

# The UWA Fogarty Scholarship Program

Creating opportunities

Unleashing transformative leaders



# Transformational Leaders

Empowering, extending and creating  
opportunities for high performing  
and high potential students

# A transformational scholarship

The UWA Fogarty Scholarship Program is enriching our community by investing in exceptional young people who use their skills, abilities and commitment to lead positive change in our community, state and nation.

Established in 2004, the program is a joint initiative of the Fogarty Foundation and The University of Western Australia.

10 new scholarships are awarded each year to students who study across a range of disciplines. These comprehensive scholarships include a tailored leadership program for the Scholar's entire university degree that focuses

on developing transformative leadership skills in each of the Scholars.

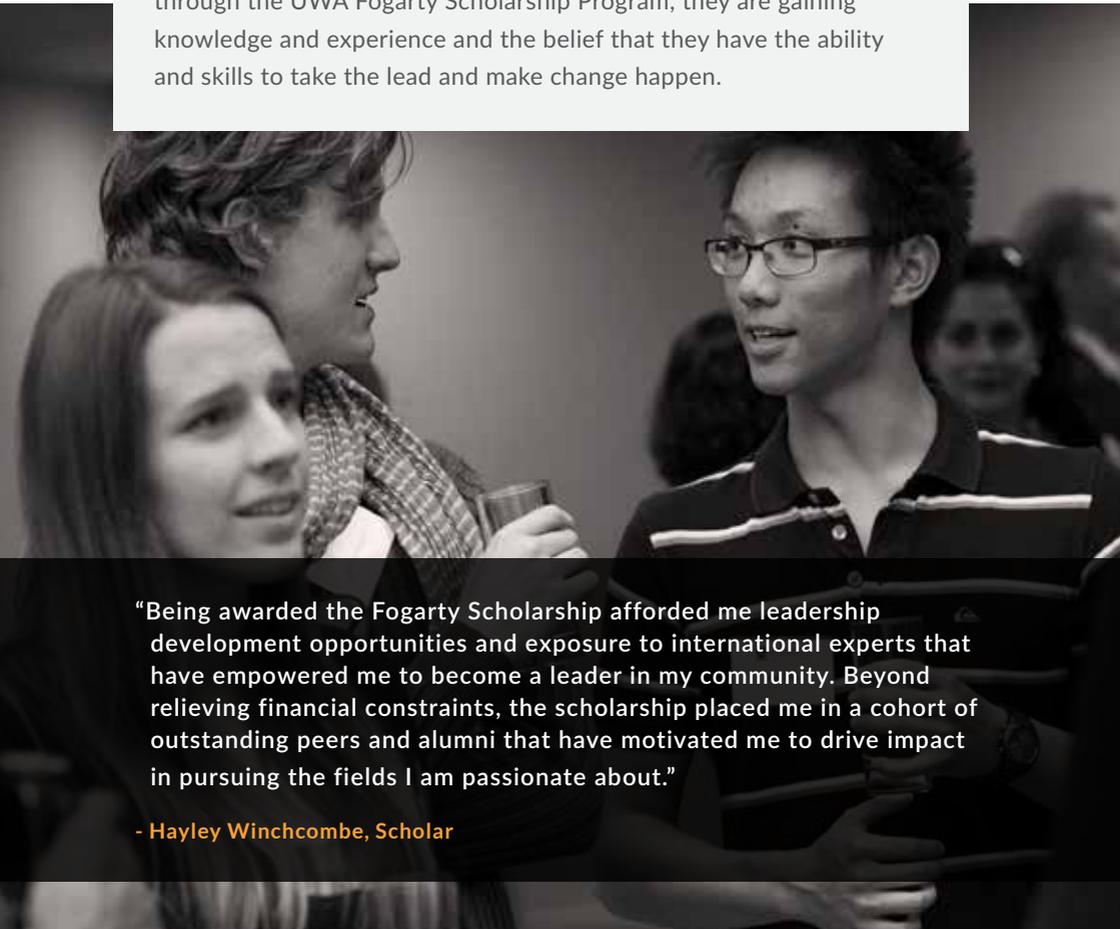
The program is one of Australia's premier scholarship programs, working with local and international leaders and partners to provide Scholars and Alumni with comprehensive academic scholarships, enrichment opportunities, leadership development and strong networks.

Since 2004, the scholarships have educated and supported 150 young people who are now part of a cohort of like-minded young people who support and inspire each other.

# We need leaders who will positively transform our community

This change occurs when people have opportunities to learn, acquire skills, build assets and create social networks.

By creating these opportunities for exceptional young people in WA through the UWA Fogarty Scholarship Program, they are gaining knowledge and experience and the belief that they have the ability and skills to take the lead and make change happen.



“Being awarded the Fogarty Scholarship afforded me leadership development opportunities and exposure to international experts that have empowered me to become a leader in my community. Beyond relieving financial constraints, the scholarship placed me in a cohort of outstanding peers and alumni that have motivated me to drive impact in pursuing the fields I am passionate about.”

- Hayley Winchcombe, Scholar

# Who



## UWA Fogarty Scholars are transformative leaders

Scholars are academic high achievers with the desire, motivation and ability to positively influence their communities.

### Core Competencies of a Fogarty Scholar

Transformative leaders share key qualities that enable them to contribute to positive change. Young people selected as UWA Fogarty Scholars possess these qualities and we continue to develop these attributes with practice throughout our program:

- > **Vision**
- > **Resilience**
- > **Integrity**
- > **Self-reflection & adaptability**
- > **Emotional intelligence**
- > **Breadth & depth of knowledge**
- > **Initiative**

## How to become a UWA Fogarty Scholar

Each year 10 UWA Fogarty Scholarships are awarded to WA's brightest and engaged high school graduates. Scholarships are awarded on 3 criteria:

1. Academic achievements to date
2. Other significant achievements  
(including sports, arts, community involvement and leadership)
3. Demonstration of the 7 Competencies of a UWA Fogarty Scholar

*To be eligible to apply, students must reasonably expect to achieve an ATAR of 98 and students attending Tier A Broadway UWA-identified schools must reasonably expect to achieve an ATAR of 95.*

## How to apply

Applications will be assessed through:

### ONLINE APPLICATION

An initial online application that includes:

- **Evidence of Achievements & Activities:**  
A demonstration of a student's achievement and activities in Year 11 and Year 12 in relation to sports, arts, community involvement, leadership and academic achievements (in at least 3 out of the 5 categories, including documentary evidence).
- **Principal Endorsement:**  
A signed School Principal Endorsement Form from the student's school principal verifying the student's predicted ATAR.

### INTERVIEW

Students shortlisted from the online application assessment will be invited for an interview. All interviewees receive a UWA Scholarship.

### Application tips

#### Tip #1

Students: choose your best activities and achievements to put forward. We want to hear about activities you have been involved in, and have achieved in, that have been meaningful to you.

#### Tip #2

Keep your descriptions brief and succinct.

#### Tip #3

The UWA Fogarty Scholars are a diverse cohort. Help us get to know you as much as possible through your application.

For more information on how to become a UWA Fogarty Scholar visit: [www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au)

## What

# What does the program involve?

Students selected for the UWA Fogarty Scholarship Program are provided with holistic support through opportunities to learn, acquire skills, build assets and create social networks, including:



### Comprehensive Education Scholarships

Provides financial scholarships of \$10,000 per annum to assist in university tuition, accommodation & general living expenses as well as academic, social and career support to retain exceptional young people to our state and our nation. Students can undertake a degree in a discipline of their choice at The University of Western Australia.

### Leadership Program

Expands horizons by initiating opportunities for exceptional young people to learn from, and have access to, a network of leaders, gain insight into how our community works and how they can positively make a contribution.



### Leadership Opportunities

Provides Scholars with opportunities for public speaking, initiating ventures, leading projects and acting as university ambassadors.

### Scholars & Alumni Network

Connects networks of exceptional young people who support, mentor and inspire each other.



### Academic Mentoring

Scholars receive tailored academic mentoring from a UWA academic faculty member in their chosen field of study who guides students through their university journey.

# In 2019 we have...

**63**

CURRENT  
SCHOLARS

**85**

ALUMNI

...a network of 150  
transformational  
leaders!

Our Scholars are contributing to their communities, our state & our nation in numerous ways:

> **Thriving academically, completing their Masters, Honours and PhDs and winning other prestigious scholarships**

- 5 Rhodes Scholarship recipients
- 2 John Monash Scholarship recipients
- 1 Fulbright Scholarship recipient
- 1 Westpac Future Leaders

> **Contributing to positive change through their work, advocacy, volunteering and activism**

Participating in university and community initiatives including Dr YES, the Fogarty Scholars Association, student societies and youth councils, WASTV, Teach Learn Grow, UN Youth, Teach for Australia, CoderDojo WA and the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Hub...amongst many others.

> **Gaining leadership roles that enable them to make positive change in their chosen fields**

Working for the World Health Organisation, the United Nations and the Peace Corps, hospitals, law firms, consultancies, scientific institutions, teaching and even competing at the Olympics.

> **Becoming innovators and (future) job creators by establishing their own initiatives**

- BloomLab
  - WA Student TV
  - Teach Learn Grow
  - Global Health Short Course
  - Bibliothec
  - Future Skills
- ...And more!

All of our Alumni say that the program has given them an enhanced belief in their ability to influence change and an increased commitment to being an ethical leader.

We believe that individually we can create positive change but together our Scholars can achieve **great** change...



“ My time at university has been an amazing educational experience and I credit that to the opportunities that the UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship and its community has provided.”

**Mark Shelton, Scholar,  
John Monash Scholar 2016**

“ The scholarship enabled me to pursue my interests in community service and leadership by providing both global and local mentors who inspired and guided me.”

**Binu Jayawardena, Alumni**

“ By far the most valuable aspect of the scholarship program is being immersed in an environment of driven, passionate and engaged peers who are pursuing ambitious goals.”

**Jasmin Sekhon, Alumni**



“ The scholarship has assisted me in building relationships with other students – they are drawn from a range of areas but are all doing amazing things and are passionate about their future trajectories”

**Richard O'Halloran. Alumni, Rhodes Scholar 2016**

# Get to know some of our Scholars...

## Scholar Story



Binu Jayawardena

Alumni, Doctor

In 2009 I was awarded a UWA Fogarty Foundation scholarship and commenced a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree. The scholarship enabled me to pursue my interests in community service and leadership by providing both global and local mentors who inspired and guided me.

In 2011 I was involved in the establishment of Teach Learn Grow Inc. - an educational charity that now comprises hundreds of volunteers. In 2012, I co-founded WA Student TV - the state's first video production social enterprise that delivers in excess of \$100,000 of professional media services to the local community free of charge each year.

Both these projects received seed funding from the Fogarty Foundation, without which they wouldn't have gotten off the ground. The impact these 2 projects alone have had on the community are enormous and my ultimate vision for them would be to blossom into sustainable non-profit organisations in the years to come.

## Scholar Story

### Joshua Punne

Alumni, Fullbright Scholar 2018

Reflecting on the weeks that followed the news I had been awarded the UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship, I distinctly remember being taken aback by the warmth and enthusiasm with which I was welcomed into the Fogarty community. Not only did my fellow first-years and I almost immediately form a bond that remains intact over four years later, but it quickly became clear just how sincere the older scholars were in their efforts to guide and help us through the transition into life as a UWA student and a Fogarty Scholar.

It did not take me long to call upon the assistance of my Fogarty peers. When fellow scholar Ben Chia and I were chosen to convene the 2015 Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference, a three-day youth leadership event that attracted over 70 of WA's most outstanding high school students, we were more than a little daunted by the task in front of us. However, thanks to the ever-flowing advice of past convenors and the tireless efforts of volunteer scholars, the conference ran smoothly and remains one of my fondest and proudest memories.

Experiences such as this do much more than pad your resumé. Being a member of the Fogarty community has taught me an approach and a philosophy of self-improvement that transcends ordinary tertiary education. In my interview for a postgraduate Fulbright Scholarship in 2018 (having actually encountered multiple members of the interview panel through Fogarty Conversations), I spoke at length to the transformative effect of my time as a Fogarty Scholar, and firmly believe this is one of the reasons I was successful.



# Richard O'Halloran

Alumni, Rhodes Scholar 2016

The UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship has provided me with both significant financial support to pursue university study and a leadership program to assist me develop my own life skills and future goals. The scholarship has provided me with experiences that have opened my eyes to many of the career pathways that I now hope to pursue.

I engaged with a series of fantastic speakers from a variety of backgrounds beyond my chosen pathway of medicine, including law, politics, business, philosophy and even an astronaut. The lessons have been invaluable and helped me develop goals that reflect my own passions, set plans to achieve these goals, and yet remain open to seeking other opportunities.

**The scholarship has also assisted me in building relationships with other students, drawn from a range of areas, but all doing amazing things and passionate about their future trajectories.**

In addition to supporting me through my medical studies, UWA and the Fogarty Foundation assisted me with undertaking an honours year in medical research. This gave me the chance to evaluate a screening program for diabetic eye disease in Aboriginal and rural medical services. This experience has inspired me to seek broader health solutions to the challenges facing our healthcare system, such as the poorer health outcomes experienced by many Australians and our strained healthcare budget. I hope to pursue these areas further in conjunction with my future work as a clinician.

## Scholar Story



### David Sherwood

Alumni, Bibliotech co-founder

In 2009 I enrolled in a Bachelor of Science (Advanced) with a Fogarty Foundation Regional Scholarship. The scholarship provided the opportunities and resources required to forego a part-time job and focus on extra-curricular pursuits. I co-founded Teach Learn Grow (TLG) with Travis Elliott with seed funding from the Fogarty Foundation. Today, Teach Learn Grow provides over 20,000 hours of free tutoring to rural and indigenous Australians each year. Initially I had wanted to be a scientist, but my experience with Teach Learn Grow made it obvious that I was hopeless in the lab and really enjoyed entrepreneurship.

I was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 2013 and commenced Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University. In my second year I dropped out and co-founded Bibliotech - Spotify for Textbooks. We have raised £290,000 of seed investment and have been licensed by Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and Taylor and Francis. Our vision is to make access to all textbooks affordable for everyone.

The Fogarty Foundation was key in developing my interest in education and entrepreneurship as well as providing the resources necessary to allow me to invest the time required by these interest projects.



### Amy Steinepreis

Alumni, Rhodes Scholar 2014

My time as a UWA Fogarty Scholar undoubtedly started me on the winding but truly exhilarating road which led me to Oxford, and to two other amazing opportunities: the Rhodes and Clarendon Scholarships.

I'm currently a DPhil candidate in Medieval and Modern Languages at Oxford, researching the intersection of mid-20th Century French, Italian, and Russian literature and philosophy.

Before commencing doctoral work, I completed a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and a Master of International Journalism (Dist) at UWA, both of which remain all the more memorable to me because of the friendships and experiences the UWA Fogarty Scholarship afforded me throughout my degrees. The Fogarty Foundation and my professors at UWA empowered me to reach for unique opportunities, for example to volunteer for the Harry Perkins Institute and serve as Ambassador for the Ride to Conquer Cancer, to intern at the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery and Sky News, and to present at conferences around the world.

Having just graduated from Oxford's Master of Studies in Modern Languages (Dist), I can say unreservedly that I'm enjoying my studies in the UK, but also other aspects of life here, such as taking time out to captain tennis at my college and to participate in events like the International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in the UN, New York. I hope to pursue a career in cultural diplomacy and its interactions with media and politics, thereby doing justice to the faith first placed in me by the UWA Fogarty community, who took me down this unexpected path.

## Scholar Story



### Robert Marshall

Alumni, Fulbright Scholar 2014

I am a medical doctor with an interest in leveraging public policy to drive better health outcomes and improve healthcare services. I am particularly committed to closing the gap in Indigenous life expectancy and improving health equity for Australians living in rural and remote areas.

**My passion for health policy began with the UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship, affording me the opportunity to pursue a world-class education and to connect with an inspiring group of fellow scholars.**

I took the road less travelled as an undergraduate, completing a Bachelor of Arts degree concurrently with my medical studies. This led me to spend a year on student exchange at the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) in Paris, which piqued my interest in health policy, health economics and political reform as a way to improve clinical care. I have since worked in a variety of challenging clinical settings in rural and urban Australia and overseas, including as a volunteer in the aftermath of the 2010 Earthquake in Haiti.

In 2015, I moved to New York City to pursue a Master of Public Administration at Columbia University, aiming to develop the skills and knowledge needed to be a transformative leader in health policy when I return to Australia.



# Mark Shelton

Alumni, John Monash Scholar 2016

When I was awarded the UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship in 2011, I thought I had a pretty good idea of what my career path would look like. I'd start with a BPhil (Hons) in Neuroscience, follow it with an MD, and then work my way to a neurology specialisation. Did it turn out that way? Not at all.

In my first year at UWA, I met Fogarty Scholar Dave Sherwood and joined Teach Learn Grow (TLG), a rural education non-profit that he had founded. My time with TLG spurred me on to launch Bloom with two other Fogarty Scholars, Baz Iyer and Harry Smallbone. Bloom is a non-profit that provides young entrepreneurs with workshops, co-working space, mentoring and advisory services.

During my degree, I had the opportunity to participate in an overseas exchange at Stanford University. I was so inspired by the vibrant technology startup ecosystem in the Silicon Valley that upon my return to UWA I changed my degree to Computer Science. I'm currently completing my honours thesis, exploring potential success factors for technology startups.

I was recently awarded the John Monash Scholarship which I intend to use to return to Stanford University to study a Master of Science in Computer Science, focusing on artificial intelligence. I hope to return to Australia to continue my work fostering the Australian technology startup ecosystem.

My time at university has been an amazing educational experience and I credit that to the opportunities that the UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship and its community has provided.







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