

# The UWA Fogarty Scholarship Program

Creating opportunities

Investing in our future



# Next Generation Leaders

Empowering, extending and creating opportunities for high-achieving, high-potential people.

Leadership is central to the Foundation as we believe that through empowering good leaders, they will provide vision and direction enabling positive change to benefit all people in society.

# A scholarship of opportunity

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

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

Each year, 10 new scholarships are awarded to students who study across a range of disciplines. These comprehensive scholarships also include a tailored leadership program for the Scholar's entire university degree and beyond their formal studies.

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

Since 2004, the Scholarships have educated and supported almost 200 young people who support and inspire each other. Through this support they are poised to make a significant contribution to Western Australia.

We need proactive, highly skilled individuals to create our communities of the future.

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

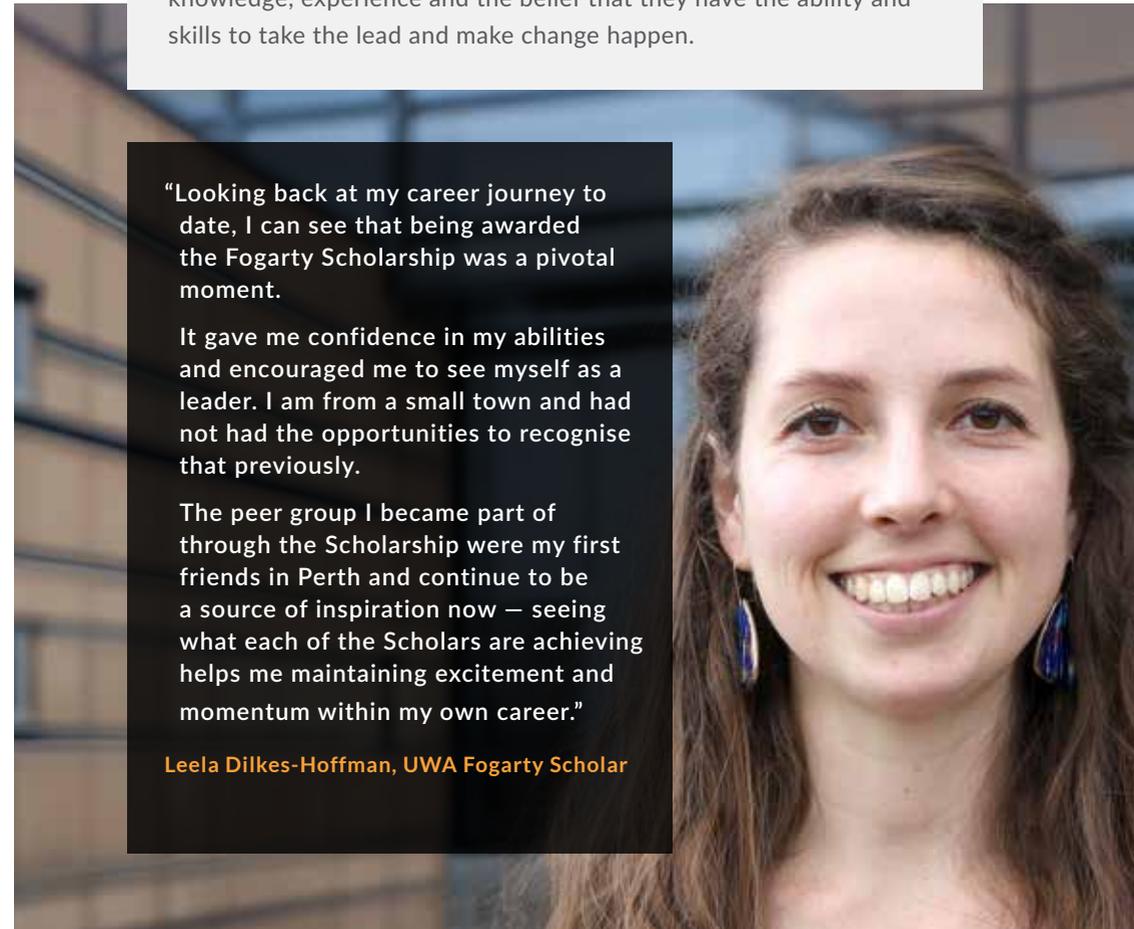
By creating opportunities for exceptional young people in WA through the UWA Fogarty Scholarship Program, Scholars gain knowledge, experience and the belief that they have the ability and skills to take the lead and make change happen.

**“Looking back at my career journey to date, I can see that being awarded the Fogarty Scholarship was a pivotal moment.**

**It gave me confidence in my abilities and encouraged me to see myself as a leader. I am from a small town and had not had the opportunities to recognise that previously.**

**The peer group I became part of through the Scholarship were my first friends in Perth and continue to be a source of inspiration now – seeing what each of the Scholars are achieving helps me maintaining excitement and momentum within my own career.”**

**Leela Dilkes-Hoffman, UWA Fogarty Scholar**



Who



## UWA Fogarty Scholars

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

### Core Competencies of a UWA Fogarty Scholar

Young people selected as UWA Fogarty Scholars possess the qualities to lead our community into the future. We provide opportunities for Scholars to continue to develop leadership qualities through focussed engagements, collaboration and experiential learning.

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

How

## How to become a UWA Fogarty Scholar

Each year, up to 10 new UWA Fogarty Scholarships are awarded to WA's brightest and most engaged high school graduates. Scholarships are awarded on three criteria:

1. Academic achievements
2. Significant achievements in areas such as sports, arts, community involvement, initiative, leadership and enterprise
3. Demonstration of the Competencies of a UWA Fogarty Scholar

*To be eligible to apply, students must reasonably expect to achieve an ATAR of 98. 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).
- **Enterprise:** The option to include a short description of an activity or initiative they have developed that demonstrates enterprising aptitude.
- **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. Interviews are usually held in the July school holiday period.

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

### Application tips

- Tip #1**  
Choose the activities and achievements you are most proud of and explain why they 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.

## 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 and Enterprise 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. Scholars are also eligible to receive financial support from the Foundation to launch their own initiative.



### Academic Mentoring

Scholars receive tailored academic mentoring from a UWA academic faculty member who guides students through their university journey.



### Accommodation

All UWA Fogarty Scholars are offered a place and are eligible for scholarships towards accommodation at UWA residential colleges.



### Scholars & Alumni Network

Access to connected networks of exceptional young people who support, mentor and inspire each other.



### Scholars Enterprise Investment Program

An investment fund for Scholar led enterprises; particularly focused on next generation, technology businesses.

The UWA Fogarty Scholars are part of a network of over 180 like minded, motivated individuals!

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

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

- 5 Rhodes Scholarship recipients
- 4 Fulbright Scholarship recipients
- 2 John Monash Scholarship recipients
- 1 Westpac Future Leadership Scholar
- 4 New Colombo Plan Scholarship recipients

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

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

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

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

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

- BloomLab
- Australian Strategic Youth Partnership
- Teach Learn Grow
- BibliU
- Enitiate
- Purposeful
- Man Up

...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 individuals can create positive change, but together our Scholars can achieve **great** change...

“Being a member of the Fogarty community has taught me an approach and a philosophy of self-improvement that transcends ordinary tertiary education. I firmly believe the transformative effect of my time as a Fogarty Scholar is one of the reasons I was successful in applying for a postgraduate Fulbright Scholarship. “

**Joshua Dunne, UWA Fogarty Scholar**

“Being a Fogarty Scholar connected me with a diverse community of driven young leaders who inspired me to think bigger, challenge myself and pursue my passions with purpose. Even though we all came from different fields, there was a collective drive to make a difference on the issues that mattered most to us. The Scholarship gave me the confidence to back myself and challenge the status quo, helping me to become the leader I am today.



**Georgie Carey, UWA Fogarty Scholar**

“ 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, UWA Fogarty Scholar, Rhodes Scholar 2016**



Get to know some of our Scholars...



Amy Steinepreis

Rhodes Scholar 2015, Juris Doctor candidate

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.

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.

After graduating from Oxford’s Master of Studies in Modern Languages (Dist), I can say unreservedly that I enjoyed my studies in the UK, but also other aspects of life, 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.



## David Sherwood

**BibliU co-founder,  
Forbes 30 under 30 Social Entrepreneur**

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 BibliU - Spotify for Textbooks. We have partnerships with 3,200 publishers, including Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and Taylor and Francis, and 114 universities across UK and USA. Our vision is to make access to all textbooks affordable for everyone has become a reality..

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.



## Hayley Winchcombe

**New Colombo Plan Scholar 2018, Economics  
and Policy Consultant**

I vividly recall my first encounter as a UWA Fogarty Scholar. As a bright-eyed first year student, it was a conversation with renowned US death-row lawyer Professor Bryan Stevenson. The discussion tackled the depths of ethics, philosophy and social theory. It was a moment that ignited my curiosity and fueled my aspiration to make a positive impact on the world.

As a regional Scholar in Perth, I was fortunate to find a supportive community within my Fogarty Scholarship cohort. I was lucky to count my cohort and both older and younger Scholars as my circle of close mentors and friends. Their advice, encouragement and adjacent initiatives inspired me to pursue my own passions, including co-founding the ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership which was enabled by the outsized efforts of fellow Scholars Luke Thomas and Racheline Tantular – the latter who now leads the organisation as CEO taking it from strength to strength.

The entrepreneurial spirit fostered by the scholarship through exposure to other Scholars and leaders helped me dream big and weave together my own path. I didn't realise when I started university that I could really choose to do anything with my career, coming from a small town with limited job opportunities. The Scholarship exposed me to a world of opportunities. Recently I was the first hire at Mandala, a new economics and policy startup and have been able to work on everything from fintechs, health economics, US government engagement strategies, homelessness, big tech and quantum computing. Now I'm very glad to be able to mentor and encourage new scholars as well as other students to pursue their own paths. It's a small way to pay forward the gratitude for a program that unlocked so many opportunities for me.



## Robert Marshall

Fulbright Scholar 2015,  
Executive Director of Strategy, St Vincents Health Australia

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 on a Fulbright Scholarship, aiming to develop the skills and knowledge needed to be a transformative leader in health policy. Since returning to Australia, I have worked as a public policy consultant with BCG in Sydney. In 2022, I joined St Vincent's Health Group Australia as Head of Strategy, where I am helping to shape Australia's largest non-profit health and aged care organisation to lead the future of health.



## Mark Shelton

John Monash Scholar 2016,  
Product Manager at Microsoft

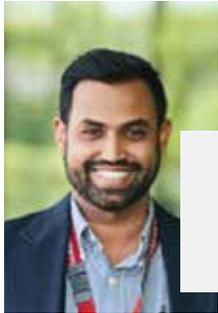
When I was awarded the UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship in 2011, I thought I had a pretty good idea of what my career path would look like. I'd start with a BPhil (Hons) in Neuroscience, follow it with an MD, and then work my way to a neurology specialisation. Did it turn out that way? Not at all.

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 and completed my honours thesis, exploring potential success factors for technology startups.

I was awarded the John Monash Scholarship and to study at Stanford University for 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 was an amazing educational experience and I credit that to the opportunities that the UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship and its community provided.



Binu Jayawardena

Senior Psychiatry Registrar, Doctor

In 2009, I was awarded a UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship and commenced a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Medical Science degrees. The Scholarship was vital in allowing me to make the decision to remain in WA instead of pursuing opportunities interstate and overseas. It enabled me to pursue my interests in community service and leadership by providing both global and local mentors who inspired and guided me.

During my time at UWA I was involved in the establishment of Teach Learn Grow Inc. and also cofounded WASTV - the state's first video production social enterprise that delivered professional media services to the community nonprofit sector free of charge and subsequently provided employment to many young West Australians.

Both these projects received seed funding from the Fogarty Foundation, without which they wouldn't have gotten off the ground.

Since graduating, I am now a trainee psychiatrist pursuing dual advanced training in consultation liaison psychiatry and psychiatry of old age. Following the example of the Fogarty Foundation's emphasis on teaching future generations of West Australians, I also hold a position as a Senior Lecturer at UWA Medical School where I oversee the psychiatry curriculum and with research interests in machine learning other novel approaches to investigate complex networks in mental health. I am the WA representative to MAGNET, Australia's first national clinical trial network in adult mental health and to MHELANZ, a binational collective of mental health educators in medical schools.

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a contribution  
towards their  
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change.



The Fogarty Future's Leadership Conference is run by UWA Fogarty Scholars, for year 10 and 11 students. The Conference is an opportunity for the Scholars to share the skills and knowledge they gain through the UWA Fogarty Scholars' Leadership Program, with aspiring high school leaders and scholars.

[www.fogartyfutures.org](http://www.fogartyfutures.org)



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