study Sport Science and I had heard great things about UWA's Sport Science, Exercise and Health (SSEH) degree. UWA is not only the highest ranked university in the State, it is also internationally recognised for its research in my field of interest: biomechanics.

I have a passion for elite sport and enjoy following Australia's sporting success on the world stage. SSEH is a leader in research related to understanding the elite athlete. As well, the School leads health initiatives targeted at the general population, with an aim of reducing the prevalence of disease resulting from poor lifestyle choices in diet and exercise.

When my Honours degree finishes this year, I would love to be given the opportunity to commence a PhD and to conduct research that will make a difference in my field. For now, Honours is an exciting program that demands a large time commitment. The Frank Pyke Memorial Scholarship gives me the

financial support to cut back my outside work hours and to invest much more time in my studies. It also gives me the chance to travel and to attend an international conference, none of which I would have been able to afford otherwise.

I am very grateful to the people who donate to scholarship funds. Receiving a scholarship can completely transform a student's university experience. It has done that for me – opening doors and providing opportunities I would not have had any other way.



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## The spirit of inquiry

Investing in transformative student experiences, in and out of the classroom, is central to the *New Century Campaign*. Under UWA's new degree structure, students receive a broad-based foundation for the critical thinking they will need in pursuing advanced degrees and, ultimately, to succeed in a rapidly-changing world. A UWA education focuses on the journey, not just the destination.

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## Learning beyond the lab

Field trips are just one important way of deepening the learning experience.

The classroom, lecture theatre and lab are core educational constructs. Beyond them, though, lies the experiential learning that comes with real-world research and discovery. Excursions into the 'living laboratory' are integral to transformative learning, opening up aspects of meaning and practical application that might otherwise be lost.

The size and diversity of Western Australia present a vast array of practical teaching and learning opportunities, enhanced through the leadership of outstanding UWA research academics. The associated expense, however, prohibits many students from participating in educational field trips.



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## International exchange

Students become responsible, global citizens by exploring the world and broadening their horizons. To this end, UWA has entered into formal agreements with more than 200 institutions worldwide for study abroad during second or third year. In addition, there are life-altering opportunities for students to volunteer overseas during term breaks, building their sense of community service and enhancing UWA's international reputation.

Participation in international travel and exchange fosters a global perspective and cross-cultural understanding, while ensuring a place of influence for Western Australia in the world economy. Students gain experience at renowned universities and access to more courses, thus deepening their knowledge and skills base. Just as important, their confidence, independence and resilience are boosted, and their experience makes them attractive candidates for future employers.

On average, it costs \$10,000 for a student to take advantage of overseas learning opportunities.

### **Selected student experience gift opportunities:**

- \$5 million endows the Field Trip Fund
- \$5 million endows the International Exchange Fund
- \$1 million gives 10 students each year the opportunity to study abroad
- \$150,000 buys a student research boat to study the biodiversity of the Great Southern Ocean
- \$25,000 and above creates an annual gift of \$5,000 or more for five years for travel scholarships
- \$5,000 and above creates an annual gift of \$1,000 or more for five years, enabling our students to benefit from field trips

## Josephine Deng

Fairway UWA Swans Scholarship  
Bachelor of Arts

When I was accepted into the Fairway program, I was so happy. Through this program, I've come to know the University better and it has brought me many opportunities. At UWA, all the professors and staff have been very supportive. The whole University provides a great learning environment and encourages students to be passionate about their work.

The scholarship I received has helped me in so many ways – from being able to buy my books, to travel fares to and from uni, and everything in between. I find it amazing that there are people out there who give money from their own pockets to help people like me, who they don't even know. Thanks to them, I can afford an education and I am having the best possible experience.

I am now looking at taking up Engineering at UWA, as the study options are so flexible! I hope that one day I can contribute to improving our environment and eliminating poverty in the world.



## Konrad Robertson

### Group of Eight Equity and Merit Scholarship, Undergraduate Interim Scholarship Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Economics

I came to UWA from the country and I didn't know anyone else who was moving to the city. The residential colleges were a huge factor in my decision to come here. Living on campus has really enhanced student life for me. I feel a strong community spirit.

I believe that everyone should have the opportunity to follow their dreams. Education is a big part of that. It is so sad to see kids who can't go after their goals because of their circumstances. UWA sets an example with its many programs and scholarships to assist young people from all walks of life achieve their potential. I have seen personally that those who overcome adversity have the passion and motivation for outstanding achievement both at university and in future life.

After I graduate, I want to work with large industry toward global sustainability. With the growing world population and increasing scarcity of resources, I want to help find the ways to meet the needs of today without harming future generations. UWA has given me the skills to pursue this goal and to make a difference.

My scholarship plays a big role in all of this. It costs a lot more to live in the city and away from home. The scholarship covers some of these costs. It gives me the freedom to focus on my studies and enjoy student life. This is a once in a lifetime experience and it's important to me to make the most of it.

The prestige of the scholarship has also opened doors for me. It is a great honour to have your achievements recognised by an award. That honour drives me to strive continually to achieve my best at UWA, as a way of repaying the people who have invested in my future. It is an amazing feeling and a great responsibility to have people invest their money in you because they believe in you and want you to reach your potential.

For people to provide financial support for a student like me, someone they have never met, and expect nothing in return — is the ultimate act of kindness. Their generosity has affected all aspects of my life. On behalf of UWA's scholarship holders, I can say with confidence that we are incredibly grateful to these people who support us. I want donors to know they really are helping to create the next generation of leaders.





## The universal language

The UWA School of Music's mission is to teach and inspire exceptional artistic and academic students, regardless of their social and economic status, to realise their highest potential. The School has a long and proud tradition of producing outstanding musicians, benefitting from strong community ties and engaging music lovers in a wide range of outreach programs and concerts.

Every Specialist Music Studies student receives one hour of one-on-one instruction from a professional musician each week. Interacting with great music masters is a priceless experience through which students come to understand and incorporate methodologies, theory and performance practice.

Mentoring is vital to the development of emerging artists and to their future success as musicians. Students are given the opportunity to study and practise with a Maestro in Residence, learning to model their preparation and performance after the most acclaimed performers of our day.

Through the *New Century Campaign*, \$8 million will be raised for an endowed fund dedicated to individual music tuition, critical to the moulding of young musicians and the development of professional musicianship.



### Selected music tuition gift opportunities:

- \$1.6 million creates an endowment to benefit Woodwind students
- \$1.3 million endows support for talented Voice students
- \$1.2 million endows a fund for Strings musicians
- \$1 million endows a fund for Composition students
- \$750,000 creates an endowment in support of Brass students
- \$750,000 endows a visiting Maestro in Residence
- \$400,000 builds an endowment for our Percussion students

The Reta Thornton Bequest of \$1.1 million has endowed a fund for Keyboard tuition.



## **Gisele Ishimwe**

**Fairway UWA Swans Scholarship**

**Bachelor of Arts (Communications Studies)**

I came to UWA because it is well respected for providing a great education. It has wonderful people, beautiful surroundings — a perfect location. I don't just want a degree. I want an education that can give me the knowledge to make the world a better place. UWA happens to be the perfect place to allow me to achieve my goal. Plus, my parents love it.

In the future, I hope to inspire other migrant students who come from all around the world to this country, Australia. I want to be an example for them. I want them to realise that, regardless of what you go through in life, the choice is always yours: you can either become a victim, or be a winner.

It has been a great honour to receive a scholarship that will help me throughout

my years of study. A burden has been lifted off me. I don't worry about not being able to afford books or any other things I need to help me succeed at uni. I can fully concentrate on what I must — my education. It means so much to me to know that someone is looking out for people like me who are not so well off. I feel supported and that motivates me to do better every day.

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## Realising potential

Sometimes life circumstances create real barriers to the fulfilment of potential. For those fortunate enough to grow up with financial security, where tertiary education is a valued tradition, attending university almost goes without saying. For young people of limited means or those who are the first in their families to go to university, it is another story. Among them are individuals with the potential to become the great scientists, artists, engineers and leaders of the future; or to change the course of a family's fortunes.

UWA was established as an institution of the people — all the people, regardless of means, physical ability, race, creed, colour or location — and we take that legacy very seriously. Equality of access is central to inspiring and

creating life-changing experiences for all our students. Diversity on our campus, a medley of backgrounds and experiences, is key to encouraging strong global citizens who appreciate and can navigate difference.





## SOS Fund

For some students, emergencies do happen. A laptop goes missing, a job is lost, or they find themselves without a place to study and sleep. These are the subjects of just a few of the panicked calls and visits that are fielded by UWA Student Services.

For students without access to family support in emergency situations, we seek to endow the *SOS Fund*, providing critical assistance for those with urgent financial need. Emergency funds donated by the Centenary Trust for Women have already proven invaluable to women students in crisis.

It is time to expand the scope of SOS funding to support all students, ensuring that those facing dire financial circumstances may continue their education and reach their academic and life goals.

## Aspire UWA

The *New Century Campaign* will extend our unique outreach program, *Aspire UWA*, which aims to make university a viable goal for disadvantaged Western Australian students. These are youth with academic potential, who may not have considered continuing their education beyond high school.

*Aspire UWA* reaches out to 50 schools across Western Australia, including those in the Pilbara, Kimberley, Midwest, Gascoyne and Perth metropolitan area. It targets partner schools in regions

where university entry is traditionally low and encourages children from diverse cultural, linguistic or economically disadvantaged backgrounds to consider coming to UWA.



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## Fairway

UWA's access program, *Fairway*, provides a range of support initiatives for students in Years 11 and 12 from disadvantaged backgrounds. Working closely with schools, we identify promising students who would most benefit from a residential summer school geared to hands-on discovery of university life. *Fairway* participants gain confidence, share their new experiences with peers and learn from enthusiastic mentors.

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## First in the Family

For those who are the first in their family to embark on tertiary education, it can be a daunting experience, but one that promises great reward. In many families, sending a student to university is a milestone moment, reflective of accomplishment and determination, as well as hopes and dreams for the future. These young pioneers are an inspiration.

Our new *First in the Family* scholarships open a door to education that has previously been closed. Your gift to support this fund means more than financial assistance. It means realising the potential of undiscovered leaders.

### Selected gift opportunities:

- \$5 million endows the innovative *Aspire UWA* outreach program, opening the world to disadvantaged Western Australian students
- \$5 million endows *Fairway*, making tertiary education a realistic option for promising, high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds
- \$2 million creates a special endowment for *Fairway* summer and winter camps at UWA
- \$1 million endows *Fairway* tutoring support for students as they adjust to campus life
- \$500,000 creates an endowment to tutor Year 12 students
- \$100,000 endows a *First in the Family* scholarship, expanding the employment prospects and leadership potential of a generation
- \$5,000 provides essential support through the *SOS Fund*

## Mature-age Indigenous scholarships

The first Aboriginal medical doctor in Australia graduated from UWA. Our University has a proud history of engaging with Indigenous communities and creating educational opportunities for Indigenous youth. It is now time to ensure that the same opportunities exist for mature-age Indigenous Australians.

The year-long Advanced Diploma in Indigenous Legal Studies and the Advanced Diploma in Medical and Aboriginal Health Sciences provide new University entry points for mature-age Indigenous students. Whether they are returning to study from full-time work or are the sole caregivers for their families, many will come to these programs under financial hardship. Scholarships offer empowerment: the financial support to build their careers and further contribute to their communities.

### Selected gift opportunities:

- \$200,000 endows a Mature-age Indigenous Scholarship
- \$50,000 provides vital support for five students
- \$10,000 creates a scholarship for one student

"As a Fogarty Scholar, my leadership skills have improved beyond belief. I've learnt that the word 'no' is only a few networks away from 'yes'; and that problems are simply a reminder that a solution is somewhere you haven't looked yet."

Simon Thuijs, UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholar and Alumni Annual Fund student caller



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## Rewarding excellence

At the heart of the *New Century Campaign* is UWA's commitment to drawing the brightest students from around the world to our campus, making Perth and Western Australia a hub of intellectual leadership. The existing UWA Fogarty Foundation Undergraduates Scholarship program is a shining example of this commitment already in action. Driven by a vision to share the transformative power of education, Dr Brett and Dr Annie Fogarty AM have forged a model with UWA that incorporates not just financial support but also mentoring and enriched learning opportunities, helping Fogarty Scholars realise their potential as industry and community leaders of tomorrow.

Proven initiatives like the Fogarty partnership have inspired a full suite of new scholarships to recognise and reward academic excellence. Already renowned for the calibre of our students, it is vital that UWA continues to attract top achievers and that we enhance our reputation as a destination of choice for top students from around Australia and the world. UWA aims to rank among the top 50 research universities globally by the year 2050. The impact of achieving this standing will be felt throughout Western Australia, particularly by the students and graduates who can lay claim to having studied at one of the world's foremost institutions. Reaching this goal relies on building our academic excellence, creating a community of exceptional scholars and enhancing our international reputation. We must draw the best students to our campus and keep them here.

Recognising and rewarding excellence is critical to demonstrating our commitment to scholastic excellence. Hard-working, high-achieving students deserve to know that their efforts are valued, as is their performance. These are the research stars and community leaders of the future and they merit applause. Applications for excellence scholarships often outnumber the awards themselves.

### Selected gift opportunities:

- \$800,000 endows a postgraduate scholarship, providing a rising research star with the financial security to explore solutions to the most pressing issues facing humanity
- \$160,000 supports a gifted postgraduate with a four-year scholarship at \$40,000 per year
- \$120,000 endows a single Hackett Foundation Alumni Honours scholarship, enabling students who have demonstrated academic excellence to undertake an honours program. At least one scholarship is awarded in each Faculty and at least one to an Indigenous student
- \$120,000 endows a single UWA Alumni Award of Distinction, recognising a commencing undergraduate student for academic excellence, leadership and service
- \$24,000 creates one Hackett Foundation Alumni Honours scholarship at \$6,000 per year for four years
- \$5,000 creates a single UWA Alumni Award of Distinction, recognising the achievements of a leading student citizen



## **Nikhilesh Bappoo**

**Dr Daniel Berinson Academic Excellence Engineering Scholarship**

**Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours), majoring in Engineering Science, and Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Assured Pathway into Master of Professional Engineering**

I came to UWA because it is the best university in WA and also in the global top 100. Here, I was offered flexibility in courses and majors, and research pathways that other unis didn't have. The Bachelor of Philosophy Honours degree, for example, is a course that is unique to UWA and it is an important foundation degree for research — something I want to concentrate on in the future. I have the opportunity for student exchange, research placement experience and, of course, an Honours project. I am able to complete my degree in labs with professional equipment, a vast library, and under the guidance of excellent professors. And, of course, it is a beautiful location!

Through my research, I hope to make engineering improvements in the medical sector — better buildings, technology, and accessible, sustainable development. It is my passion to make a positive difference to the world through biomedical engineering. The Dr Daniel Berinson Academic Excellence Engineering Scholarship has encouraged me to reach my goals. It is important to me that

scholarship donors like Ms Diana Berinson are supporting my education and my dreams. That is a strong motivating factor in my studies. It is an honour to have such support and I feel a responsibility to work hard and stay on track. I am very grateful to Ms Berinson, who is playing a big role in making my university experience the best that it can be.

## **Jhenn Javier**

**Fairway UWA Swans Scholarship**

**Bachelor of Science**

I chose UWA because I already had a support network of staff and friends from the Fairway program. Through Fairway activities, I got to know the campus and quite a few university students. I felt at home at UWA even before I started studying here.

I am doing a combined first major of Microbiology and Immunology, with Pharmacology as a second major. I'm interested in the development of drugs to improve health and health care, for the good of communities. I believe a Science degree at UWA, with these majors, will not only provide me with the knowledge I need in these fields, but will also equip me with research skills.

The Fairway scholarship has lessened the financial pressure I would otherwise feel about university fees. This means I can focus more on my studies. I am amazed at the generosity of people who support scholarships like Fairway. To them, I want to say thank you.

I believe every person deserves an opportunity to get an education despite barriers due to circumstances that are often beyond their control. Scholarships like Fairway give people like me this opportunity. I want the people who support Fairway to know that it is a good investment.





The gift of a scholarship can make all the difference in the life of a deserving student.

We invite you to create the future by supporting exceptional student experiences. From residential life to international study, rewarding excellence and putting food on the table, your gift will have a powerful impact.

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## Recognising your generosity

The University of Western Australia recognises and celebrates the generosity of our graduates and friends. This proud tradition continues today. We would be delighted to assist you to explore how you can contribute to creating a brilliant future, with and through UWA, in whatever way speaks to you.

For major donors, we are pleased to offer a range of naming opportunities.

We look forward to talking with you.

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