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Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited was incorporated on 24 September 2010 as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.

Its Constitution and details of its operations are available on the website:
www.cambridgeaustralia.org.au.

As a result of 2010 changes to the Corporations Act (Cth), CAS is considered a small company limited by guarantee with consolidated revenue less than the statutory threshold of \$250,000. As such, it is not required, unless directed to do so under specified circumstances, to:

- prepare a financial report or have it audited;
- prepare a directors' report; or
- notify members of annual reports.

However, given that the directors of CAS intend to operate, wherever possible, in accordance with good corporate governance principles, CAS has published this Annual Report and its accounts.

CHAIR'S REPORT

I am pleased to present this Annual Report, which details the activities of Cambridge Australia Scholarships (CAS) for the financial year July 2019 to June 2020.

My fellow Directors and I extend our best wishes and good health to all of you and your families in these unusual and challenging times.

The 2019-20 academic year started well for our Scholars who by all accounts settled well into life at Cambridge, academically and socially. I encourage you to read the Scholars' reports in the pages that follow to get a flavour of the difference Cambridge has made to our Scholars, and our Scholars to Cambridge.

As Lent Term drew to a close, the University responded to the escalating Covid-19 crisis by encouraging all students to return to their homes as soon as possible, and announced a switch to remote teaching for the Easter Term – a move unprecedented since the days of the Black Death.

Around the same time, our Government also encouraged all Australians to return home as a matter of urgency.

As the situation unfolded rapidly, an emergency CAS Board meeting was hastily arranged. The Board recognised that, while Cambridge and the Colleges would do their utmost to ensure our Scholars' welfare, the lockdown measures could have a deleterious effect on some of our Scholars who might feel isolated with limited support, or who had concerns about family back home. We also recognised that our Scholars, like most students, exist on a very tight budget and the sudden need to pay for a flight home at rapidly escalating cost would be unduly burdensome for them.

In view of the above, the Board decided that CAS would underwrite the travel costs for all CAS Scholars who wished to return home. In the following days and weeks, 11 Scholars took up the offer and made their way back, while the others decided to remain in Cambridge. We are pleased to say that our information is that all our Scholars, here and in Cambridge, are safe and well.

The Covid-19 crisis will have an on-going impact on CAS' funding of existing scholarships, because the University shutdown and other restrictions have affected (and are likely to continue to affect) the ability of some of our Scholars to complete their study or research in a timely manner.

This will lead to requests for extended funding. CAS is in regular dialogue with the Cambridge Trust, our funding partner, to review and, if appropriate, extend additional funding to affected Scholars.

We are pleased that through the Annual Appeal, the Cambridge community in Australia has responded generously to assist with this additional funding burden placed on CAS. On behalf of the CAS Board and the Scholars, I extend a warm thank you to all those who contributed. If you are in a position to do so, your continued support for CAS would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made online via the CAS website and my fellow Directors and I, as well as our Executive Officer, are always available to discuss arrangements for specific donations and scholarship funding.

Our primary mission, through thick and thin, is to support the brightest and best Australian students to advance their studies at The University of Cambridge. Our Executive Officer and our selection panels successfully navigated the challenges of remote interviews and I am delighted to say that eleven new CAS Scholars will be going up to Cambridge this year: four PhD Scholars and seven Masters Scholars. In addition, CAS is proud to support one Masters Scholarship for an Indigenous Australian in association with the Charlie Perkins Trust and the Roberta Sykes Foundation.

This year's new Scholars include the inaugural Scholar of the Cambridge Australian Scholarship for Queensland established by Her Honour Justice Anthe Philippides last year; and the first Masters Scholar to benefit from a full scholarship for STEM candidates supported by Charles Allen.

During the 2019–2020 academic year, CAS supported a total of 16 Scholars in residence at Cambridge. None of this would be possible without the support of our benefactors, whose generosity makes it all possible. For their contribution, we say a heartfelt and sincere thank you.

As always, we are thankful for the continued support of the Cambridge Trust which generously co-funds the CAS scholarships.

Thanks must also be given to our Executive Officer for her tremendous work through this challenging year, and to our Board of Directors, who volunteer their time, expertise and effort to ensure CAS delivers on its mission.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being Chair of CAS for the past year and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in the next year.



Amrit Bahra
Chair



CAS DIRECTORS

The CAS constitution states that the Company must have a minimum of four, and not more than twelve, directors. Directors are appointed for a period of two years and may be re-elected for up to three consecutive terms. Where possible, the Board should be nationally representative. CAS aims to have a representative in each State and Territory.

The 2019-2020 Directors were:

Mr Amrit Bahra, Chair (NSW)

St John's, 1987

Medical Sciences Part I, Law Part II and LLM

Amrit undertook his undergraduate and postgraduate studies at St. John's College. After qualifying as a solicitor he joined the merchant bank Samuel Montagu in London, which was followed by a number of investment banking roles with HSBC and Bank of America in London. Amrit moved to Australia in 2007 and is a corporate finance adviser based in Sydney. He is also President of the Cambridge Society of NSW.

Mr Chris Briggs (VIC)

St Catharine's, 1994

MEng in Engineering

Chris read for his MEng in Engineering at St Catharine's College in 1994-1998. He moved from the UK to Australia with Goldman Sachs in 2006 and switched careers from investment banking to fund management. Chris currently works with the local institutional clients of Japanese fund manager Nikko AM. He is a former president of the Cambridge Society of Victoria and is a member of the St Catharine's College Campaign Advisory Group.

Professor Roderic Broadhurst (ACT)

Wolfson, 1984

MPhil in Criminology

Roderic Broadhurst (BA, B.Ed, PhD, (W. Aust.) MPhil (Cambridge)) is Professor of Criminology, Australian National University. His career as a practitioner and researcher has included work in prisons, remote area public health, and homicide investigation. He has led research on recidivism, cybercrime, organised crime and crime victims in Cambodia and China. He currently directs the ANU Cybercrime Observatory, and focuses on problems of risk.

CAS DIRECTORS

Mr Philip Pope (QLD)

Darwin, 1996

MPhil in Polar Studies

Philip Pope read for an M.Phil in Polar Studies at Darwin College in 1996-97, after graduating from the University of Nottingham with a BA (Hons) in Political Science. He received a B.B. Roberts Fund award from the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge to assist a period of study at the US State Department Archive in Washington DC, as part of his thesis research. Philip has held senior communications roles at the British Olympic Association, Cricket Australia and is currently General Manager, Communications at the Queensland Rugby Union. He was previously a staff reporter at the Daily Mirror in London.

Mr Lindsay Jones (NSW)

Trinity Hall, 1995

MPhil International Relations

Lindsay holds a Master of Philosophy (International Relations) from Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Prior to this he completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) at the University of Technology, Sydney. Lindsay has worked with Macquarie Bank in Australia, McKinsey & Company in the UK, France and Southeast Asia, and several international investment management businesses in Europe and Asia. Lindsay is now an early-stage investor in start-up businesses as well as an entrepreneur.

Mr Darren Peacock, Secretary (NSW)

Jesus College, 2000

LLM Master of Law

Darren studied undergraduate Commerce and Law at the University of Queensland before undertaking a Master of Law at Jesus College in Cambridge with the support of a British Chevening Scholarship. After working at law firms in Australia and the UK, he spent over a decade as a senior legal adviser within the Wesfarmers Group. In May 2019, he became Head of Legal and Compliance and Company Secretary for the South Pacific Region of the Linde Group.

Antara Mascarenhas (VIC)

Queens College 2002-2003

MPhil in Social and Political Sciences

Antara read for her MPhil in Social and Political Sciences at Queens' College in 2002-3. She has worked in infrastructure and energy since her return to Australia, in policy, regulatory, program implementation and stakeholder relations roles. She was President of Cambridge Society of Victoria from 2013-15.

EVENTS

2019 Scholar Reception **Thursday 15 August 2019**

The Annual General Meeting, combined with a congratulatory and farewell Reception for the 2019 scholarship recipients, was held in Melbourne at Ormond College, on Thursday 15 August.

Fifty guests attended the event, including 7 new scholarship recipients, their proud family members, a number of our generous donors, CAS Directors, CAS members, Cambridge Society members, and friends.

We were pleased to hear from our new scholars who each gave a brief insight into their subject areas.



CURRENT SCHOLARS

Alvin Djajadikerta
Corpus Christi, 2017
PhD in Medical Science @ CIMR
Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

Studying in Cambridge has been a wonderful experience that has enriched me both as a scientist and as a person. My research focuses on autophagy – a cellular recycling process – and its relationship with neurodegenerative disease. Autophagy may help to remove the toxic proteins that are responsible for neurodegenerative diseases, so my research aims to identify genes which increase or decrease autophagy in the hope that they may be useful therapeutic targets. I have pursued this by conducting high-throughput CRISPR-Cas9 screens, from which I have identified several interesting genes which I am currently validating and characterising. I have also, with colleagues, written a review article on autophagy and neurodegeneration which was recently published in the Journal of Molecular Biology.

Outside of my research, Cambridge has been an excellent environment to make good friends and pursue broad interests. Between talks, formals, swaps and garden parties, it has certainly been easy to keep busy and meet fascinating people.

Organisationally, I have over the years been active on the Corpus Christi MCR Committee, in the Aus/NZ community in Cambridge, and in the local Global Shapers branch. I would like to express my utmost gratitude to Charles Allen, Cambridge Australia Scholarships and the Cambridge Trust for allowing me to partake in this opportunity, and I hope that I can use what I have learned to help others in future.

The present COVID-19 pandemic has clearly changed many things here and elsewhere. While unfortunately much of the above is presently on hold, I've adapted by temporarily working on my research using computational methods and have used the time to rediscover hobbies such as reading and music. I'd like to express my thanks to our key workers and others working towards solutions during this crisis and offer my sincere well-wishes to all that have been affected worldwide.



Elisabeth Slingsby
Corpus Christi College, 2019
PhD in Classics
Cambridge Australia Bragg Scholarship

When I began my PhD in October, I could not have anticipated the year which lay ahead. I came to Cambridge eager to research the aspects of Greek history which captivated Roman authors. As I write this report in April, we are enduring a pandemic which will itself become part of the history books. This has altered my perspective on the composition of history, but not my purpose in pursuing my PhD project. My thesis aims to shed light on the ways in which the Romans used examples from the Persian Wars to comprehend, construct and commemorate their own past. I have spent most of this year undertaking case studies, in order to refine the scope of my thesis. I have also begun to draft my first chapter on the concept of self-sacrifice, which I will complete in the coming months.

I have immensely enjoyed immersing myself in the life of the Faculty of Classics and Corpus Christi College. In my first term, I had the pleasure of volunteering at the Cambridge Open Days. Introducing prospective students to the Faculty and College I already felt so much a part of was a rewarding experience.



Throughout the year, I have attended many fascinating talks at my Faculty, College and the Cambridge Union. A lively debate between academics, comedians and popular fiction authors about whether it would be better to live in ancient Athens or Sparta was a particular highlight. I also presented my own seminar on the depiction of civil war in Suetonius' biographies. Outside of my studies, I have enjoyed socialising with my fellow graduate students at a huge variety of events, from formal dinners and receptions, to casual quiz nights and yoga classes.

I am sincerely grateful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships for their generosity, which has allowed me take advantage of all that Cambridge has to offer. I must also express my gratitude to CAS and the Cambridge Trust for their clear communication during the pandemic. The support these two bodies have offered, in terms of both finance and welfare, has provided a rare feeling of certainty in these uncertain times, worldwide.

Matthew Psycharis

Gonville & Caius, 2019

PhD in Law, researching the use and constitutional role of advisory referendums

Cambridge Australia Caius Scholarship

I'm a lawyer. My work looks at the constitutional law of non-binding referendums/plebiscites in Australia, the UK and New Zealand, and I am supervised by Professor Alison Young. In recent times, as governments continue to reshape themselves and test their powers, there has been a trend towards 'going to the people' directly to seek input on important policy decisions. The big question is, how are these novel popular votes to be understood legally, and are there limits on the power to go to the people' in a representative democracy? While scholarship has focussed on Brexit, far less work has been done on the general law of these non-binding votes, much less their constitutional function (or limits) in places like Australia or New Zealand. My research seeks to fill this void. Already, disputes on this question have ended up in the courts, with the UK's Miller cases and Australia's 2017 'plebisurvey'.

Coming to the end of my first year, I have written on 'constituent power' in the UK, and am working towards that piece's publication. I also authored a book chapter on the Magna Carta's uses in sixteenth-century legal reasoning, which is due for publication by Melbourne University Press later this year.

Outside of research, I have been appointed an Executive Member of the Cambridge Pro Bono Project, working with London-based clients and Doughty Street Chambers on projects concerning the Syrian conflict. I have also enjoyed the Gonville & Caius community tremendously (which certainly has Cambridge's best library). With College friends, I am working on forming a rowing crew catering to grad-students – and while these plans are currently on-hold, we hope to resume when possible. I am now looking forward to year two, in whatever form it takes, and remain incredibly grateful to CAS for making all of this possible.



Tim Clark
Corpus Christi College, 2018
PhD in International Law
Cambridge Australia Fisher Scholarship



This year has been a valuable time of consolidation and reflection as the first few chapters of my research have begun to take shape. Since my last report, I have successfully defended my first-year research and continued to refine and build my project on the use of teleology in the law of international organisations. In doing so, my project has taken on a more theoretical dimension as I explore new ways in which to conceptualise the role of 'purpose' in both empowering, and restraining, the actions of international bodies like the United Nations, European Union, and even (topically) the World Health Organisation. Alongside my PhD research, I have also continued my work as Associate Editor of the British Yearbook of International Law, offering the invaluable opportunity to engage with a range of scholars in the field.

The ongoing COVID-19 situation has, of course, cast a long shadow over the latter part of this academic year, and I write this report from a surreally empty Cambridge at a time when it would usually be a hive of Easter Term activity. While this period of isolation has offered some great opportunities for focused reading and writing, it has also served as a reminder that many of the unique benefits of studying in Cambridge come from its many and varied communities.

Over the past year, I have continued to enjoy the academic and social benefits of the international law community here, particularly through my association with the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. I also remain actively involved in the life of my college, Corpus Christi. I have enjoyed another year performing and touring with the college's choir, and am looking forward to teaching on the college's inaugural bridging course in September for incoming students from under-represented backgrounds. Like everyone in Cambridge, I am looking forward to a time when communities such as these can gather together again, and the University's colleges, faculties, and libraries are buzzing with activity.

All of this, of course, has only been made possible through the generosity of Cambridge Australia Scholarships and their donors. I remain very grateful for their support.

Thea Chesterfield

Jesus College, 2018

**PhD in Law, 'The Functions of Risk, Foreseeability and Diligence in International Human Rights Law'
Cambridge Australia Kater Scholarship**



I am in the second year of my legal research project, which examines the concepts of risk, foreseeability and diligence in international human rights law. My research focuses on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and how the Covenant requires States to act to avoid exposing individuals to risks of serious and irreparable harm. I am particularly interested in legal obligations to manage risks that are remote in time or place, but which are nevertheless reasonably foreseeable and causally linked to acts or omissions of the State concerned. This issue is relevant to international legal responses to a range of risks, including those associated with climate change and environmental degradation.

While University libraries and faculties are temporarily closed, I continue to work from Jesus College in Cambridge, with regular contact with my supervisor and colleagues via videoconferencing.

This year I had the pleasure of facilitating academic interaction as Convenor of the Cambridge International Law Conference, which took place through a series of webinars during 30 April to 2 May. The Conference addressed the timely theme of 'International Law and Global Risks: Current Challenges in Theory and Practice', and included presentations from over 50 international law scholars from around the world. As well as promoting valuable work on a variety of topics, the event benefited my own research and enabled discussions with eminent scholars working in related fields.

I am very grateful to the Cambridge Australia Trust for supporting my research through the Kater Scholarship, made possible by the generous donation from Lady Catherine Kater in memory of Sir Gregory Blaxland Kater. I look forward to continuing my research and developing knowledge with concrete application in the practice of public international law.

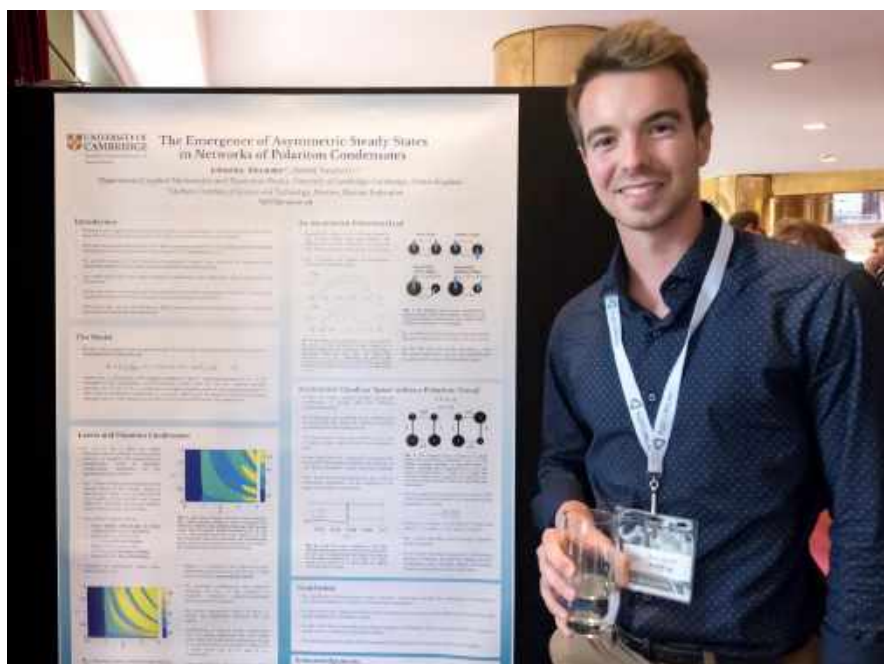
Alexander Johnston
Corpus Christi College, 2018
PhD in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, Quantum Fluids
Cambridge Australia McCrum Scholarship

I am incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to undertake a PhD at Cambridge and have learnt and developed much from the experience so far. While I am currently back home in Australia, as the university remains closed, I am luckily still able to progress my research. At the moment, I am about to submit a paper of my work. Earlier this year, I presented a poster at the International Conference on Spontaneous Coherence in Excitonic Systems in Melbourne, a major conference in my field.

In addition to my research, I've set myself the task of becoming actively involved in the Cambridge community. I am the International Officer of my college's MCR and have conducted supervisions for undergraduate students. Such roles have taught me more of the many intricacies of the Cambridge system, and helped me to develop a broader set of skills outside of research. For this very reason, I am currently completing a Cambridge "Innovation i-Teams" project remotely, which is furthering my ability to work effectively on practical issues in a team environment.

As a lover of classical music, art, and museums, I have made the most of the world-class cultural opportunities at Cambridge and have (more than once) made the trip to the Royal Opera House in London. This is, for me, an essential part of the Cambridge experience. I have also engaged with a range of different ideas on many topics by attending talks and debates at the Cambridge Union, and elsewhere. I also feel that the opportunity to meet likeminded people from all over the world is one of the best aspects of studying at Cambridge.

I am very grateful to Charles Allen and CAS for funding my PhD. It is my hope that, in the future, I can put the academic, professional, cultural, and personal growth experienced at Cambridge to positive use back in Australia.



Georgia Oman

Newnham College, 2017

PhD in History. The gendering of space in English higher education, 1869-1909.

Cambridge Australia Newnham Scholarship



Going into the third and final year of my PhD, the focus has turned from endless research and reading to the long-awaited writing-up phase. Pulling together all the strands of knowledge I've accumulated over the past two-and-a-half years at Cambridge, from archival trips all over the country and countless hours in the University Library, has been a very satisfying experience, and one that has put the value of my time in Cambridge into perspective.

Outside of my own project, I have remained involved in the many research seminars and graduate student workshops hosted by the History Faculty. Last year, I also assisted my supervisor, Dr Ben Griffin, in preparing the exhibition 'The Rising Tide: Women at Cambridge', which was put on at the UL to mark 150 years of women students at the university. This final year of my PhD has also, ironically, been one of firsts, as I both published my first article in a peer-reviewed historical journal and presented my first paper at a conference.

Outside of academia, I have continued to enjoy living Cambridge and experiencing all the unique experiences it has to offer. The included photograph is of me in full 1950s hair and make-up, ready to go on set as an extra in the ITV television series *Grantchester*. The detective drama was filming an episode set at my college, Newnham, and they sent out a call to students asking them if they wanted to appear as extras in some crowd scenes. As a historian of women's higher education, including the Cambridge women's colleges, it was particularly interesting to see Newnham transformed back to a time in which the women's presence at the university was not nearly as entrenched as it is today. Wearing the clothes and hairstyles of my predecessors at the college eighty years before allowed me to access the day-to-day realities of their experience in a way that cannot be achieved from books and archival sources alone, and I was extremely grateful to have had the experience.

Monica Killen
Selwyn College, 2017
PhD in Clinical Neurosciences – Traumatic Brain Injury
Cambridge Australia Oliphant Scholarship

This has been challenging, enriching and overall a hectically busy year. I'm sure most 3rd year students feel a similar mixture of excitement and terror at the prospect of writing up, and eventually leaving Cambridge after such an amazing experience.

The past year has given me great insights into the running of clinical studies and the large orchestration and organisation involved. I have assisted in the preparation of microdialysis samples and bloodwork for several studies on the metabolism kinetics of the human brain. This has involved learning nuclear magnetic resonance techniques and analysis methods that can detect how glucose and other molecules are processed in the brains of traumatic brain injury patients.

My cell culture work is also ongoing, having tested several new potential therapeutics in my brain injury model. However, due to the current coronavirus pandemic and the shutdown of access to laboratories, I anxiously await a return date to complete my work, while writing up my current results at home.



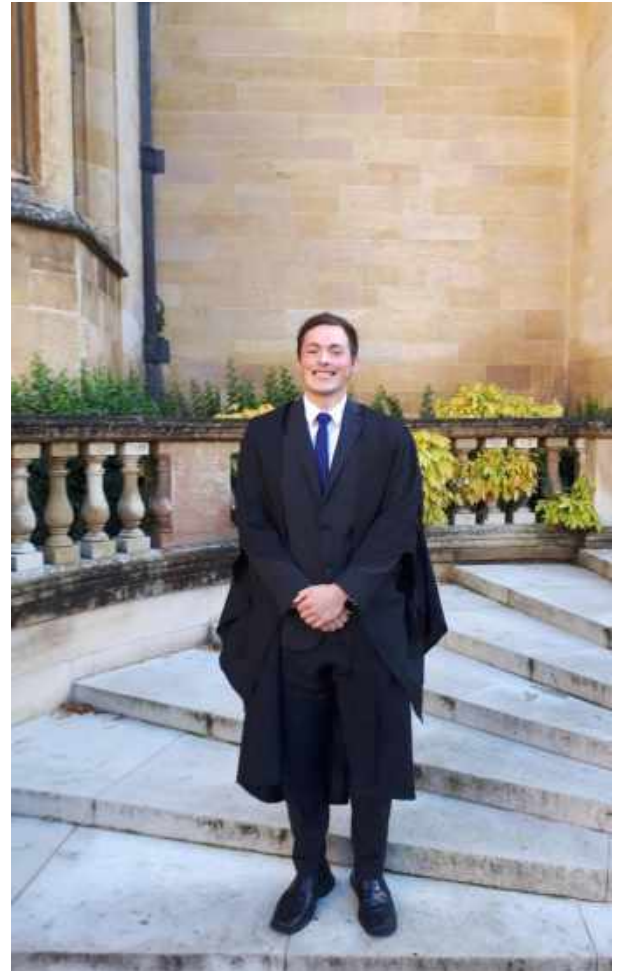
I presented my work late last year at the 2019 British Neurosurgical Research Group meeting in Edinburgh, where I was able to see the latest progress and results of clinical trials around the country. I had very much looked forward to giving an oral and poster presentation this year at the 2020 International Neurotrauma Symposium in Melbourne, before it was postponed due to COVID-19. However, looking on the brighter side, I will hopefully have written up by the new date and be able to showcase the full impact and conclusions of my PhD.

My outreach lectures to student groups visiting Cambridge have been so rewarding, and I am continuously attending a wide variety of lectures myself, from government officials in science policy, to world leaders, to skills-building and career opportunities. I also very much enjoy the wonderfully bizarre elements of student life here in Cambridge, testing my engineering skills in the annual cardboard boat race, and performing trapeze at a Cambridge Community Circus show. I am immeasurably grateful to the Cambridge Trust and Cambridge Australia Scholarships for their support, in what has been a life-changing experience.

Marley Young
Trinity College, 2019
PhD in Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics
Cambridge Australia Poynton International Scholarship

The first year of my PhD has been very exciting and rewarding, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity. Despite only being in the very early stages of research, I feel I have already learned a great deal, and moreover have made friends and potential future collaborators from all over the world.

I have immensely enjoyed working with my supervisor, Dr Holly Krieger, who has helped me formulate some challenging but interesting research problems at the intersection of number theory and dynamical systems. To tackle these, I have been focusing so far on expanding my background knowledge in complex and non-archimedean dynamics, as well as learning how to understand and apply some cutting-edge mathematical tools, such as bounds on linear forms in logarithms, and quantitative arithmetic equidistribution. Beyond my specific research interests, the Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics at Cambridge hosts an amazing array of weekly seminars, with talks given by world-leading experts. Attending these, as well as participating in the number theory reading group, has definitely broadened my horizons and helped me to understand the enormous scope of current mathematical research.



My main non-academic pursuit at Cambridge so far has been my involvement with the Cambridge University Athletics Club. This has been a great opportunity to reconnect with a sport I was passionate about in high school, but lacked convenient access to the necessary facilities to train during my undergraduate studies. I compete in the shot put, discus throw, and hammer throw, and have built a lot of camaraderie with my teammates through regular social gatherings, tough training sessions and our common goal of beating Oxford. A highlight performance for me so far was the Freshers' Varsity Match, where as a team we beat Oxford, and individually I won all three of my events, meeting the standards to become eligible for a Blue in shot put and discus throw, and was awarded male athlete of the match

Chelsea Edmonds
Lucy Cavendish, 2019
PhD Computer Science (CPGS initially)
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship



This year marked my first year in Cambridge as a PhD student in the Computer Science Department. As a researcher in theoretical computer science, it quickly became clear that Cambridge was going to be a great place for the research work I wanted to do.

I began the year working a mini project contributing to a large-scale project in Germany, which enabled me to get familiar with the tools I'd be using for my research. My paper on the project has been accepted to a workshop attached to a virtual conference in July. I was also excited to be accepted as a presenter at the Oxbridge Women in Computer Science Conference, although the conference itself was postponed. Despite having made the unexpected move back to Australia after Lent term, I've thankfully been able to continue working and am currently focused on finalising my research topic for my first-year report. Alongside my research work, I took up several other academic opportunities as part of the research skills program the Computer Science department runs – including course supervision and even a German language course through the Engineering CLIC centre!

On the extra-curricular front, Cambridge is certainly an amazing place to explore my love for music. My violin made the trip to the UK with me, and I joined both the Graduate Orchestra and University Ceilidh Band. Playing fiddle music on Thursday nights at the Anchor pub quickly became one of the highlights of my week, and I even played in the band for the Catz Burns Night Ceilidh! I've also pursued my passion for STEM outreach by become a Session Leader for the university outreach team – and am looking forward to putting the resources I've developed to good use once I return to Cambridge.

I'm very thankful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships for the opportunity I've been given and their ongoing support during these strange times, and am looking forward to returning to the UK when it is possible to do so!

Philip Erm
Clare College, 2019
PhD in Zoology. Comparing sea sparing and sea sharing for marine conservation
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

My first 6 months in Cambridge have been an absolute blast. Project-wise I was thankfully able to make it through the big opening challenge of any Cambridge PhD in Zoology – the infamous project feasibility report – and am now well on the way towards putting together my first paper of the PhD. Although I've had to temporarily return to Australia due to COVID-19, I'm in the fortunate position that my work on finding the best strategies for protecting marine ecosystems can continue remotely. Still, I deeply miss the many animal denizens of the David Attenborough Building, like my good friend Godzilla the axolotl, though I do admit I'm also missing my human friends there as well!

Beyond research and getting involved with various sustainability initiatives, I've had a fantastic time whitewater kayaking all around the UK with the Cambridge University Canoe Club. We paddled through a snowy Wales, rode down waterfalls in Yorkshire, and even battled violent illnesses after doing capsize training on the suspiciously murky Cam. Luckily everybody recovered, but now that I'm club secretary the future well being of our members may yet be called into question.

Finally, an update on my quest to encounter the rare Sir David Attenborough in the wild. With my desk in the David Attenborough Building and as a member of Clare – his own college – I figured my chances were better than that of the average Cantabrigian. And sure enough, an opportunity soon presented itself; Sir David was to appear at the annual Earth Optimism summit to be held in my building. Alas, it was not to be. With the onset of COVID-19, even the uncommonly optimistic conveners of Earth Optimism had to admit that the event could no longer proceed, and with its cancellation the rare Attenborough successfully evaded me. Maybe next year!



Portia Spinks
Newnham College, 2019
PhD Social Anthropology - 'Ecologising' the city, 'civilising' the countryside:
The construction of an 'ecological civilisation' and its socio-cultural implications in
Baoshan City, Southwest China
Cambridge Australia Poynton International Scholarship

2019-2020 has been a momentous academic year, which saw me graduate from my MRes with a distinction, and transition successfully into the PhD program in Social Anthropology. I duly departed to China for my PhD fieldwork in November 2019. However, my fieldwork ground to a shocking halt in January when COVID-19 surfaced, and the entirety of China went into strict lockdown. For safety reasons, I had to evacuate from my field site back to the nearest major city. I then made the difficult decision to remain in China and endure the most trying period of the pandemic (then epidemic), in hope of being able to re-start my research post-lockdown.

My decision proved to be very wise, as China has now banned all foreigners from entering the country indefinitely, which would have seen the end to my research ambitions here for the foreseeable future, had I returned home. China is now in a largely post-lockdown state and I have been able to resume my fieldwork with full gusto. Throughout these recent months I have also experienced and observed this critical, harrowing and historical moment within Chinese society from an invaluable anthropological perspective. This has profoundly deepened my understandings of my PhD topic specifically, and of contemporary Chinese society more broadly. My self-development throughout this period has been immense. I have built robust academic and social networks on the ground here in China, as I have continued to develop and diversify my skill set as an adept researcher throughout the most difficult and unforeseen circumstances. I have successfully navigated many precarious logistical obstacles with calm, courage, and a critical eye for the ever-shifting sands of the world around me. I am charging onward with my fieldwork and collecting invaluable data for my dissertation.



Stephanie Forrest

**PhD in History - Byzantium and Eastern Christian Communities in the Early Umayyad Period,
661-718**

Pembroke College, 2018

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship



Thank you to Cambridge Australia Scholarships for funding my studies in Cambridge over the last two years.

Over the last year my research has progressed, and I have continued to refine my topic. My thesis explores the position of Christian communities living in the frontier zones between the Byzantine Empire and the Umayyad Caliphate in the period immediately following the earliest Islamic conquests.

Over the last year I have focused mainly on reading and analysing a number of understudied Armenian sources, which together provide a more nuanced picture of the relationship between local elites and neighbouring rulers, as well as some insight into local cultural responses to broader political events.

In the 2019/2020 academic year I have also enjoyed being on the committee of the Cambridge Byzantine Worlds Seminar and hosting a range of speakers from the UK and Europe. I also had plans to present at conferences and workshops Edinburgh, Vienna, and Leeds, and to travel to Yerevan in July to attend an intensive summer school and carry out library research. Unfortunately this has all been cancelled or put on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis. I have temporarily returned to Australia, where I currently have enough material to continue working remotely in the coming months.

Being part of the Pembroke College graduate community has been a fantastic experience. At the end of the 2018/2019 academic year I volunteered to be one of the Events Officers for the Graduate Parlour (MCR), and have enjoyed meeting other graduate students at my college from around the world and hosting a range of events, ranging from 'BOPs' to film nights. It has also been a pleasure to continue hosting the 'Failed Novelists of Cambridge', a creative writing group that I helped to found in my first year. Thanks to a successful Freshers' Fair stall, this year it has expanded dramatically into a university-wide society. It has been an absolute pleasure to host the weekly Sunday meetings and to read the work of talented Cambridge undergraduates and graduates. We continue to meet regularly over Zoom throughout the lockdown.

Catherine E. Richards

Peterhouse, 2017

PhD of Philosophy (Engineering)

"The existential threat of climate change: societal collapse as a novel lens for risk-based analysis and prioritisation of interventions"

Cambridge Australia Poynton I Scholarship

I continue to enjoy all aspects of my time at Cambridge. I am thankful to have stayed in Cambridge and, although the Covid-19 situation is disruptive, continuing to progress well on my PhD.

My PhD generates novel insights by applying societal collapse as a lens to re-frame the consequences of climate change to be more tangible for individuals, businesses and governments and enable risk-based prioritisation of interventions. I have started writing my thesis and am on track for timely completion. I have submitted one peer-reviewed article and am working on another two for submission to good journals. This was a challenging project, as I have independently initiated a new branch of research for my group, and I have learnt a lot in the process. My Supervisor recently attested that "Catherine is one of the very best students I have worked with, having now supervised over 30 PhDs to completion".

Aside from my PhD, I am working part-time as RA to TRH The Lord Rees of Ludlow OM FRS FEng FMedSci FRAS at the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, across their interdisciplinary portfolio spanning asteroid impacts and solar flares, to climate change and pandemics, to 'error and terror' dimensions of biotechnology, nuclear weapons and AI. I am teaching students within the Department of Engineering. I continue to enjoy being on the Committee, training hard and representing the university in polo; disappointingly, our main season (including the Oxbridge Varsity day and Atlantic Cup versus Oxford, Harvard and Yale) this year has been cancelled. The excitement of attending social events in centuries old buildings with friends from polo, Peterhouse, my research group and fellow Australians has certainly not faded.

I am sincerely grateful to CAS for supporting this experience – from extending my knowledge and skills in my PhD, to being honoured as Forbes 30 Under 30 (Global Leaders), McKinsey NGWL (Women Leaders) and BCG PROUD (LGBTQ+ Leaders), to riding a horse for the first time and becoming an avid polo player, to breaking a world-record, to networking with distinguished individuals including CEOs, Prime Ministers and Nobel Prize winners, to making friendships that will last a lifetime – it has definitely been a life changing one!



Elizabeth Kyran
Peterhouse, 2019
PhD in Medical Science – Functional Genomics of Ovarian Cancer
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

My PhD study in Cambridge has proven both rewarding and challenging so far. I am working at the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute (CRUK CI), at the Addenbrooke's Hospital precinct at the south western edge of town. My research is focused on improving outcomes for women with high-grade serous ovarian carcinoma (HGSOC). Specifically, I am working to generate preclinical models that represent the genomic complexity and heterogeneity of this disease. These models will be used to interrogate tumour biology and to explore the utility of copy number signatures as a molecular classifier. Understanding the genomic complexity of HGSOC will act as the basis for improved diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, advancing precision medicine and providing more options for women with this lethal disease.



During my first year I have made great friends with fellow students in my PhD cohort at the CRUK CI. Peterhouse, my college, is also a highlight. The buildings and in particular the gardens are beautiful—they've changed wonderfully through the seasons. Every week I make time for a game of squash on the college grounds. The Cambridge Festival of Ideas early in the Michaelmas term provided an opportunity to attend a dizzying array of academic and non-academic events all over town. I've likewise enjoyed observation evenings with the Astronomical Society, and travelled to London for a conference at the Crick Institute on tumour evolution and heterogeneity.

Of course, this has been an odd year given the COVID-19 pandemic. Isolation—and an unexpected temporary return to Australia—mean my studies have shifted to strengthening my computational skills and developing deeper understanding of the literature in my field. Nevertheless, I have developed as a scientist throughout the year and feel part of a dedicated scientific community. I'm incredibly grateful for the support I've received from the Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship. I look forward to a return to Cambridge as soon as possible, and to continuing my laboratory research.

Marc Bonaventura
Trinity College, 2017
PhD – Classics
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

My PhD thesis examines the texts attributed to Dares Phrygius and Dictys Cretensis, which claim to be genuine eyewitness accounts of the Trojan War. This year, I have focused on how they fit within the context of late antique Latin historiography. I have looked at moralising elements, allusions to Sallust, and similarities shared with late Latin epitomes and breviaria, and I am currently evaluating how they relate to the *Historia Augusta*, as both sets of texts share a penchant for pseudo-documentarism.

In January, I travelled to Washington, D.C. to attend the annual SCS (Society for Classical Studies) conference, presenting a paper on the conflict between narrator and author in *Dictys Cretensis*. I have also presented papers in Cambridge recently, at the literature caucus faculty seminar and the graduate interdisciplinary seminar. I firmly believe in the importance of disseminating one's research and sharing one's ideas with the academic community, and presenting papers to local and international audiences is an effective way to achieve this.



In terms of extra-curricular activities, I recently took up the sport of real tennis, an old-fashioned version of the modern game played indoors with wooden rackets. I was fortunate enough to make the blues team and participated in the annual varsity match against Oxford, held at Lord's Cricket Ground in late February. At college level, I co-captained the Trinity mixed netball team this year, which has retained its place in the top division. In my experience, playing sport is a great way to take my mind off my studies after a long day in the library.

I would like to thank Cambridge Australia Scholarships for their support and for enabling me to pursue my studies in Cambridge. It has been a thoroughly rewarding experience, made possible only by the generosity of the donors.

Daniel Muthukrishna
Clare College, 2017
PhD in Astrophysics
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

My third year at Cambridge began with many exciting opportunities that enabled me to make significant advances in my academic career. However, like many, I am saddened by the unfortunate circumstances that people around the world are facing. Nonetheless, it is reassuring and comforting to see how the Cambridge community has come together to overcome the adversity that faces all of us.

In March, COVID-19 was about the only thing that the world could think about, and the challenges that faced the UK were overwhelming. In response, I decided to try to help the situation using the skills I had available. I developed an online web application to track the virus and worked with an epidemiologist to make an interactive app that helped non-scientists try to understand the impact of various COVID-19 mitigation strategies. These apps are currently being used around the world, were published on the university website, the Clare College alumni magazine, and discussed on Cambridge news and podcasts, and proved helpful to many people struggling with understanding and dealing with these unprecedented times.

My PhD has unfortunately been impacted by lockdown measures introduced around the world, and I have not been able to collect necessary observational data from shutdown telescopes. Nonetheless, before the pandemic and within the last year, two of my first-author journal articles were accepted for publication and five more co-authored papers were published in leading astrophysics journals. I was also fortunate to be invited to present my research as a speaker at several universities around the world, including Northwestern University (Illinois, USA), DESI (Berlin, Germany), Stanford University (California), UC Berkeley, Texas A&M University, and MIT (Massachusetts, USA).

In Summer 2019, I was selected for a six-week research school at the University of California, Santa Cruz, with some of the world-leading researchers in my field. At the program, I was a research fellow collaborating with experts around the world developing advanced machine learning methods for challenging astrophysics problems. We were able to produce some state-of-the-art research outcomes, I learned a significant amount, and California was certainly an exciting backdrop for a summer school.

AdI have actively engaged in many of the amazing opportunities provided by Cambridge. It has been warming to see, that despite the shutdown of the university, my college, my department, and friends throughout the university have organised a thriving online community. I've had an incredible time at Cambridge so far, and all of my experiences would not have been possible without the support of CAS. I can hardly express my gratitude for making my studies and achievements at Cambridge possible. I am deeply indebted to the CAS and its donors for their continued support and for the extraordinary opportunity to come to Cambridge and pursue my PhD.



Hannah Sarah Wauchope

Churchill, 2016

PhD (Zoology) - The impact of protected areas on the world's waterbirds

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship (alongside Cambridge Department of Zoology J.S. Gardiner Studentship)

As I write, I have only 2 months to go before submitting my thesis, so time is getting tight! It's been an interesting, exciting and difficult year, not least because of Coronavirus as well as fears for friends and family during the Australian Bushfires (my brother, his wife and their two adorable young daughters had to evacuate, but thankfully ended up with only a singed garden).

The major findings of my PhD have been shocking, and I've spent a lot of the past year ensuring that my analysis is as rigorous and watertight as possible. I've found that, on average, waterbird populations across the world are not doing any better inside protected areas (nature reserves, national parks and the like) than outside them. Obviously, this is not what we'd expect, nor hope, to find. The silver lining is that there is a signal of when protected areas do work: larger protected areas and those specifically managed for waterbirds show significantly better results. The take home here is that not all protected areas are created equal, and we cannot assume that a protected area is automatically supporting wildlife. But, when large enough and appropriately managed, protected areas help populations to do better.

The other big news for me is that last week I was offered an 1851 Research Fellowship for after PhD. This is an incredible opportunity, it's a three-year, UK based research fellowship offered to only eight scientists or engineers from any nationality. I will be taking this up at The University of Exeter, Cornwall Campus, come October, working with Dr Regan Early to better understand species responses to climate change. I can't wait to be by the beach in Cornwall, even if it's not quite the Sunshine Coast! As always, I am enormously grateful to Cambridge Australia for the many, many opportunities my scholarship has afforded, I can honestly say it has changed my life. Wishing everyone all the best in this difficult time.



Tom Westland

Sidney Sussex College, 2017

**PhD in Economic History—working on the economic history of industrial growth in West Africa
Wong/Calthorpe scholarship**

The third year of my PhD was supposed to have been a calm, contemplative and productive one after a second year spent on fieldwork in Senegal and in Europe. The first few months of the academic year were spent sifting carefully through gigabytes of archival photographs, looking at a hundred years or so of patchy statistics and reports, and writing up chapters. I also began teaching undergraduates, supervising on various topics in world history and lecturing on African economic history. Some of my work was presented at a conference in Barcelona (where an ill-timed trip to a local bar for some tapas had us running through the streets away from a political protest that had turned into a violent riot) and at a workshop in Utrecht on measuring living standards. I had also planned to present work at conferences Oxford and Madrid later this year.

Alongside my PhD, I have been involved with a large project with colleagues in the United States, after our initial exploratory work won a substantial grant from the Economic and Social Research Council. We have been putting together a large data set of trade data from the turn of the twentieth century to examine long-run patterns of economic specialization. I spent two weeks in Massachusetts in September to plan the rest of the project. Due to the global public health crisis, I'm now back in Australia, where I am endeavouring to keep working as much as possible, though of course it's hard not to miss the resources and intellectual environment of Cambridge. Though the pace of work is not as fast as it has been, I'm still aiming to submit sometime this year. I'm very grateful to Cambridge Australia and to Drs Wong and Calthorpe for this incredible experience.



Malcolm John Connolly
Darwin College, 2016
**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Geoarchaeology—Palaeoenvironment change in semi-arid
Australia during the Late Pleistocene and Late Holocene Epochs**
Charlie Perkins Scholarship

My PhD continues to progress well. Throughout the year I drafted two background chapters that described the context of Aboriginal people and the past environments in which people lived across inland Australia. My supervisor has commented on these chapters, he is pleased with my progress.

In the past year, I finalised the analysis stage of the micromorphology and geoarchaeology in the McBurney and Geography laboratories, and I am in the process of writing up these results. This has included the completion of my soil science results, and micromorphological thin section descriptions.

In Summer, I obtained a certificate in the Centre de recherche en Archéologie et Patrimoine, Université libre de Bruxelles. This intensive course taught the specifics of micromorphological research, and the identification of phytoliths to reconstruct past environments across the world.

This included a field trip to two archaeological sites, and the practical approaches to archaeological and how to sample and document evidence from the past. This certificate was further supported by training in the McBurney Laboratory with practical learning on my thin section samples.



Nina Cass
St Edmunds, 2019
PhD in Education
Charlie Perkins Cambridge Australia Scholarship

I can't believe it is already May and we are nearing the end of the Easter term. The past eight months have been very busy, with many experiences, opportunities and some challenges in between. My studies are going well despite the current challenges of COVID-19.

I have had a number of great experiences and opportunities during this first year of study at Cambridge. I have attended many fantastic lectures, a couple of thought-provoking reading groups, a women's leadership conference in London, a Cambridge Trust welcome event, a couple of formal dinners and was on a Q&A panel following the film screening of *In My Blood It Runs*. During the year I have met so many great people, especially many of my peers in the PhD program.

My work is going well, and my research project is progressing. My current research focuses on access, retention and completion rates for Indigenous students in Australian universities. I am beginning my first-year registration report, where I will outline my research project in detail prior to collecting my data in 2021. I have a very supportive supervisor, who has been invaluable with her expertise and knowledge of higher education. My supervisor was quick to set up a weekly doctoral colloquial due to COVID-19, where approximately 16 of us meet every Thursday to discuss various themes, ideas, readings etc. It has been a very valuable group and has helped to keep momentum and connection during isolation. I am also meeting with a couple of my peers regularly to discuss our research ideas.

Due to COVID-19, I am now working back home in Australia and continuing to work on my research project. I miss Cambridge and look forward to being able to return at some stage.



Francis Cardell-Oliver
Pembroke, 2019
Master of Law (LLM)
Davis McCaughey Cambridge Australia Scholarship

I arrived in Cambridge last September after several years of full time work. The transition back to full time study was both challenging and highly rewarding.

Although my time physically in Cambridge has sadly been cut short I leave with a greatly enhanced set of legal skills and knowledge and, just as importantly, a long list of memories and a new set of very good friends.

In the LLM I elected to take the papers in restitution, legal history, international commercial litigation, and jurisprudence. In each paper I will be taking the exam rather than submitting a dissertation. I have very much enjoyed all four papers, all of which were taught by some of the leading scholars and practitioners in their fields. History has been perhaps the greatest challenge, dealing as it does with concepts and language very unfamiliar to the modern lawyer, but it is also the paper which has had the greatest impact in reshaping the way I think about my field, by placing modern concepts and institutions in a much deeper historical context. In all my papers it has been rewarding to have the opportunity to think about and discuss doctrinal and policy issues in much greater detail than is possible in practice.



Outside my studies I have been singing with the choir of Gonville & Caius College and playing cello with the Cambridge University Orchestra and ad hoc in numerous other ensembles. The choir in particular has formed the social nucleus of my Cambridge life, and our Christmas tour to Romania was one of the highlights of my year. Some of my fondest memories of Cambridge are of concerts from my last term: Mahler's Second Symphony in King's chapel and a joint evensong with St John's College Choir were especially moving experiences.

Although I have been unable to finish my studies in Cambridge, I remain in touch with Cambridge friends via regular video calls, and I hope to return to celebrate once restrictions are lifted.

Pouya Baniyadi
Pembroke College, 2019
MPhil in basic and translational neuroscience
Davis McCaughey Cambridge Australia Scholarship

What brought me to Cambridge was the following question:

How can our brain learn by experiencing a small set of examples? A fundamental question about the brain and the nature of our perception requires a synergy of various fields. It needs physics for understanding the electrical communication between the neurons. It requires computer science and mathematics for creating models based on our understandings, and to test our knowledge. It requires biology and chemistry, to study the complicated processes inside a cell and how these local processes accumulatively affect the way our brains perceive the world. It even requires philosophy and humanities to make sense of the nature of understanding and why the brain is organized as it is. In all of these fields, Cambridge has world renowned scholars that have dedicated their lives to the understanding pieces of the grand puzzle, building their work on top of the past discoveries which were often made in the same departments. It is a humbling and inspiring experience to work in the department where the basic functions of the neuronal cells were discovered by Alan Hodgkin and Andrew Huxley, and to attend lectures in the same rooms where Alan Turing, the father of theoretical computer science, sharpened his thinking on the philosophy of mathematics while arguing with Ludwig Wittgenstein.

Every day, as I walk in the narrow streets in the small city of Cambridge, between the buildings that are reminders of a culture that was over eight centuries, I feel that the spirit that lead to the ground-breaking discoveries and inventions is alive today, and how privileged I am to be a small part of it.

Despite the difficulties of the university shutdown, my stay in Cambridge has been fruitful. Through discussion and collaboration with many talented individuals, I have been able to formulate research questions that will be the foundation of my future career in computational neuroscience and machine learning.



Tim Clark
Corpus Christi College, 2018
PhD in International Law
Cambridge Australia Fisher Scholarship



Adjusting to the PhD lifestyle on the opposite side of the world has been far from easy but this past year has been a great start to a new chapter of my life. Even on the most challenging days, I am grateful to be a part of the Grey Group in Chemistry and of Pembroke College. Adjustment to this life is in part possible because of the wealth of knowledge and support in my everyday working environment. Without this network, I doubt I would have built up a holistic set of skills that has enabled me to investigate the state of art in battery material coatings so quickly from scratch. Despite the interruption due to COVID-19, I am on track by transitioning away from baseline data type experiments and feasibility studies. After the laboratory reopens I can begin targeted experiments looking at how the coatings on the battery materials change with cycling in terms the impact on the underlying material, the impact on the rest of the battery components and the chemical structure of the coating itself. It's exciting to be able to build fundamental understanding about phenomena that hasn't been extensively studied in the research field.

Outside of my studies I've also taken the time to try all the things quintessential of the Cambridge experience – this year has been more about embracing the new. Approaching life at Pembroke in this way has completely opened up new parts of my life that I would otherwise have never known: the feeling of serenity at Compline with friends, the fascination of talks by experts outside of my discipline, the dreaded 7 am rowing sessions and so much more. Never had I imagined the collective thrill and adrenaline running through my boat as we overcame not just one but two other teams at our first rowing regatta.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of HRH The Prince of Wales and Cambridge Australia Scholarships so thank you!

Adrian Agisilaou
Girton College, 2019
Master of Advanced Study in Pure Mathematics
Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year so far studying mathematics at Cambridge. My main interest is in extremal combinatorics, particularly problems which can be approached using tools from other areas of mathematics such as probability, analysis or algebra. I am very happy with the large number of in-depth courses in this area offered at Cambridge this year, taught by professors who have been incredibly influential in their field. I believe that I am now well-equipped with the knowledge and skills to begin independent research, hopefully continuing with a PhD at Cambridge.

I particularly enjoyed working on the problem sets which accompanied the lectures, especially the more difficult ones. Discussing different approaches to these problems with the professors and many bright-minded students at Cambridge was very rewarding.



I submitted an essay on random matrices based on a beautiful recent breakthrough in this area. I enjoyed the process of deconstructing a complex proof into a sequence of conceptual ideas and then presenting them in my own way.

I also attended many seminars held by the faculty of mathematics. I even gave one myself in the Part III Seminar Series, which was a nice informal opportunity to practice giving a short mathematical presentation while sharing knowledge amongst the cohort of Part III students.

Ariella Gordon
Jesus College, 2019
Master of Law (LLM)
Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship

I have had an incredible time in the LLM. I had the opportunity to study my favourite areas of law, public law and human rights law.

The Paper 'Legislation' was a particular highlight because I learnt about the implications of Brexit from the leading academics while it was happening around me. As a citizen from a Commonwealth country, I even voted in the 2019 election!

The controversial case of Cherry/Miller, handed down by the UK Supreme Court at the beginning of my time at Cambridge, featured heavily in my taught courses and in my public law thesis. Further, I had the opportunity to attend the Centre for Public Law lectures that ran most weeks, which kept me updated on recent public law developments.



In relation to extra-curricular activities, I was in the cast of the CUADC/Footlights annual Pantomime, Red Riding Hood, which was on at the ADC Theatre. This was another highlight; the show was laugh-out-loud hilarious and fantastic fun! I also sang with the Jesus College Big Band, at Musical Theatre 'Bar Nights' at the ADC Theatre Bar, with 'Dysfunktional' (a funk and pop band), 'Blues and Chill' at Jesus College Chapel and jazz adaptations of Henry Purcell with a five-piece jazz band, run by the Head of Music at Churchill College. Clare Cellars, the ADC Theatre Main Stage and Jesus College Chapel were my favourite venues.

Gary Gai Chi Cheung
Trinity College, 2019
Master of Law
Cambridge Australia Frank Downing Scholarship

Writing this report from outside of the Cambridge bubble has made me reflect upon how surreal the experience was. Right from the outset I was thrust into an unfamiliar world: at my matriculation dinner I was seated at the high table near a UK Supreme Court Justice and thought I was dreaming until I was surprised by an extremely loud gong!

Academically, there was so much on offer that it took five weeks of vacillating before I decided on four papers. Although my main interest is in public law, I took an unexpected mix of mainly private law papers, tempted by the renowned names leading the courses and legal history became my firm favourite in spite of its punishing difficulty. Speaking frankly,

I found difficult to adjust to student life, having last sat an exam in 2014. My papers were thought-provoking and challenging, stretching me to ask not only what is the law, but also what should be the law. However, I benefited greatly from discussions with classmates, whose talent made me query how I was accepted into the course!



Outside of study, a special highlight was mustering up the courage to join the novice program at the First and Third in Lent. I was (as expected) remarkably unskilled but those frosty mornings on the Cam were unforgettable. Admittedly, most of my activities were far more sedentary in nature (apart from walks to the pub in Grantchester), including attending public lectures, marvelling at choral and orchestral performances, and attending various events run by the college's BA Society.

I am extremely grateful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships, the sponsors of the Frank Downing Scholarship, and Trinity College for enabling me to experience the Cambridge bubble. My time being unfortunately truncated simply means that I must return, just not during the British winter!

Eliza Lockhart
Corpus Christi College, 2019
LLM, Master of Law
Cambridge Australia A P Platt Scholarship

My time at Cambridge has been such an intense, enriching and transformative experience, it seems hardly possible that I arrived less than a year ago! My studies have given me the opportunity to deepen my learning and gain insights across a broad range of legal disciplines. The quality of teaching has been excellent and I have enjoyed being challenged to think about the law in new and creative ways. Also, it has been a privilege to represent my peers on the Law Faculty Board as their elected Graduate Student Representative.

Aside from my studies, I have been an active member of Corpus Christi College and was elected to the MCR Committee. Also, I had the pleasure of leading Corpus to victory in our annual Corpus Moot Challenge, a mock trial competition between Corpus Christi College Cambridge and our namesake college at 'the other place'. As a postgraduate 'Corpuscle', I am privileged to live at the Leckhampton site, which has become my home away from home. What I have loved most about college life is how it brings together passionate scholars with a diverse range of academic backgrounds and life experiences. Some of my favourite memories are of various college dinners with everyone excitedly sharing their research. These stimulating discussions provided me with an understanding of a variety of subjects, from prenatal developmental programming to 16th century Japanese calligraphy and everything in-between. The joyous discovery I made is that when you bring passionate people together, a divergence in disciplines is no impediment, that passion is infectious!

After my time at Cambridge, I am looking forward to spending two months based in London as a Pegasus Trust Scholar, a scholarship programme funded by the Inner Temple which involves placements in three leading barristers' chambers. It is a unique opportunity to build on the knowledge I have developed this year by experiencing the practice of English law first-hand.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Cambridge Australia Scholarships, the Cambridge Trust, and Mr Jerry Platt, whose generosity made it possible for me to fulfil my dream of studying at Cambridge University. I arrived in Cambridge eager to enjoy the many academic challenges, college experiences and university events on offer. I am happy to report that my high expectations have been met and surpassed!



Tim Lloyd-Smith
Corpus Christi, 2019
MPhil in Technology Policy, with a focus on Energy Policy
Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

Building on my professional experience in the emerging energy sector, I have spent my last nine months at Cambridge studying an MPhil in Technology Policy with a focus on energy and innovation policy. The course has granted me access to leading figures in the energy field, from economists such as Professor Michael Pollitt to policy experts like Dr David Reiner, and has enabled me to extend my academic studies through engaging with Cambridge's Energy Policy Research Group (EPRG). The EPRG has also provided me access to engineers including Dr Jim Platts, one of the founders of the modern wind industry, and allowed me to learn from close colleagues of the late Sir David MacKay, one of the preeminent experts in the sustainable energy sector.

Access to, and learning from, this diverse group of energy professionals has been a source of significant inspiration in my academic studies and writings. I look forward to applying these learnings in Australia. Amongst its many impacts, the coronavirus has disrupted world energy markets and, subsequently, policy and after my MPhil I feel primed to help rewrite our energy future.

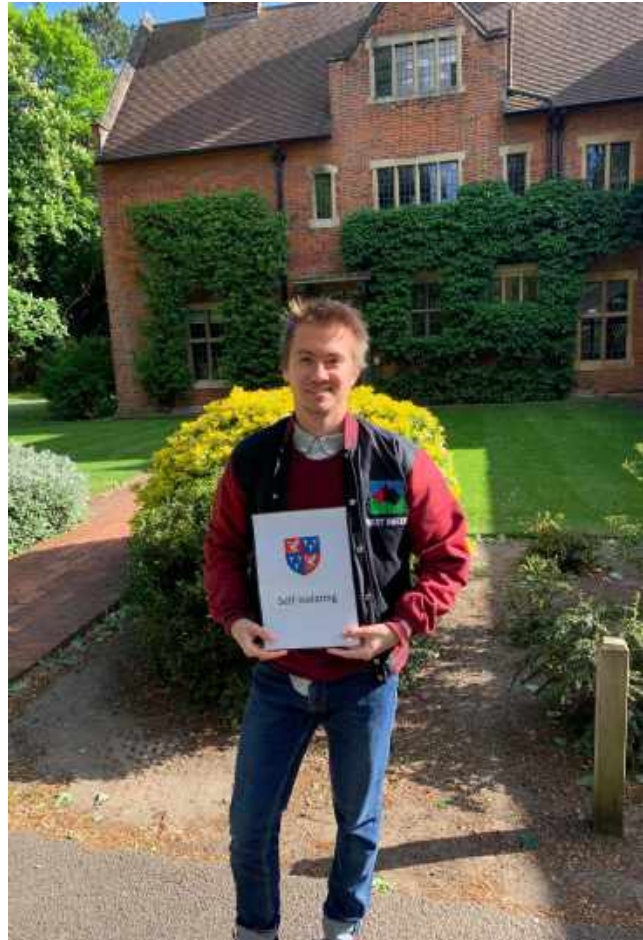
As disruptive as the coronavirus was, it has allowed me to closely bond with my fellow Cambridge Australia Scholars and Corpus students. It also allowed me to test my leadership skills as my cohort's student representative, working with our course coordinators to adjust to a new era of education. Outside of my studies I rowed for the Corpus Boat Club and raced with the University Road Cycling Club. If coronavirus has proved anything, it is how close knit and supportive Cambridge students are. Regardless of college or course we banded together to care for one another at a time of great uncertainty. I will never forget that kinship.



Mitchell Lee Chiew
Corpus Christi College, 2019
Master of Advanced Study in Applied Mathematics
Cambridge Australia Allen Masters Scholarship

Before Cambridge, I completed undergraduate and master's degrees in theoretical physics at the University of Western Australia, specializing in quantum computing research.

The one-year MAST program at Cambridge features a comprehensive and challenging range of advanced courses, and it offered me a chance to bring myself up to speed with some of the frontiers of mathematics and physics. I took the quantum computing and information courses to prepare myself for further research in the area, and also followed a core set of theoretical physics lectures to make up the rest of my study load. The degree proved very fast-paced and challenging, but I am grateful to have had the chance to test my love for learning across a broad range of topics in theoretical physics. As one of a handful of Australians among the 300 exceptionally driven and hard-working students taking the course, I found myself making friends with aspiring mathematicians from all walks of life.



I was one of the student representatives for the MAST course, and helped coordinate a response from the mathematics faculty and my fellow students to the University in light of the UK government's Covid-19 lockdown. I will be starting a PhD at Cambridge in quantum computing when it next reopens.

College life is main highlight of anyone's time at Cambridge. My college, Corpus Christi College, is unique because it has Leckhampton, an enclave for postgrad students hidden at the end of a secluded driveway. The friends I've made here have been invaluable - not least for their varied disciplines, hobbies, and extra-curricular activities provided some respite from the mathematics course. I helped start a plant-based cooking community and currently sit on Corpus's postgraduate student committee as Greens & Charities Officer. I ran a cocktail night to raise funds for Australian bush fire relief. Now that formal halls are cancelled and the tennis courts have been locked, I regularly compete and run online quiz nights with my friends from college.

2020 PHD SCHOLARS

Five PhD Scholarships were awarded in 2020.

The CAS PhD Selection Committee convened on Monday 16th March at the Australian National University. The PhD selection committee consisted of Dr Madeline Mitchell, Mr Jeremy Newman, Dr Marcus Smith, Dr Peng Yu, Dr Olivia Meehan, Professor David Williams, Dr Christopher Gregory.

The committee carefully reviewed 38 high-quality applications from Australian candidates.

THE 2020 PHD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE:

Alex Rafaniello

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

PhD in Chemistry

Alex intends to continue researching within the fields of organic, medicinal and synthetic chemistry either in a postdoctoral position within academia, or in industry. He is drawn more towards academia, and could see himself pursuing a research team of his own within the next 20 years.

Going into the future, he is heavily invested in using his knowledge and skills in synthetic chemistry to pursue research that improves the lives of others, and the environment around us. Alex is fascinated by the process of drug synthesis and development, and could see himself pursuing a career within the biomedical research sphere.

Alex also believes in shifting chemical synthesis to adopt a framework of greater environmental awareness. Hence, researching "greener" synthetic chemistry is something he would prioritise for his own research as his career develops.

Another great passion of Alex's is education, and he is thrilled by the prospect of being an educator for generations to come.

Guy Baldwin

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

PhD in Law

Guy's goal is to work as an academic in the area of comparative constitutional law.

Guy came to appreciate how much he would value an academic career after writing a thesis, which was on the pacifism provision in Japan's Constitution. Applying US scholar Bruce Ackerman's theory of informal constitutional change to Japan, Guy considered that an informal "reinterpretation" of the provision could not be supported on this theory as the ruling party was too entrenched for democratic affirmation of the change. (A co-authored article based on the thesis was published in the American Journal of Comparative Law.) Guy would like to continue research of this kind, seeking to increase understanding between public law systems and gain insight into best practice.

Guy would also teach law, which he has enjoyed in the past. Guy spent two years working as a law peer tutor and last year when I taught several classes on human rights to the general public in Tokyo as part of a fellowship.

Mitchell Chiew

Cambridge Australia Allen & DAMTP Scholarship

PhD in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics

Through a career in theoretical physics research, Mitchell's goals are to tackle the scientific, commercial, and scholastic challenges of introducing quantum technology over the next 40 years.

As an academic, Mitchell wants to conduct research in emerging areas of theoretical physics to help deliver quantum computing to the world. Mitchell's PhD at Cambridge would develop a promising new system for quantum computing that uses technology of the near future. Going forward, Cambridge's industry connections will provide unique opportunities to engage with tech innovators across Europe and North America. Mitchell hopes to continue this research through post-doctoral positions and professorships with industry-linked quantum computing groups. Mitchell's proposed doctorate path will also set him up for a leadership role in reforming tertiary physics education. Through his career, he will bring his passion for teaching to forums like the EU's Quantum Flagship initiative to help educate the next generation of quantum scientists.

Sally Montgomery

Cambridge Australia Newnham Scholarship

PHDMRES Social Anthropology

Sally aspires to harness the research methodology of anthropology, with its deep appreciation of culture, difference and change, to help manifest positive solutions to contemporary issues facing society. Sally hopes to pursue her two-main areas of anthropological interest: digital anthropology and the anthropology of food. Possible career avenues with these foci include 1) researching ways to privilege ethical and human-centric approaches to technology development, and 2) investigate new approaches to food sustainability in the face of climate change, population growth and food security issues. Sally's proposed master's research topic, which focuses on technology and food, lies at the nexus of these two broader interests.

Following the MRes, Sally intends to work in consulting to gain experience in applied anthropology before continuing to further, PhD level, research. Completing the MRes at Cambridge will provide both research training and a globally recognised qualification to support this future.



2020 MASTERS SCHOLARS

This year, selection panels assembled in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia to consider candidates for the CAS Masters scholarships. These scholarships are open to Australian graduate students with proven academic ability who also demonstrate achievement in other fields, contribute to the community, possess excellent character and demonstrate leadership ability. Some individual scholarships have criteria that goes beyond the standard CAS Masters requirements. These criteria are below:

Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship (VIC)

For Australian citizens who have graduated from a Victorian university or were born in Victoria. Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship holders must show proven academic ability, demonstrate achievements in other fields, and be of excellent character.

Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship (VIC)

For Australian citizens who have graduated from an Australian university. Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship holders must show proven academic ability, demonstrate achievements in other fields, and be of excellent character.

Cambridge Australia Allen STEM Scholarship

For Australian citizens who have graduated from an Australian university. Cambridge Australia Allen STEM Scholarship holders must be pursuing a STEM subject, show proven academic ability, demonstrate achievements in other fields, and be of excellent character.

Cambridge Australia Frank Downing scholarship (WA)

For candidates, who have graduated from a Western Australian university or were born in WA. This scholarship may be awarded in preference for study in law.

Davis McCaughey scholarship

For candidates Australia-wide. This scholarship is tenable at Pembroke College and may be awarded in preference to candidates already accepted by Pembroke.

Queensland Australia Scholarship

For Australian citizens who have graduated from a Queensland university or who were born in Queensland. The Queensland Australia Scholarship holders must be pursuing an LLM Master of Law. Consideration will be given to candidates personal circumstances where some kind of disadvantage (past or present) exists.

The application papers of 113 Australian Masters candidates were provided to CAS by the Cambridge Trust. These were split into, state groups and considered by the selection panels.

The Victorian selection panel convened on Wednesday 3rd June via ZOOM, they interviewed candidates from Victoria and South Australia. The panelists in Victoria were Dr Raul Sanchez Urribarri, Ms Antara Mascarenhas and Ethan Bowering.

The members of the New South Wales selection panel were Mr Chris Martin-Murphy, Dr Hilary Byrne, Mr Paul McKechnie, and Ms Katrina Crooks. The interviews were conducted on Thursday 21st May via ZOOM where they interviewed candidates from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

The Queensland selection panel convened on the 20th of May and the 9th of June, they interviewed candidates from around Queensland. The panelists were Dominic Katter, Philip Pope and Selwyn Button.

The Western Australia selection panel consisted of Mrs Anna Lee, Mr Christopher Rowe, and Mr Mitch Artus. The panel met on the 4th of May via ZOOM and interviewed candidates from Western Australia.



The 2020 Masters Scholarship Recipients are:

Adeana Sinclair-Blakemore

**Cambridge Australia Frank Downing Scholarship
Master of Law**

Adeana hopes to practice and teach international law. In respect of practicing international law, She hopes to practice as a barrister in international human rights law and international criminal law. Adeana is particularly interested in being called to the Bar of England & Wales and joining a set of barristers with a strong international law tradition, such as Doughty Street Chambers or Twenty Essex. Adeana would like to appear before international and regional courts, such as the International Criminal Court and the European Court of Human Rights. Adeana is interested in pursuing an academic career and teaching international law to university students. She would like to undertake a PhD in international law at Cambridge.

Daniel Thambar**Cambridge Australia Scholarship for Queensland****Master of Law**

Daniel wishes to pursue a career as a barrister specialising in public law, with a strong interest in the use of administrative law as a mechanism to protect human rights. In the next 5 years, Daniel plans to continue working at the Australian Government Solicitor, specialising in constitutional law, administrative law, and human rights law. Upon gaining a strong practical grounding in these areas, his goal is to work as an Associate to a Justice of the High Court of Australia to understand how Australia's top judges approach complex public law issues.

Daniel's long-term career goal is to become a barrister specialising in public interest litigation, as he would like to use his understanding of public law to protect the human rights of marginalised groups in Australia, particularly in the field of refugee protection.

Dr Elina Ziukelis**Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship****MPhil in Basic and Translational Neuroscience**

By pursuing translational neuroscience research alongside a clinical career, Elina hopes to aid clinically meaningful applications of our evolving knowledge of neurodegenerative diseases. Elina is deeply curious about the neural correlates of dementia syndromes. She is captivated by the idea that cognition, affect and behaviour are a function of neurophysiology, which in turn is a function of cellular and molecular intricacies of the nervous system. Elina has also witnessed the debilitating effects of dementias and experienced the challenge of managing symptoms. Her goal is to help harness emerging knowledge of their pathophysiology to develop pragmatic preventative, diagnostic and management strategies.

By completing the MPhil in Basic and Translational Neuroscience Elina aims to master foundational research skills, gain detailed knowledge of literature on neurodegenerative diseases, develop an interdisciplinary professional network and begin to formulate research questions she could pursue during a PhD.

Michaela Glass**Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship****Master of Law**

Michaela aims to become an international expert on data use. Initially, she intends to work as associate to the Honourable Chief Justice Susan Kiefal AC. Her Honour has a Cambridge LLM and is the current Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. She was the first female appointed Queen's Counsel in Queensland and is a role model to Michaela's employer and mentor, Prof the Hon Marilyn Warren AC QC. Once Michaela is qualified to practice, she plans to utilise this background in the court system to become an arbitrator specialising in data and privacy in international commercial disputes and a policy advisor at the World Intellectual Property Organization. Ultimately, Michaela wants to become a member of an international advisory body, such as the United Nations Advisory Group on the Governance of Data and AI.

Deborah White

Davis McCaughey Cambridge Australia Scholarship

MPhil in Criminological Research

In Deborah's current profession as a criminal prosecutor, she has witnessed firsthand the strengths and shortcomings of the criminal justice system in her jurisdiction. Deborah aspires to not only practice law but to publish research that can make a positive contribution to the development of criminal justice policies, particularly in the field of risk assessment. The MPhil in Criminological Research will allow her to gain the necessary research skills to pursue a PhD and further research in this chosen field.

Deborah's career goal is to practice as a barrister in criminal and human rights law and lecture in criminology. She aspires to be a strong legal advocate who defends the rights of others and uses her education in law and criminology to critically engage with the justice system. Upon completion of the MPhil, Deborah plans to work for a university, law reform commission or development program to conduct research aimed at strengthening criminal justice institutions in areas where access to justice is limited.

Kulunu Dharmakeerthi

Cambridge Australia Allen STEM Scholarship

MASt in Mathematical Statistics

It is Kulunu's aim to understand the mathematics and statistics underpinning modern approaches to data analysis. Firstly, to apply statistical and applied mathematical methods in cross-disciplinary research, and secondly, to investigate current statistical theory, particularly regarding learning and inference.

After a Masters degree, Kulunu intends to pursue a PhD in Mathematical Statistics. At the moment, his fascinations within this field are too scattered, as evidenced by his diverse research activities and coursework. It is Kulunu's hope that the flexible course structure at Cambridge, as well as the multifaceted research ethos, allows him to narrow his interests further and discover a sub-field suitable for PhD research. Kuluni is hopeful that the Cambridge PhD program is the likely progression after this course. After a PhD, Kulunu is eager to join academic circles as a researcher, with the eventual goal being to work at a university as a professor.



Sophie Philip

Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

MPhil in Criminological Research

My foremost career goal is to contribute to improving the criminal justice response to sexual and family violence, to secure better outcomes for survivors. I believe in the near stages of my career, I can best contribute by researching such violence through the MPhil in Criminological Research and, subsequently, a PhD in the field. Doing so will allow me to add to the evidence base, from which more refined theories and more effective practical responses can be developed. I intend to have a long-term academic career committed to developing sound theory and well-designed criminal justice responses in the context of sexual and family violence. I hope my academic career will involve a substantial teaching component, having always relished opportunities for mentoring and the open exchange of knowledge. Ultimately, I aim to effect changes in policy and law that reflect my academic work, whether by participating as an academic in law reform and like bodies, or by running for public office.

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

CAS is a strong supporter of Indigenous education, and works in consultation with the Cambridge Trust, the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation, and the Charlie Perkins Trust to provide opportunities for Indigenous students to study in Cambridge.

Each year, in consultation with the Cambridge Trust, the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation, and the Charlie Perkins Trust, multiple scholarships are awarded to exemplary students who are also of Indigenous descent.

In 2020, one Masters candidate received a Charlie Perkins Cambridge Australia Scholarship.

Audrey McInnerney

Charlie Perkins Cambridge Australia Scholarship

MPhil in Biological Science (Plant Sciences)

Audrey's decision to pursue the Cambridge MPhil in Plant Science stemmed from her understanding of how advances in this field benefit agricultural productivity and the environment. After completing this programme, she will return to the University of Queensland to complete her PhD. From these degrees, Audrey hopes to gain a deeper understanding of the genetics underlying plant development and how to best utilise innovative technology in this field. Audrey then hopes to research genetics of legume crops and applications in sustainable agriculture, given the current climate and food security crisis, there is an ever-growing need for agriculturally enhanced crops. Legumes, with their nitrogen fixing symbiosis, provide a possible avenue for reducing synthetic fertiliser application, which is environmentally detrimental. Research in this space may result in agriculturally enhanced crops which contribute positively to the global community and environment.

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01 JULY 2019 - 30 JUNE 2020

All CAS scholarships are funded by individual donations in conjunction with the Cambridge Trust.

Named scholarships have been established through the generosity of the following donors:

Mr Charles Allen AO - Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship, Cambridge Australia Bragg Scholarship, Cambridge Australia McCrum Scholarship; also Cambridge Australia Allen (Masters) Scholarship

Professor Jan Anderson (Dec'd) - Cambridge Australia Newnham Scholarship

Professor Henry Bennett (Dec'd) - Cambridge Australia Fisher Scholarship

The Downing Family, Mr Christopher K G Rowe, members of HWL Ebsworth (previously Downing & Downing) and members of the WA legal and business communities - Cambridge Australia Frank Downing Scholarship

Miss Kathleen Hammer (Dec'd) - Cambridge Australia Fulton Scholarship

Justice Anthe Philippides - Cambridge Australia Queensland Scholarship

Lady Catherine Kater (Dec'd) - Cambridge Australia Kater Scholarship

Mr Patrick Moore - Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship

Australian Pembroke College Alumni - Davis McCaughey Cambridge Australia Scholarship

Dr Orde Poynton (Dec'd) - Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

Professor Peter Treacy (Dec'd) and Dr Barbara Treacy - Cambridge Australia Oliphant Scholarship

Drs. George H C Wong and C Mary Calthorpe - Cambridge Australia WongCalthorpe Scholarship

Anonymous - Jan Anderson Cambridge Australia Newnham Scholarship Fund

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CAS would also like to offer sincere thanks to the below donors who donated to CAS between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020:

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OUR PRIORITIES

Cambridge Australia Scholarships Ltd (CAS) is the main Australian funding body for talented Australians to study at the University of Cambridge.

While the Cambridge Societies around Australia act as a social hub for Cambridge alumni in Australia, CAS works with the University of Cambridge, in particular the Cambridge Trust, to ensure that the best and brightest Australians have the opportunity to study in Cambridge.

We do this by focusing on the following priority areas:

- Information: we provide accurate and timely information to interested scholars via our website.
- Partnering with Cambridge: we liaise regularly with the University of Cambridge, in particular the Cambridge Trust, to ensure our activities align with the University's objectives.
- Promotion of scholarships: we promote CAS scholarships widely to maximise the number of applicants
- Fundraising: we seek to raise funds to expand the number of scholarships available. (CAS still receives more applications each year than we can support).
- Building the CAS alumni community: we seek to facilitate relationships between CAS scholars while they are in residence at Cambridge and beyond the completion of their degree.
- Partnering with other organisations: we look for ways to advance our objectives by partnering with other organisations, for example in relation to the indigenous scholarship programmes.
- Good governance: we ensure best practice governance in relation to the administration of CAS and the management of our resources and investments.





Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited

ABN: 71 146 517 366

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**Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
Revenue	2a	209,598	63,600
Interest revenue		51	44
Administration expenses	2b	(43,457)	(28,426)
Travel expenses		(4,613)	(2,995)
Accounting expenses		(1,980)	(2,200)
Other expenses	2c	(13,087)	(10,805)
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		<u>146,513</u>	<u>19,219</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>146,513</u>	<u>19,219</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity		<u>146,513</u>	<u>19,219</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	171,844	17,879
Other receivables	15,900	15,919
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>187,744</u>	<u>33,798</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>187,744</u>	<u>33,798</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	8,963	1,530
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>8,963</u>	<u>1,530</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>8,963</u>	<u>1,530</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>178,781</u>	<u>32,268</u>
EQUITY		
Accumulated surpluses	178,781	32,268
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>178,781</u>	<u>32,268</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2019	Accumulated surpluses	Total
	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 January 2019	32,268	32,268
Surplus for the year	146,513	146,513
Balance as at 31 December 2019	<u>178,781</u>	<u>178,781</u>

2018	Accumulated surpluses	Total
	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 January 2018	13,050	13,050
Surplus for the year	19,219	19,219
Balance as at 31 December 2018	<u>32,268</u>	<u>32,268</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Members.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in the accounting policies disclosed below, which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

a. Revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when control of the performance obligations are transferred to the customer.

Each agreement is analysed to determine the revenue recognition in accordance with the five step model. Where performance obligations have not been met, it will result in unearned income at year end.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

b. Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

c. Economic Dependence

Under an arrangement with the Australian National University (ANU), the assets that enable scholarships to be granted over time are held by the ANU Endowment for Excellence in trust. The Board of Directors have no reason to believe the relationship with the ANU will change materially in the next twelve months.

d. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amount being normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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NOTE 2: INCOME AND EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

- 2a Donations revenue consists of transfers from funds held by ANU Endowment for Excellence \$72,266 and donations received through Cambridge Australia's DGR account \$137,332.
- 2b Administration expense of \$43,457 includes \$33,847 of fees paid to the administrator and \$8,666 paid for Postage for the 2019 Appeal.
- 2c Other expenses are made up of miscellaneous expenses such as catering costs and other incidental expenses.

NOTE 3: ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office of the company is:

Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited
 Ormond College
 49 College Crescent
 Parkville VIC 3052

The principal place of business is:

Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited
 Ormond College
 49 College Crescent
 Parkville VIC 3052

NOTE 4: AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENCE – CAMBRIDGE AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As outlined in note 1 to the financial statements, funds held in relation to the company's scholarships are held by the ANU Endowment for Excellence in trust in the Cambridge Australia Scholarship Fund. The ANU Endowment for Excellence is audited by the Australian National Audit Office. This fund has net tangible assets as at 31 December 2019 totalling \$14,468,389. During the year ended 31 December 2019, the fund's financial performance was as follows:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Investment income	600,061	568,472
Donations received	651,496	604,713
Total revenue	<u>1,251,557</u>	<u>1,173,185</u>
Expenses		
Scholarship expense	767,835	708,530
Secretarial expense	56,365	37,902
Realised gain / loss on foreign exchange translation	16,561	(226)
Other		
Total costs	<u>840,761</u>	<u>746,206</u>
Net surplus	<u>410,796</u>	<u>426,979</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the Poynton bequest made up 94% of total donations received, and Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited has an entitlement of 50% of income from this bequest in perpetuity.

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NOTE 4: AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENCE – CAMBRIDGE AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND (CONTINUED)

The company's directors and/or the nominees provide guidance in relation to the scholarships to be awarded as required by the Company's Constitution.

At the end of 2019, Cambridge Australia Scholarships supported 35 scholars and honorary scholars in residence. The combined group's capacity to provide scholarships rests on the following key issues:

- Level of ongoing donor support
- Level of investment income generated on endowment funds
- Changes to Cambridge University and college costs
- \$A / Sterling exchange rate
- Administration expenditure

Total annual cost of supporting a scholar in Cambridge annually depends upon:

- The fee level, which varies by degree
- The \$A/ Sterling exchange rate
- Maintenance – which is different for degrees three terms' residence – e.g., the LLM – versus the other master's degrees and the PhD degrees which require residence across the full year, including long vacations

To illustrate the total, for scholars entering the University in 2019, the total annual cost of support could vary from £36,000 to £42,000, to which would be added some other additional minor expenses in the form of contributions towards thesis binding, settling in and airfares. The variance in cost of support is driven by the different fee levels for each subject area in Cambridge.

The company's directors continue to work towards a seamless and transparent financial reporting solution for the combined group and its stakeholders.

NOTE 5: ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

- 5a Annual reimbursements of £10,000 are received from the Cambridge Trust to Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited for administrative cost.
- 5b Total administrative expenses represented 4.5% of the total fund earnings in 2019 (3.2% in 2018)

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes are prepared to:
 - a) comply with applicable Accounting Standards to the extent outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
 - b) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

21ST MAY 2020

(Director)



Dated this day of 2020

CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS

**COMPILATION REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
CAMBRIDGE AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIPS LIMITED**

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, the statement of changes in equity, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Directors of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited


The directors of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and have determined that the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the directors of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.



Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants



Jeffrey Tulk
Partner

Dated: 21 May 2020



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