

A photograph of a modern university hallway. In the center, a wide staircase with light-colored steps and a grey metal frame leads upwards. To the right, a brick wall features large, light-colored wooden circular wall art. People are walking in both directions: two students with backpacks away from the camera, a woman in a black dress carrying a box, a man in a suit talking to her, and another man in a suit looking at his phone on the right. Large windows on the left side offer a view of greenery outside.

MBA Scholar Profiles

2018-19



‘Education is one of the most powerful ways to transform individuals and societies. In these times, it is ever more important to ensure that our Oxford Saïd community maintains its high standards and values, is a model for diversity, and has all parts of the globe adequately represented. Our generous donors, through the provision of the many scholarships offered to our students, not only enhance the lives of the awardees, but the life of the entire School. We are grateful to our devoted friends.’

Dean Peter Tufano

MBA Scholar Profiles

The MBA class of 2018-19 includes a diverse community of scholars who have received recognition and funding from a variety of Saïd Business School scholarship programmes.

Our scholars not only receive funding to assist with the cost of the MBA programme, but also membership of a strong and diverse scholar community. They have access to a range of exciting and valuable activities and opportunities such as invitation to scholar and donor events and performing the role of ambassador for the School.

These MBA scholar profiles give a brief overview of our scholars' achievements to date and how they hope the MBA programme will shape their future.



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Scholars



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Nationalities represented



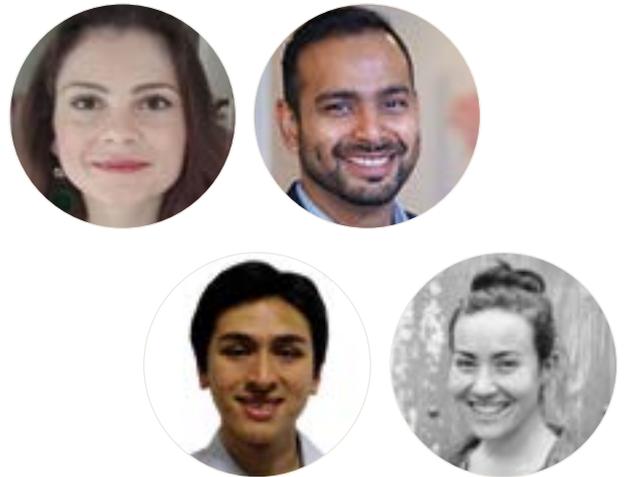
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Female scholars

Skoll Scholars

The Skoll Scholarships support MBA students who pursue entrepreneurial solutions for urgent social and environmental challenges. The scholarship provides funding for the programme fee and a living expenses stipend. In addition to financial support, the Scholarship provides access to the Skoll Scholar community, a group of leaders who are positively impacting the world through innovation and systems change, as well as exclusive opportunities to meet with world-renowned entrepreneurs, thought leaders and investors.

[Click here to read about our Skoll Scholars](#)



Oxford-Pershing Square Scholars

The Oxford Pershing Square Scholarship supports up to five outstanding students each year, providing funding for the programme fee and living expenses for both years of study on the 1+1 MBA. Pershing Square Scholars are exceptional individuals who can demonstrate the potential and commitment to finding scalable and sustainable solutions to world-scale social challenges.

[Click here to read about our Pershing Square Scholars](#) (PDF)





Katherine Joan Abbott (née Robertson)

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: South Africa

College: St Catherine's College

'I started my career as a professional ballet dancer in my hometown of Johannesburg, South Africa. After sustaining a major injury, I realized that my true interest was with upskilling people. I strongly believe in the responsibility of opportunity and wanted to use my opportunities to improve the inequality gap in my country.

I needed to equip myself with the right education and skills to be effective in any kind of social development; I studied Politics and History followed by a postgraduate Business Management diploma.

From there, I founded an income generating and skills programme in Alexandra, a settlement on the outskirts of Johannesburg. I learnt about development at a grassroots level and this initiative generated millions of Rands for the community.

I loved my time in "Alex" but realized I needed additional training and mentorship to be more effective. I then worked as a Director at *forgood*, a tech platform that connects employees to causes. Managing big brands to implement volunteering and employee engagement provided a great foundation in corporate South Africa, and social entrepreneurship.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be at Saïd Business School and to represent the School as a Saïd Business School Foundation Scholar. My goal is to be a better development practitioner in South Africa through this exciting challenge.'



Jihan Abass

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: UK & Kenya

College: St Hugh's College

'I made the decision to pursue an MBA after launching my startup, a technology-based insurance venture called Griffin Insurance in Kenya. While I have learnt a great deal from running my startup, it became clear to me that I still had some gaps to bridge particularly in my leadership skills and all-round business acumen. I believe that undertaking an MBA will equip me with the necessary set of skills I need in order to successfully grow and scale my business. I chose to attend the University of Oxford due to the focus on social impact which was the main driver of my insurance startup.

Prior to this, I graduated with a degree in Finance from CASS Business School and worked as a sugar trader in London. I then made the decision to leave my trading job and move back to Kenya in order to start Griffin Insurance. In Kenya, insurance is often perceived a luxury good for the wealthy, however I wanted to change this perception. I saw this as an opportunity to revolutionise the insurance industry not only in Kenya but across the continent

by creating a fully digital insurance solution that will make insurance affordable and widely accessible.

Attending Oxford is a dream come true for me and I am truly honoured to receive the Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship. I am incredibly excited to become a member of the University's large community and to join a diverse MBA class.'



Khalida Abdulrahim

**Oxford-Leo Tong Chen Scholarship & Linacre College Dapo Olagunju
Scholarship**

Country of nationality: Nigeria

College: Linacre College

'Subsequent to earning a first-class bachelor's degree in International Business, I started my career in energy trading at BP, working in various commercial roles across strategy, operations, and business development. A desire to embark on a personal and professional challenge led me to the Oxford MBA. I was particularly drawn to the strong community feel of Oxford, the responsible business ethos of Saïd Business School, and the incredible diversity of the MBA cohort.

It is my expectation that the MBA will equip me with the skills and network needed to achieve my career goals and provide a platform to further explore my interests around corporate strategy, digital innovation, and energy access.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning, sharing, and collaborating with my classmates and the wider Oxford community. I am also grateful for the generous scholarships I was awarded and hope to be in a position to pay it forward in the future.'



Hiba Ahmad

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: India

College: St Catherine's College

'I did my schooling at St Mary's Convent with Mathematics and Biology as Majors. After completing my Engineering degree (being one of the top students and awarded the best all-rounder award), I wanted to use my freshly acquired skills in the high-tech sector. Having since worked with brands such as Vodafone and Nokia in the field of Cloud and Internet of Things (IOT), I have been amazed by the potential of high-tech to change the lives of millions around the world.

The experiences gained from holding positions of the Area Director of Toastmasters International, Project Manager for Nokia's CSR, Placement Coordinator in the

undergraduate college and Student Council Member will come in good stead in understanding advanced leadership and management lessons during the next year at Oxford.

I chose Oxford because of its highly international and diverse class and its focus on enabling MBAs to tackle world scale problems. With the added exposure to the wider Oxford University, I hope to build a robust international network of peers and a better perspective of world business. I also look forward to all the mentally stimulating discussions with the professors and classmates. The Oxford MBA journey will be in every way scintillating and enriching!

I am delighted to be selected as part of the Saïd Business School Foundation community and an ambassador for the school.'



Nicholas Andreou

Oxford-Leo Tong Chen Scholarship

Country of nationality: UK

College: Green Templeton College

'Human development and welfare have always interested me, which has led me to complete a BSc, MSc and PhD in Psychology at the University of Nottingham. Through working on the WHO Global Plan of Action and attending Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health as a Visiting Fellow, I realized the huge scope of human development challenges and subsequently became interested in international development.

Towards the end of my doctorate, I was selected as a Balloon Ventures Fellow to support informal micro-entrepreneurs in Kenya towards creating jobs and strengthening local economies. Working with a social enterprise startup in an emerging economy felt like an exciting challenge; I thereafter joined Balloon to build and lead their Insight & Impact function.

After three years, I had helped Balloon triple its growth through corporate and research partnerships, undertaken a major impact evaluation with Stanford University, and driven innovations which transformed how we worked. I felt ready for a new challenge. An MBA at Saïd Business School is the next step in my journey as I look for new opportunities to create meaningful change. I was drawn to the School because of its focus on social issues and entrepreneurship.

I am thrilled to have been awarded the Leo Tong Chen Scholarship. This has eased the financial burden of undertaking an MBA, and has also served as a vote of confidence in my commitment and ability to contribute positively to the global community. I am most looking forward to meeting people with exciting stories and sharing new experiences with them!'



Itay Arbel

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Israel

College: Exeter College

'I did my BSc. in Electrical Engineering at Ben Gurion University in Israel and graduated cum laude. While in my third year (out of a four-year degree programme) I started to work for Mellanox Tech., and I have been working there for three and a half years.

During my second year in university I founded a social entrepreneurship project which gave students the space to expose their arts and to have a social gathering. I used this platform to organise two fundraising events for Holocaust survivors.

At the age of 18, after high school graduation I took a gap year to volunteer as a young emissary in Jewish community in Greenwich, Connecticut.

I'm coming to Oxford in order to make a shift in my career. I am particularly looking forward to the entrepreneurship and the social impact aspects of the MBA programme.'



Laura Aristizabal Borrero

Louis Dreyfus-Weidenfeld and Hoffmann Scholarship (jointly funded by the Saïd Business School Foundation)

Country of nationality: Colombia

College: Green Templeton College

'I am a proud Colombian and I have a Law degree and a specialisation in Administrative and Public Law from my country. While I was studying, I participated in several projects related to access to justice for low income citizens, victims of sexual crimes, international law, and university press. My first years of professional experience were held in a law firm, where I was named 'Associate to Watch' by Chambers & Partners in 2015.

Driven by the wish to deliver impact in large scale projects, I then began to work as a consultant for McKinsey & Company where I worked as a management consultant in different industries including public and social sectors. I am a strong believer that consulting and law are two subjects which completely complement each other, since it is impossible to give a legal opinion which is not feasible economically nor a strategic recommendation which is not legally possible.

Two of my greatest passions are politics and access to justice as a solution for a country's inequality. This is the reason why I want to combine my law and consulting background with the Oxford MBA, to give sustainable solutions to justice processes, inefficiencies and problems in my country. I want to do this being part of one of the most important social impact-oriented business schools and of the leadership programme that the Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Trust is offering me.'



Vaughan Bagley

Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship

Country of nationality: USA & Ireland

College: The Queen's College

'I am grateful to be part of the Oxford community and honoured to serve as an ambassador for Saïd Business School. As a child, my parents always taught me that to whom much is given, much is expected. I continue to try to live with this in mind every day of my life and have committed my career to working towards improving the lives of women and girls. After graduating from Stanford University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology and Honors in Ethics in Society for my thesis work on human trafficking, I spent two years at the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children before moving to the Joyful Heart Foundation. There, I served as the Special Projects Manager and helped lead the social impact campaign for our Founder, Mariska Hargitay's, HBO documentary 'I AM EVIDENCE' about the backlog of untested rape kits in the United States.

I was drawn to Oxford Saïd because I was in awe of the School's commitment to cultivating socially responsible global leaders capable of tackling the world's greatest challenges. The Scholars programme reiterates that commitment, giving students like myself a chance to continue finding ways to do good in the world in a strategic and meaningful way. I am looking forward to being ingrained in a geographically and professionally diverse community with varying perspectives and am prepared to have my horizons expanded on a daily basis.'



Prashanth Baptist

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: India

College: Trinity College

'I graduated from the National Institute of Technology in India, earning an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering. Since then, I have worked in the Decision Sciences space in multiple markets. Over the last few years, as an analytics consultant at McKinsey & Company, I worked in South East Asia and Europe, focusing primarily on identifying and addressing revenue growth opportunities in retail and FMCG businesses. In the future, I hope to work in retail tech.

When looking for an MBA school, Saïd Business School was recommended to me by some undergraduate friends and colleagues who had previously studied there. I was immediately attracted to Oxford due to the wider university experience it offers, its integrative approach to the MBA programme, world class professors and a diverse yet compact cohort. Over the next year, I hope to learn the necessary business skills to complement my prior experience, as well as to meet and learn from some amazing people, make lifelong friends, and simply

soak up the Oxford atmosphere.

To be awarded the Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship is an honour. In addition to the financial support the scholarship offers, it shows that the Admissions Committee have also recognised my career progression to date.'



Jargalan Bat-Orgil

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Mongolia & Poland

College: St Catherine's College

'I graduated in Political Science from Jagiellonian University in Krakow, and started my career working for the Mongolian Ministry of Infrastructure. Soon afterwards I moved into the private sector and entered the mining industry, which proved to be my greatest career challenge as well a source of my professional advancement.

Being a woman in this heavily male dominated industry presents its own unique complications. But with every complication and challenge there was an opportunity for me to develop character, grow professionally and learn what needs to be learned in order to succeed. I wish that more women took unconventional career paths which, contrary to a popular belief, presents enormous possibilities.

Mongolia is and will remain a country dependent on natural resources. Over the years working in the industry I learned the vast potential mining industry promises, but also of its current systemic weaknesses. I want to unlock the potential of coal mines by implementing a continuous mining system, that brings operating costs down and is more effective in comparison to conventional excavating techniques.

I am confident that through the rigorous MBA programme at the University of Oxford, I will gain the necessary knowledge to bridge current problems with opportunities. The skills and knowledge that I will acquire will become invaluable parts of my future self.

I am extremely honoured to be part of the most distinguished group of women and men of Saïd Fellowship, which brings me yet another great range of opportunities that I will not take for granted.'



Amelie Busch

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Germany & USA

College: New College

'I hold a BSc in Business Administration from Elon University with a double major in Finance and Economics. For the last seven years I've worked in financial technology in New York City and London in roles ranging from advisory to business development. Most recently, I managed the EMEA relationships, sales, and negotiations with clients in my firm's Strategic Client Group, which represents our largest banking, investment management, and wealth management clients.

My passion for the social impact space began during my undergraduate degree when I first started researching microfinance. I spent one month in Sri Lanka and three weeks in Ghana meeting with local microfinance institutions and later wrote my Economics senior thesis based on research from my internship at ACCION. Since then, my interests have expanded to impact investing and social impact bonds and I've engaged heavily in this field in my spare time to build both my knowledge and network.

I'm excited for the experiences and challenges of the year ahead and I look forward to learning from the incredibly talented and diverse individuals in my class. It's an honour to receive the Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship and I hope to contribute as much as I know I'll gain from the programme.'



Amanda Buthe

Oxford-Leo Tong Chen Scholarship & Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship

Country of nationality: USA

College: Green Templeton College

'I have spent my career working at the intersection of business and economic development, with a specific focus on the role of ethical supply chains. I have lived and worked for development NGOs in El Salvador and Ghana and worked for four years for a San Francisco based non-profit focused on the role of development in combating modern day slavery. I was part of a small team launching a number of social enterprises, including a ready to drink beverage that was founded to model an ethical supply chain and drove funds back to the non-profit. My focus on forced child labour in supply chains led to my most recent supply chain position for a sustainable, fair trade coconut water company with operations in Thailand.

Last year, I completed an MSc in Economics for Development at Oxford. I also hold a BSc in Commerce from Santa Clara University with an Economics major and International Business minor. I chose Oxford because I am very much looking forward to Saïd's emphasis on responsible business, the Skoll Centre's focus on social entrepreneurship and impact, and creating ways to help businesses execute ethical and responsible supply chains.

The combination of the Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship and Leo Tong Chen Scholarship has allowed me to pursue my second graduate degree as part of the 1+1 MBA and I'm honoured to join Saïd's community of scholars.'



Celina Chan

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Hong Kong & UK

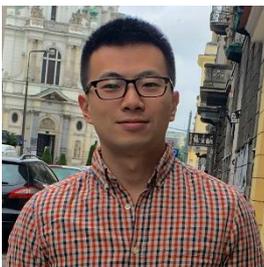
College: St Catherine's College

'After graduating with a dual degree in Law and Business and completing summer internships with Goldman Sachs and Bank of China, I decided to join the finance industry as an International Manager at HSBC. During the past few years, I have been delighted to work in Hong Kong, Sri Lanka and London, managing corporate clients and providing input and influence globally. My team facilitated Chinese investments into Sri Lanka to build infrastructure, and a strategic initiative I developed has been adopted across the group in many countries.

I love learning about different cultures and am fortunate enough to have had international exposure in four continents: working/studying in Asia, Europe and North America, as well as spending time in Africa, raising awareness of HIV/AIDs in Nigeria. The more I see of the world, the more I aspire to make a positive difference in society.

Post-MBA, I'd like to continue to leverage finance to do good in areas such as impact investing, sustainable finance, and international development.

I chose the Oxford MBA because of its impressive learning environment and unique focus on social impact in business. I'm truly honoured to be a scholar and a Forté Fellow.'



Shi Chen

Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship

Country of nationality: China

College: St Hugh's College

'I studied Business Management and Finance at both University of Hong Kong and Tianjin Foreign University, China. I spent many years at AECOM, a US engineering consulting firm, with responsibilities shifting from business development to business analysis and operations. Prior to Oxford, I joined Tesla which deepened my understanding of entrepreneurship and technology.

Oxford for me is surely a world-renowned University, but it is more than just that. I am

attracted to Oxford because it places so much emphasis on making an impact. That allows me to leverage my previous experience on business management and technology and take that to explore how business can be more entrepreneurial and technology-driven.

I am super excited to be a part of Oxford and I am so grateful that the Alumni Annual Fund has helped to make that happen.'



Kudzai Chigiji

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Zimbabwe

College: Balliol College

'I obtained my Actuarial Science degrees from the University of Cape Town. I am a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, and the Actuarial Society of South Africa; and I hold a Masters in Development Finance from the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business.

I have worked in life insurance, healthcare funding and systems development, management consulting, social security, loyalty programmes and digital innovation in the asset finance space. Two years ago, I founded my own organisation, Africans Thinking, in order to better advise African governments, regulators, healthcare providers, pharmaceutical companies and funders on the challenges facing the healthcare sector. Soon afterwards, I was appointed Non-Executive Director of a company focused on healthcare systems and infrastructure (healthcare and education) development. After completing my MBA, I am going to concentrate my efforts on building these organisations to assist the African development space as well as to unlock the next generation of African businesses.

Saïd Business School was a natural choice because its representatives displayed a genuine and infectious passion and philosophy to be and raise leaders who will transform both business and society by solving world-scale problems.

It is an honour and privilege to have been awarded the Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship as it takes me closer to achieving my goals. This scholarship, in combination with being a Forté Foundation Fellow, has created a platform for me to encourage business and societal leadership amongst more African women.'



Alan John Winton Clarke

Oxford-Weidenfeld and Hoffmann Scholarships and Leadership Programme (jointly funded by the Saïd Business School Foundation) & Chevening Scholarship

Country of nationality: South Africa

College: Kellogg College

'I completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) degree at Stellenbosch University in 2012 and then started my career working for Transnet National Ports Authority in South Africa which sparked my passion for port and coastal engineering. Pursuing this passion, I decided to complete a Master of Engineering degree part-time through Stellenbosch University. I graduated in 2016 with a degree that specialised in port and coastal engineering.

In 2015 I joined AECOM where I worked in both engineering design roles and project management consultancy roles related to the development of infrastructure in Africa. Most recently I spent 18 months working on the development of a new \$1.5 billion container port in Ghana. Working on infrastructure projects in Africa has made me acutely aware of the infrastructure crisis that Africa is facing.

I feel extremely privileged to be a part of the 2018/19 MBA class at the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School. I look forward to learning from great minds, being inspired by the people I meet and being shaped by the Oxford environment. The MBA will provide the perfect platform for me to follow my dream of one day leading a team that specialises in financing and implementing sustainable infrastructure projects throughout Africa.'



Omar El Naggar

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Egypt

College: The Queen's College

'My dream has always been to become an entrepreneur. So, I pursued an undergraduate degree in Business and started a career in investment banking to gain exposure to a wide range of businesses, and simultaneously build the skills and network I would eventually need as an entrepreneur.

In the long term, I want to go back to Egypt to develop a tech-focused company that provides tech services to the global community, and sites that leverage our unique geographic position.

As an investment banker in Dubai, I helped launch Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank's advisory services and executed several headline-making Islamic finance deals. Doing global transactions, I developed broad international experience and learned the technical and

financial facets of running a regional business. Now, I need to build skills in other business areas, such as strategy and operations, to develop a well-rounded tech startup toolkit.

At Oxford, I will gain impeccable core business skills and sound my business ideas through interactions with a world-class faculty and a highly diverse student body. Oxford will also help me develop a second-to-none international alumni network, which I can reach out to for support and fundraising as I establish my business.

I am truly honoured to be awarded the prestigious Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship. The award gives me an opportunity to earn skills that will serve my community following graduation and when I move back to Egypt in the long term.'



Richard Elliot

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: South Africa

College: Regent's Park College

'I am a Chartered Accountant and before I came to Oxford I was consulting to UK based private equity firms.

What attracted me to the programme was Dean Tufano's words: "When you join Oxford Saïd, you make a commitment to dealing with some of the most important problems in the world." I am interested in philosophy and politics and would like to be part of the resolution of the complex land issue in South Africa.

Being accepted to the programme and being awarded a scholarship meant a great deal to me. From this year I hope to gain the confidence and develop the skills to make a difference in the world.'



Samuel Eng

Oxford-Leo Tong Chen Scholarship

Country of nationality: New Zealand

College: St Peter's College

'It has always been a dream to study at the University of Oxford: to immerse myself in the rich history of the institution and be surrounded by great minds from all around the world.

I chose Saïd Business School because of its forthcoming vision to make a global impact, and to deliver a transformative education to develop innovative leaders who will tackle world-scale problems. I am excited to be part of a learning community where I can grow and

be challenged personally and professionally.

I hold a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Finance from the University of Auckland, and have also been awarded the CFA Charter. Prior to the Oxford MBA, I was an investment banking analyst in Auckland, focusing on M&A and debt financing transactions. Post-MBA, I plan to further my career in finance.

I am grateful to be awarded the Leo Tong Chen scholarship, and will seize every opportunity to embrace all that the school has to offer.'



Rahfin Faruk

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholar

Country of nationality: USA

College: The Queen's College

'I aspire to solve societal challenges by leveraging technology and changing how financiers assess risk, price, and allocate resources to oft-neglected people and places. I hold undergraduate degrees in Economics, Political Science, Public Policy, and Religious Studies from Southern Methodist University, Summa Cum Laude, and an MSc in Finance from Henley Business School with Distinction. I am a Harry S. Truman Scholar and Marshall Scholar, and I have worked at McKinsey & Company, FSG, a social impact consultancy, Quona Capital, a fintech VC, and J.P. Morgan's technology investment banking group.

I chose Saïd Business School because of the school's mission to create ethical, holistic, and impact-driven business leaders. I look forward to a year of combining my interests in finance, technology, and society and building community with my exceptional and diverse peers. In my free time, I like to play and watch basketball and football, roast and brew coffee, read up on political economy, and travel to 'off the beaten path' destinations.'



Maria Fernandez Conde

Annual Alumni Fund Scholarship

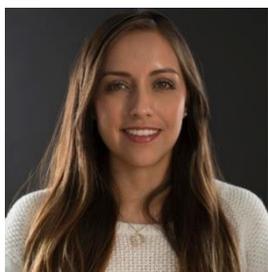
Country of nationality: Spain

College: St Hugh's College

'As the daughter of two PhD academics, I have always set high standards for my educational attainment. I grew passionate about humanities, earning a BA and Master's degree in World Languages, Literature, and Linguistics. I am fluent in Spanish, English, French, Italian and Portuguese, which has afforded me opportunities outside my home country of Spain to study and work in Belgium, France, Ireland, the US, and now the UK.

I have pursued diverse experiences throughout my professional life: working in both big corporate and startup environments, the education sector, and entrepreneurship. I was a copywriter at McCann NYC, I taught at both secondary school and university level, and I founded a tutoring business in Manhattan. Most recently, having relocated to London in 2017, I joined an EdTech startup, where I contributed to developing their marketing strategy, drove direct sales, and streamlined the user experience.

Pursuing an MBA is the next step towards achieving my goal of becoming a business leader. With its global reputation, diverse cohort, and unique focus on social impact, the programme at Saïd was a natural fit. I plan to make the most of my experience at Oxford, stretching myself to explore new academic areas that will equip me with the leadership skills and expertise I need to excel in the business world.'



Alma Catalina Gutierrez Toledano

Forté Fellowship

Country of nationality: Mexico

College: Kellogg College

'I grew up in Mexico City and I hold a bachelor's degree in Actuarial Sciences from Universidad Anahuac. I am the daughter of two Mexican army members who taught me never to never quit. I worked for BlackRock for more than two and a half years, with a total experience of more than five years in private equity, specialising in infrastructure. I was also an active member of the philanthropy platform in BlackRock, organising different volunteering activities and inclusion programmes for the Mexico office.

I am coming to Oxford to combine my passion of finance with my passion for helping others, changing lives and spreading awareness of others around the world through the Saïd Business School's Impact Investing capabilities. To me, the Forté Fellowship means strength, persistence, and excellence. Being awarded this scholarship makes me feel more than ever that I owe something more to society. It has inspired me to never quit and to spread into the world a message of positive change and impact.'



Hui He

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Australia & China

College: Christ Church College

'I was born and raised in China and moved to Australia when I was 18. I graduated with First Class Honours in Accounting and Corporate Finance from the University of Adelaide and was awarded the University Medal for the outstanding academic achievement. My

international student experience has had a profound personal impact and has also cultivated my passion for providing broader access to quality education.

I have worked in the strategy and corporate development function for a leading global education company for two years. I worked very closely with key decision makers to develop and deliver strategic initiatives that shaped the future of the organisation. I was also responsible for managing EdTech investments of the corporate venture arm and helping early-stage EdTech companies to grow and scale. Before pursuing my career in education, I had four years of cross-sector strategy and operations consulting experience in Australia and Asia.

Working in the education sector has always made me want to go back to university. The unique Oxford experience is a distinguishing factor for me to choose Saïd over other top-tier business schools. I look forward to maximising my Oxford experience and connecting with the diverse MBA cohort and the broader university community. I plan to continue to work in the education sector post MBA, especially in EdTech and transnational education.

I feel very privileged and grateful to have been awarded the scholarship, not only has it been an important acknowledgment for my hard work, but it has also provided me with access to wider opportunities.'



Engin Furkan Inalkaç

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship & Chevening Scholarship

Country of nationality: Turkey

College: St Catherine's College

'I graduated from Robert College and Bogazici University in Istanbul with a BSc in Civil Engineering and an MSc in Financial Engineering. Then I worked for four years in one of the biggest PPP infrastructure projects in Turkey and led the project finance and M&A processes.

I believe that the Oxford Saïd MBA programme will enhance my business knowledge further, will enable me to connect with the international community and will present an opportunity to breathe the global business environment.

In terms of being diverse, being globally recognised, having a remarkable student profile and offering a leadership-oriented curriculum, it is a unique experience of a lifetime.

I am honoured to be the recipient of both a Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship and a Chevening Scholarship, and I am extremely excited to be joining the Saïd MBA class. I look forward to developing my skill set, building an extensive alumni network, engaging with the international community and preparing myself for my post-MBA career.'



Liv Jaeger

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: USA

College: St Catherine's College

'I grew up in Wisconsin, USA and received my bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. Upon graduating, I moved to Los Angeles to work at McKinsey and Company. After my time at McKinsey, I worked at BCG Digital Ventures, a corporate investment and incubation firm. I then pivoted to the fashion and social media sector where I also conducted freelance consulting projects for beauty industry and virtual reality start-ups.

I am passionate about the fitness, health, and mind/body wellness space. In my free time, I also became a certified personal trainer. Not only am I avid about physical fitness and the importance of engaging in an active lifestyle, but I am also a firm believer in the connection between mind and body. This includes meditation, spiritual healing and cleansing, self-growth, and the transformation of consciousness to one of mindfulness, compassion, empathy, and energy awareness.

I chose Oxford Saïd Business School not only to learn from elite professors, but also to study alongside a diverse and international student body, and to improve my business, management, and operations capabilities. I seek a global perspective, to facilitate an international, purpose driven career where I can make an impact on the lives of others. Saïd is arguably one of the most diverse business schools with a strong emphasis on impact, and I am deeply thrilled to broaden my horizons amongst an eclectic, enthusiastic cohort. I come with an open mind, eager to absorb the plethora of resources and opportunities available to our class.'



Akanksha Jain

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: India

College: Green Templeton College

'After receiving an undergraduate scholarship from the then Vice President of India for academic excellence, I was keen to fulfill my goals and contribute to society too. My determination led me to join Tata Strategic Group as a Chip Designer to work for Indian Defence under "Make in India" venture. My passion for these unconventional choices was reflected in my efforts and I was conferred with an international patent as inventor of a Secure Desktop. In my work experience of seven and a half years, I explored a plethora of opportunities on cutting-edge technology and highly confidential projects, amalgamated with a fair share of managerial responsibilities. However, I realised that in order to attain higher tech-leadership roles, I needed to break the glass ceiling. Being a woman in technology, I very closely witnessed female under-representation. It bolstered my drive for women empowerment in technology. As my first step, simultaneously with my job responsibilities, I mentored five female engineers for an extensive six-month techno-industrial programme. My

desire to contribute to a global cause resonated with the mission at Oxford. Thus applying to Oxford came straight from the heart and I feel extremely privileged for obtaining an opportunity to pursue an MBA at Oxford.

I am thrilled to receive the SBSF scholarship and feel honoured for being chosen amongst such a diverse cohort of highly skilled professionals. This further strengthens my desire for leadership roles.'



Emma Karanja

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Kenya

College: Green Templeton College

'Having graduated with a bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, I have been working as a medical doctor in Kenya for the last five years. I have unique experience in working for both the national government and, most recently, Gertrude's Children Hospital: the largest private paediatric hospital in East and Central Africa. My experience has given me a lens through which to see and understand the gaps and challenges that exist within the current healthcare system.

I believe that everyone deserves a shot at a healthy life - no matter what their income, ethnic group, or where they call home. I am passionate about Universal Health Coverage in developing countries, especially Africa. By pursuing an MBA at Oxford, I hope to gain the knowledge, networks and perspectives needed to influence changes in healthcare that are both sustainable and scalable.

Saïd Business School represents the best of business schools, and it was always the first option for me because of its focus on Africa and social impact.

I consider it a great privilege to be awarded the Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship. The SBSF Scholarship has made attending Oxford a possibility and reduced the burden on my family to make this dream a reality.'



Mina Khattak

Annual Alumni Fund Scholarship

Country of nationality: Pakistan

College: Green Templeton College

'As the daughter of a Pakistani diplomat, I was raised and educated across seven different countries. Living most of my life overseas, I have seen first-hand the role that effective institutions can play in creating a high quality of life, and am determined to help build such institutions where they are missing.'

After completing my International Baccalaureate at the American International School of Bucharest, I moved to Singapore to pursue my undergraduate degree. I then worked as a consultant for McKinsey & Company, serving clients in Pakistan and the Middle East. With McKinsey I helped launch institutional improvement programs in healthcare, education, and tax collection, as well as designing operating models for private sector firms.

The Oxford MBA appealed to me because of the diversity of the student body, which will allow me to master truly global leadership skills. Not only are you able to interact with accomplished business professionals in your MBA class, but also with graduates of other disciplines as part of the Oxford collegiate system and college experience. In the coming year, I look forward to having interesting conversations with people from countries I have never been to and studying topics I have never learned. This way I hope to get exposure to new ideas, and a new perspective.

Overall, I aspire to develop into a global leader focused on building organisations and solving problems of failing institutions worldwide. I now seek an MBA at Oxford to master the leadership skills necessary to succeed.'



Kyungmi Kim

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: South Korea

College: Kellogg College

'My background is in digital marketing and social entrepreneurship. After studying English Language and Literature in college, I worked in media and branding industries in Singapore and Malaysia. I advanced my digital marketing career to Ogilvy & Mather and BBDO in Korea and other global marketing agencies. Eager for social impact, I co-founded ZeroGravity & Co, an organisation that provides community development through creativity workshops, performance, exhibitions and design. As a dance artist, this 'integrated-passion project' offered art space in Seoul and community regeneration for post-earthquake regeneration in New Zealand.

My interest is in sustainable development through an inclusive economy, intelligent community, community development, and arts education. After completing my MBA, I would like to work as a socially responsible business development specialist who helps the "bottom of the pyramid" within these contexts.

The Oxford Saïd MBA was my top choice with its world-famous teaching and vision on social impact. Saïd will drive me towards fulfilling my goals with various hands-on experiences as well as an academic foundation that can seamlessly integrate for-profit and non-profit activities in order to resolve global social issues and build sustainable businesses.

It is truly an honour to be given a Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship. Along with the honourable recognition of being accepted into Oxford University, the scholarship gave me great encouragement to believe in my path and vision. I hope I can contribute this support back to society and people throughout my career.'



Diane Kolar

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: USA

College: The Queen's College

'After graduating from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. with a B.S.B.A. in Finance and concentrations in Spanish and Justice & Peace Studies (with distinction), I moved to New York and worked my way up to Vice President in the Debt Capital Markets group of J.P. Morgan's Investment Bank. At J.P. Morgan I was a champion for women in Finance/Investment Banking. I led the firm's Junior Women in Investment Banking group and was also a member of the board of the Vice President Women's Network.

I chose Oxford for my MBA because I want to develop an international network and meet business-minded people who are focused on social impact and creating positive global change. I am hoping to pivot from my investment banking career to one in impact investing, and believe that Oxford Saïd offers a unique set of financial and impact tools that will enable me to do so.

I love to sing and was in an a cappella group and cover band in college – hopefully I will find ways to continue singing at Oxford! I am also a firm believer in the power of daily meditation and enjoy yoga and rowing classes. I am looking forward to engaging with the full graduate network in my college MCR and meeting motivated people with various professional interests and backgrounds.

I am so honoured and grateful to be chosen for this scholarship – I look forward to being an ambassador for the school and to taking advantage of all of the incredible opportunities Saïd has to offer over the coming year and beyond.'



Nana Abena Kumi

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Ghana

College: Green Templeton College

'Prior to attending the University of Oxford, I worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers Ghana as an auditor for 6 years. I attended Achimota Secondary School and then went on to the University of Ghana Business School for my undergraduate degree. I studied Business Administration and majored in Accounting.

I chose Oxford for my MBA because of its rich history, great academic record and most importantly to challenge myself. I chose Oxford to prove not only to myself, but to other young ladies with a similar background to mine, that no challenge is off limits, and that we can truly achieve anything if we put in the work. Being awarded this scholarship means I get to live out this dream. The next 12 months of my life promises to be both exciting and thought-provoking, and I look forward to the great experience that awaits me at Oxford!

In my spare time, I absolutely love dancing and spending time with my friends. I joined a group of young ladies who use dance as a tool to empower women and a way to stay physically fit.'



Owen Lahav

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Canada

College: Green Templeton College

'Hailing from Canada, I began my professional journey as a risk analyst in the finance industry. Wishing to explore more meaningful endeavours, I became a certified teacher, and taught mathematics at an international high school in China.

I never seem to stop learning or looking for opportunities to enrich myself and grow in new directions. Another career change led me to find work in Big Data at Canada's largest telecommunications company, where I was exposed to the latest and greatest tools in data science and analytics. Based on my experience, I decided to formalise my training in the field, and have joined Oxford's 1+1 program, starting with a MSc in Computer Science (focusing on Machine Learning Interpretability).

Joining the MBA program, I'm looking forward to bringing my varied background and skills to the Saïd community, and the scholarship awarded to me has made it an easier journey. It is my hope to meet smart, enthusiastic individuals like myself, and that together we can find innovative new ways to use technology and data analytics to change the world.

The year ahead will surely be challenging, but the greatest challenge of all just might be finding the time to balance all the amazing opportunities at Oxford and Saïd. I can't wait for what lies ahead!'



Emma Landis

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: USA

College: St Hilda's College

'After graduating with a BSc in Business Administration at Chapman University, I launched my career performing due diligence at a small angel investing company. I then pivoted to a wealth management company where we helped high net worth individuals best plan how to both preserve and allocate their assets to fund their goals. Having built strong analytical and communication skills, and having researched how I could make a difference in peoples' lives, I'm eager to pivot to an impact-driven career and begin helping people at a greater level.

I chose to attend Oxford because of its entrepreneurial spirit and social impact focus. My goal is to become an 'intrapreneur,' to innovate within an existing microfinance enterprise by implementing best practices culled elsewhere. Upon graduating from Saïd Business School, I plan to head a large-scale financial inclusion project in Haiti, focusing on women's empowerment.

I'm excited to access the plethora of resources at Oxford, specifically its Impact Lab. Through the lab I anticipate learning what it will take to become an effective leader and gain hands-on experience in an entrepreneurial environment. I also look forward to engaging in Skoll's Research for Action projects, including the Innovative Finance in Africa Project which explores the emerging investment industry within Africa.

I'm extremely proud to be a scholar of the Saïd Business School Foundation and look forward to its many networking and educational opportunities. Most of all, I'm inspired to learn from such an incredibly talented, diverse group of individuals.'



Joseph Littlewood

Linbury Scholarship

Country of nationality: United Kingdom

College: Balliol College

'Having graduated from Cambridge University with a BA in Modern Languages, I have begun to build a career in the cultural sector, spending the last four years at London's Barbican Centre. My work there has focused on developing artistic partnerships and managing the venues which host its world class music programme, as well as taking key roles in strategic organisational projects.

I chose Oxford for my MBA because of its focus on responsible leadership and social impact, as well as its exciting new scholarship programme aimed at those in the cultural sector. As one of three inaugural Linbury Scholars, I'm hugely excited to learn from such an international and professionally diverse MBA cohort, as well as from Oxford's world-leading faculty, and to take those lessons back into the cultural sector. I also look forward to making the most of the whole Oxford experience, through music, sport and more. Oxford is where I grew up, but I think I'm going to experience it in a totally new way!'



Fangzhou Luo

Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship

Country of nationality: China

College: Keble College

'I hold a bachelor's and master's degree in Finance. Starting my career as a management associate of a top international bank, I have four years of experience in banking as a frontline. I am passionate about finance and entrepreneurship, and I believe that the focus of

this programme will help me achieve my post-MBA goals.

I have always been attracted by the culture of Oxford, and I appreciate the opportunity to join the MBA class and the Forté Foundation community. I look forward to communicating with the great minds in Oxford.'



Lie Ma

Oxford-Ideality Scholarship

Country of nationality: China

College: Green Templeton College

'I completed my bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. After a two-year work experience in PwC Hong Kong, I realised the tremendous potential of China internet technology and began my career in investment and financing of early-stage TMT companies in Beijing. I have worked in both the sell side and buy side of the early-stage primary market, hoping to bring capital into companies with higher profit potentials and social value. I wish to leverage my expertise in financial reporting and equity financing to assist with the development of startups and keep the curiosity driving my exploration of business. I regard venture capital investment and entrepreneurial services as my long-term career goal.

I will be open to possibilities of my life at Saïd Business School and will enhance my business acumen and global perspective by engaging with peers and activities. As a recipient of the Oxford-Ideality Scholarship, I would like to express my appreciation. I will be more confident to have a rewarding year at Oxford with this big encouragement from the school.'



Mohamad Anoir Mahmoud

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Canada & Palestine

College: St Catherine's College

'After completing my BAsC in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Toronto, Canada, I acquired the Professional Engineering designation through working in building design and construction management. In my last position, I was the Mechanical and Electrical Manager at a Spanish construction consortium OHL-FCC LP. There I directed Mechanical, Electrical and part of the Civil Programme for Highway 407 Subway Station of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension, a \$2.6 billion project including an 8.6 km tunnel extension & six stations.

Through my professional experience and my motivation to help shape people's lives by

building the critical projects, I have realised my interest in transitioning from construction operations to infrastructure development, financing and equity. The Oxford MBA programme is a great opportunity to fulfill my career ambitions due to its strength in finance to help bridge the gap in my skillset, as well as the unique experiences gained through College life and the grand Oxford community.

During the coming year, I am excited for making new intelligent and ambitious friends, engaging in my College MCR and attending as many Oxford Union events as possible. I am also eager to play soccer for my college as well as attempt rowing.

To be chosen for a Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship is genuinely humbling. To know that the panel of trustees believes in my potential, and trusts to invest in me with their resources is utterly encouraging and furthers my dedication to make the most of this exceptional programme.'



Marko Mahuni

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Zimbabwe

College: Kellogg College

'I am a holder of an Accountancy degree and a qualified chartered accountant having spent four years with Deloitte in Harare, Zimbabwe and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I have spent the past three years as Head of Finance at Untu Capital Limited, a leading microfinance company in Zimbabwe.

At Untu I spearheaded the introduction of Zimbabwe's first ever mobile traded bond and led the Company to its maiden public issuance which was oversubscribed, a first in Zimbabwe by a microfinance institution. I have a passion for impact investment particularly in the area of financial inclusion as a solution to poverty reduction and entrepreneurial development.

I chose Oxford because of its strong commitment to addressing global challenges through responsible business practices. I wish to hone my skill set and knowledge in this area and go on to influence policy and strategy formulation in the corporate world. The SBSF scholarship has afforded me an opportunity to study at a world class institution where my interaction with people from diverse backgrounds will broaden my world view.

In my spare time I enjoy reading corporate law books, meeting people from diverse backgrounds and I am also an avid football fan.'



Catharina Malan

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: South Africa

College: St Hugh's College

'I am an Architect and have been practicing in Cape Town for the past few years. I thoroughly enjoy my career as it combines both structure and logic with creativity. My experience ranges from high-end residential to large scale commercial projects.

I believe my natural aptitude for leadership as well as architectural education and experience can align with innovative business management and allow for my growth within, but not exclusively, to the Architectural industry. My architectural education and experience have already developed my creativity, design ability, spatial and critical reasoning, problem solving and ability to coordinate teamwork. During my MBA year I aim to advance my strategic thinking, management and business skills. My new combined skillset and my natural drive to succeed will allow for a more considered and holistic approach in my future career path.

Oxford also offers the exciting opportunity to work side by side with a very diverse MBA class, to build an international network and to experience a year of student life immersed in history and culture. On top of that, my values align with Saïd's business philosophy and the emphasis it places on responsible/impact business management.

Receiving the Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship has been instrumental in my final decision and financial ability to attend Oxford and thus actuate my career goals.'



Matthew Morgan

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: France & USA

College: Green Templeton College

'I am joining Saïd Business School after seven years of experience in business strategy and investment management across Asia. I also hold a dual-degree BSc in Finance and BA in International Management from Arizona State University and Toulouse Business School.

Driving my work and career ambitions is a sense of optimism about the transformative changes brought by technology and economic progress. As Bill Clinton once said, "follow the trend lines, not the headlines," and it is these global shifts that have led me to focus on dynamic and rapidly growing regions. I recently concluded five years in Mirae Asset, a leading Korean asset manager and one of the world's largest emerging market equity investors. I was responsible for creating the digital marketing platform, project managing organisational change, and working on corporate development projects.

I believe that business can be a force for good in society and I aspire to help shape positive

outcomes for organisations and communities in developing economies. In the future, I wish to join a consulting firm that advises clients on worldwide expansion and innovation adoption. Saïd's mission and values resonated with these underlying motivations, and the diversity and inclusive orientation of the student cohort strongly appealed to me. In addition to the unique MBA curriculum centered on training leaders to solve global challenges, I am especially eager to learn from my inspiring peers and contribute my multicultural perspective. The Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship is a great honour and I am privileged to represent the university.'



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Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

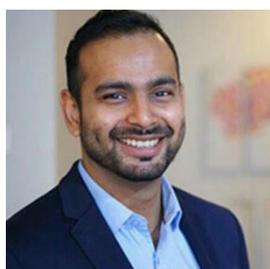
Country of nationality: China

College: Pembroke College

'Born in China, having completed my studies in Australia and Warwick, and now working in London, I see myself as a global citizen who embraces diversity and pursues change. With its diverse student profiles, targeted finance and social impact programmes, renowned keynote speakers, and rich tradition (and where the magical Hogwarts and the White Rabbit are alive!) Oxford resonates with everything I want from a year's break from office life.

As a chartered accountant who loves crunching numbers and building financial models, I believe it is important to break free from the world of finance and legal teams: to listen to other possibilities, step out of my comfort zone and have empathy for different perspectives. These experiences may not be essential to help me find a job in Hong Kong (my next targeted career and life destination) right after my MBA, but they will empower me with strategic thinking and inspirational leadership for a lifelong journey.

In a few weeks' time, I will move from London to Oxford. This is not a "when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life" moment, but simply my true belief that one year at Oxford MBA will open up my life to many exciting opportunities that nowhere else can provide.'



Mohsin Ali Mustafa

Oxford-Weidenfeld and Hoffmann Scholarships and Leadership Programme (jointly funded by the Saïd Business School Foundation) & Skoll Scholarship

Country of nationality: Pakistan

College: Green Templeton College

'I am a co-founder of Clinic5, a subsidiary of Five Health Enterprises which is focused on primary care interventions in Pakistan. I am a medical doctor and graduated from the Aga Khan University. I chose to pursue public health believing that healthcare and its practice requires a radical shift. I am also a 2015 Asia 21 Young Leader and a regional fellow at the

Acumen Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurs. In 2018 I joined the Harvard School of Public Health as a Visiting Scholar through the Lown Scholars Programme.

I dream of a Pakistan where basic rights are afforded to all and I am playing my part to do the same in healthcare. Besides my work I am passionate about the outdoors. I love scuba diving and trekking through the Karakoram and the Himalayas when I can.'



Marissa Nagler

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: USA

College: Kellogg College

'I have spent my career thus far in the chaotic world of production, managing feature films, television shows, commercials, and photo shoots on the stages and backlot locations of NBC Universal in Hollywood.

I received my BA from UCLA, with a major in Global Studies and a double minor in Spanish and Theatre. A highlight was being chosen to present my research on the Mediterranean Union at the European Union of California conference in 2010.

Travelling is my favourite way to spend my free time. I'm also a sports enthusiast and love playing soccer and lacrosse. I'm an avid theatre goer, foodie, and aspiring wine connoisseur. I love to practice my Spanish, learn more French, and expose myself to different cultures.

I plan to open my own independent studio in England, utilising its tax incentives and prime location. From Oxford, I hope to gain entrepreneurial knowledge through formal academic settings and first-hand experiences.

I chose Oxford because of its vast resources for entrepreneurs and its emphasis on social impact and responsible leadership. I am also eager to take advantage of all the Oxford community has to offer.

I know the next year will go by in the blink of an eye, so my goal is to enjoy every second and take in everything I can.

I am humbled to have been chosen to represent Saïd Business School as an ambassador. I look forward to doing my part in holding the position to as high an esteem as possible.'



Sergio Navarro

Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship & Trinity College Saïd MBA Scholarship

Country of nationality: USA

College: Trinity College

'As an engineer, entrepreneur and future surgeon focused on healthcare technology for global sustainability and social impact, I am passionate about bringing healthcare to those who need it most. I was attracted to Oxford by both its breadth of academic offerings and its focus on social enterprise and commitment to building a better world. I am grateful for the opportunity to pursue my studies with a diverse, talented, and considerate cohort and learn from world-class faculty.

Being awarded an Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship and named a Trinity Scholar is a great honour and reinforced my desire to become a member of the Oxford MBA programme.

Saïd's MBA programme has a number of advantages: first, the uniqueness of the curriculum, which includes a strong focus on social entrepreneurship and interdisciplinary modules. Second, the integration into the wider University ecosystem; as an MBA student I can get involved in all that Oxford has to offer, from academic offerings, sport, healthcare initiatives and research. Third, the people: our class is highly diverse in background and aspiration, and there is a true sense of collaboration and positivity. The coming year will be filled with a tremendous amount of opportunities and will be highly rewarding, both from a personal and from an academic point of view. I look forward to taking full advantage of it.'



Cristian Oancea

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Romania & USA

College: Trinity College

'I am originally from Romania, but I lived primarily in the United States for the past 10 years. I have a degree in Economics and have spent six years working in different areas of finance, including investment finance in New York, micro-finance in Peru, and corporate finance in Denver. Most recently, I worked as a finance manager for Danone North America, the largest B-Corp in the world.

I feel privileged to start my next chapter at Saïd Business School. I owe much of this privilege to the generosity of the Scholarship Committee. I was drawn to Oxford by my interest in social enterprise and in the role that business can play in solving the world's most challenging problems. During my MBA, I hope to develop the leadership skills necessary to help companies embark on a joint path of social, environmental, and financial performance.

Most of all, I am eager to spend the next year learning in the vortex of different experiences and areas of expertise brought by my diverse classmates and world-class professors and speakers. I have no doubt that the MBA will be a transformative journey.'



Seye Odukogbe

Jacobs Foundation Scholarship & Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship

Country of nationality: Nigeria

College: Green Templeton College

'I was born in Nigeria and completed my education in the UK, graduating with a Master of Engineering in Medical Engineering from Queen Mary University of London.

I am a chartered engineer, and for the past ten years I have contributed to the development of transport infrastructure and intelligent mobility in the UK and Nigeria. I led what was considered then to be the largest transport data collection exercise in the history of Africa. At that time, no quality or comprehensive transport data was available to understand and plan transport effectively in Lagos. I have also been an infrastructure adviser on a large UK government infrastructure programme in Nigeria, where I helped public sector clients to understand the strategic benefits of new technology. During this role, I also developed several innovative decision planning tools to improve transport and infrastructure planning.

I have combined my expertise in mobility and passion for education to tackle educational and social barriers by founding the Cycle to Class Initiative - a not-for-profit that seeks to increase access to education for vulnerable children living in rural areas of Nigeria through the provision of bicycles. We train them to safely ride a bicycle and equip them with basic bicycle maintenance skills.

I am honoured to be awarded these scholarships. I am also excited about the MBA programme as I will be exposed to different individuals and mindsets that will challenge my own world view.'



Onome Ofoman

Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship & Saïd Business School Foundation
Scholarship

Country of nationality: Nigeria

College: Christ Church College

'I have a strong interest in technology and STEM education through working as a software engineer and part-time computer science instructor. My long-term goal is to usher computer science education in Nigeria into the 21st century in order to increase the supply of high-calibre technologists to facilitate the ongoing tech boom in Africa. Oxford was a clear choice for me, given Saïd's commitment to Africa and social entrepreneurship, and I look forward to learning and exploring all that the MBA has to offer.

My interest in education began during a university class trip to Newark and Brooklyn, where I co-led design thinking and coding workshops in elementary schools. I witnessed first-hand

the impact a one-hour session can have in driving students' interest in technology, and ever since I have sought out opportunities to expose more young people to computer science.

During my tenure as a software engineer at Google, I taught computer science at partner universities, and at summer programmes for secondary school students. I also partnered up with start-up communities in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America to lead workshops for and mentor software developers on topics ranging from Material Design in Android and application development for NBU to Machine Learning APIs.

In my day job, I worked with the Google Cloud team building front-end technology infrastructure to power the Google Cloud Platform. Before that, I worked on the Search team where I designed and built testing infrastructure for Google Search on mobile and web.

I graduated with a BSc in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University and enjoy distance-running and skiing in my free time.'



Isadora Santos de Oliveira

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Brazil

College: Somerville College

'In my view, innovation comes from exploration, and because of that I've always approached the unknown with curiosity, rather than fear. My greatest joy in life is going after interesting things to explore: from astrophysics to art history, from business to anthropology; so an intellectually stimulating environment like the University of Oxford is the perfect place to explore all the possibilities life has to offer. It's an immeasurable honour to join the Saïd MBA 2018-2019 cohort on such a prestigious scholarship, and I can't wait to work with my future classmates to create a path of progress for society based on all of our different perspectives on life.

Also, as a naturally curious person, I have always been eager to explore different perspectives and cultures. My degree in International Relations, International Marketing and Business from Escola Superior de Propaganda e Marketing (ESPM São Paulo) and my Master's in Marketing and Branding from Business School São Paulo (BSP) provided me with tools to understand the fascinating world we live in, and I'm looking forward to expanding this knowledge even more with the Saïd MBA.

Career wise, I've spent the past five years working at Google in my native São Paulo, after internships at HSBC Asset Management and The Nielsen Group. At Google, I worked mainly in digital marketing and global project management while having the opportunity to develop some of my passions, such as technology, diversity and gender equality. I hope to use all that to contribute to the Saïd community.'



Mohammed Yaseer Omar

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship & Balliol College Hakeem

Belo-Osagie Scholarship

Country of nationality: South Africa

College: Balliol College

'Having grown up in South Africa, the Netherlands, Singapore and further educated in the UAE, the US and China, I have always considered myself a nomad. Always on the look-out for new opportunities to broaden my horizon of thinking, I have patented inventions, published scientific papers, run student governments and shaped the operations of a high-growth firm in the Middle East. Most recently, I spent a year in China as a Schwarzman Scholar, where I explored how economics, politics and international relations influenced the sphere of business. To broaden my analytical skills and understanding of the business world, I then joined the Boston Consulting Group on their Summer Consultant internship program in Dubai.

I chose to join Oxford Saïd's MBA programme as I am well aware of the diversity of its class, both in terms of nationalities and in terms of career-paths that my classmates have taken. In the year ahead, I hope to take advantage of the fact that I will be in the center of one of the world's oldest universities, seeking to connect with the bright minds that have come together to learn. As a Scholar, I hope to be an ambassador for the school who strives to pass on the same opportunities that I've been given.'



Monika Ondicová

Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship & Saïd Business School Foundation
Scholarship

Country of nationality: Slovakia

College: Christ Church College

'I enjoy working at the intersection of the social, public, and business sectors and am a firm believer that changing lives and society for better requires all of these to work together.

I was born and raised in Slovakia, where I graduated with a Business degree from Comenius University. My passion for social change took me to Burkina Faso, Haiti, India, and back to Slovakia, where I worked with social businesses and NGOs. Feeling that I needed to learn, I switched gears and joined McKinsey & Company. Being a consultant allowed me to get to know a wide range of industries and geographies, from Australian mining to European hospitals and American startups. Right before the MBA I returned to Slovakia for a six-month secondment at the Value for Money unit at the Ministry of Finance. Seeing how the State is struggling with issues similar to those in business only assured me that they should be working closely with each other.

In my free time, I love cooking, doing yoga, playing flute and spending time with my friends

and family. I am beyond excited to be part of Oxford MBA class of 2019, looking forward to listening to all the inspiring stories of my classmates and learning from them. Also, Oxford is a beautiful place to live in and being able to dine in the college dining rooms while studying an MBA is something that won me over.'



Katharina Ottmann

Linbury Scholarship

Country of nationality: Germany

College: Somerville College

'Optimising access to artistic ideation and allowing the arts to drive leverage within a networked economy mark the core of my professional interests. Trained in business administration at Bocconi University, and in modern and contemporary art at Christie's, I have so far led a rewarding professional path in the creative industries spanning over seven years, with roles across business development, marketing and charity executive management. Having worked with designers, artists, museums, and city governance, I have come to understand the integral part that the arts play within enlightened societies and thriving economies.

My current interests evolve around the future of the centres of artistic excellence and the role of the arts within integrated urban models. I believe there is potential for artistic centres to have more ambitious benchmarks, and for numerous solutions to be shaped at the intersection of creativity and economic development. We can mend the disparity in access to cultural currency, foster stronger affiliations between the arts and enterprise, and shape more creative - and therefore more resilient - societies.

At Saïd Business School, I am looking forward to entering a community of creative problem solvers from a spectrum of industries, and to pursue an MBA education within the unique intellectual framework of the University of Oxford.

It is an honour to have been awarded the Linbury Scholarship. I hope to enrich my class by connecting classmates with creative practitioners who have achieved sustainable socio-economic impact, and by building consulting projects that drive leadership around optimised models for artistic centres.'



Julliette Pérez Rubio

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Colombia

College: St Catherine's College

'As a young professional working in analytics and credit risk, I am passionate about the banking world, the necessity of more women in this industry, and the opportunity of providing financial services to unbanked people. During my BSc in Industrial Engineering and MA in Economics, I spent two years teaching and investigating the determinants of academic success and how to mitigate bullying on a global level. Afterwards, I worked for 3.5 years in a commercial and retail bank in Colombia, creating credit solutions for low and middle-class customers with limited access to financial services.

New challenges in the banking industry convinced me that I needed more tools to inspire people, create amazing teams, and generate synergies to bring the best out of everyone to tackle world scale problems. It is for this reason that I decided to pursue an MBA, and I wanted to have this amazing experience in Oxford as it has always been my dream to study here.

From this year, I expect only the best. I love the focus on responsible leadership here, and it is amazing to have the opportunity to share and grow with so many talented people. The Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship gives me further new opportunities - and even more motivation to make this year one of the most memorable of my life.'



Armen Poghosyan

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Armenia

College: Keble College

'I grew up in a remote village in Armenia and after high school I obtained my bachelor's and master's degrees in Earth Sciences from Yerevan State University. During my studies at the University, I became passionate about finding novel solutions to global environmental challenges and natural resource management and decided to pursue a PhD degree in the US.

After receiving my PhD degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, I moved to Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology in Moscow, Russia – an international research university established in collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Skolkovo has a specific emphasis on entrepreneurship and innovation which aligned well with my career goals and ambitions. During my time at Skolkovo, I had successful collaborations with many academic and industrial partners from Russia, the US, and several European countries.

University of Oxford and Saïd Business School create an exceptional learning environment

and I am really excited to start the next chapter of my journey at Oxford. I am honored and grateful to receive a Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship and to be an ambassador for the School. The Oxford MBA will synergize my PhD training with business knowledge to help me to become an effective business leader with a global impact.'



Jiaming Qu

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Hong Kong

College: Green Templeton College

'I received my BBA in Accounting and Finance from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and spent four years in different functions of accounting firms. Prior to the MBA programme I was an Assistant Manager in the Valuation & Modelling team of KPMG Advisory. My previous work focused on appraising company and asset value for merger and acquisition, fundraising and financial reporting purposes, and my clients included listed companies in real estate, infrastructure, private equity and consumer industries. I am a CFA Charter Holder, CAIA Charter Holder, certified FRM and certified CPA in Hong Kong.

I chose Oxford because of its global outlook. I am greatly looking forward to the year ahead, and I am sure the amazing people and the rigorous curriculum of Saïd Business School will make it a unique Oxford experience for me.

I understand how competitive the MBA admission process is. It is my great honour to study at the University of Oxford and I am truly humbled to be offered this scholarship. The scholarship represents Saïd Business School's trust in my potential and it is a great encouragement to me. I will do my best to live up to the expectations.'



Kate Fleurange Ristroph

Forté Fellowship

Country of nationality: USA

College: Brasenose College

'After completing a BA degree in International Business and French, I worked within the US government's Millennium Challenge Corporation in Washington DC, supporting its investments in infrastructure and financial and educational systems in various African countries. However, I wanted to better understand the needs of the communities where we worked, and the change that such funding created on the ground. I spent the next four years in Haiti, Cameroon, and Guinea, working in microfinance and financial education and inclusion. Most recently, I served in the US African Development Foundation: managing

investments and providing training to farmers' cooperatives and small businesses in Kenya, Tanzania, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Senegal. These experiences have all cemented my desire to use financial skills for the greater good.

I chose Oxford's programme because of its focus on social impact and finance, and its diverse student body; I am deeply grateful to be part of the group of women that Forté Foundation Fellowships bring together. After completing the MBA, I hope to combine my past experience in emerging markets with a newly polished set of financial skills, and to work in the impact investing sector.

Outside of work and school, I enjoy getting outside through biking or running, or you can find me curled up with a good book. I love travel and history, and I have volunteered for several years with Habitat for Humanity: leading volunteer teams to build houses in Jordan, Romania, and Argentina.'



Nikul Roshania

Dean's Africa Scholarship

Country of nationality: Kenya

College: St Hugh's College

'Many companies in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) struggle with the same fundamental issue; access to affordable capital. Having worked in SSA and seeing this challenge first hand has driven me to better understand emerging market private equity and how financial intermediaries in SSA can better support companies affecting change across a variety of industries. The definition of social impact is often debated; in my view, especially in emerging markets, any company that contributes to the economic growth of a region is socially impactful.

I studied Biomedical and Electrical Engineering then joined Strategy& (formally Booz & Co.) in South Africa to gain exposure to corporate problems faced by financial services and energy industries. I then joined TechnoServe as a Fellow to assist them in optimizing the Rwandan coffee value chain. After this I moved to Tanzania to help Africa Healthcare Network (a dialysis service chain that provides high quality care at an affordable cost) expand across East Africa while helping to curb the growth of Non-Communicable Diseases across SSA and decreasing the prevalence of renal related diseases in the region.

Saïd Business School attracted me because of its focus on finance and emerging markets with modules that will give me a powerful theoretical and practical perspective on the subject matter. Additionally, SBS has a strong focus on social and environmental responsibility - solving the most pressing issues through collaboration, innovation and execution of powerful ideas, making the school a highly intellectually curious place to learn and grow.

Finally, I believe that the collective experience Oxford provides through the collegiate system, the opportunities provided by the Dean's Scholarship and an extended global network of like-minded individuals will help me achieve my goal of providing realistic access to private capital in SSA and across emerging markets.'



Michal Rozynek

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Poland

College: St Catherine's College

'I hold a PhD in Politics from the University of Edinburgh, and a Master's degree in Philosophy with distinction from Warsaw University. Prior to the MBA programme I worked as a researcher, and spent six years as a management consultant focusing on financial services in the UK, Europe and South Africa. More recently, I have been leading growth and innovation programmes for technology and payments companies, as well as acting as a fintech specialist for private equity, financial institutions and academia.

I am particularly passionate about how the intersection of policy and technology-led innovation can facilitate financial inclusion and citizenship. After the MBA, I hope to build on my consulting experience to help innovative fintech solutions and other business ideas with positive impact to achieve scalability.

I have chosen Saïd Business School for its holistic approach to educating business leaders with the aim to tackle world-scale problems, as well as the opportunity to engage with the unparalleled academic environment of the wider University. Through the programme I hope to both enhance my leadership skills and take advantage of as many aspects of life at Oxford as I can – including University clubs and participating in debates at the Oxford Union.

In my spare time I enjoy theatre, writing about and debating public affairs, talking to entrepreneurs and exploring new business ideas, as well as discovering the globe through my taste buds. Most likely I can recommend a good coffee place near you.'



Lindokuhle Sibiya

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: South Africa

College: Wolfson College

'I am an Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon with a passion for delivering high quality specialised healthcare to communities most in need. I have spent my entire career in state sector hospitals, and in my most recent role I managed the ENT services for a rural population of 2.4 million. These experiences taught me that in order to have a sustainable impact, I needed to address factors beyond my scope of clinical patient care.

I am pursuing an MBA to learn skills that will allow me to create and implement strategies for effective and sustainable healthcare access and delivery. These skills will help me to develop as a leader, and engage effectively, strategically and confidently with other role players in the healthcare industry, such as finance.

I am also involved with the Southern African Association of Women Surgeons, working to support women surgeons at all stages of their rigorous surgical careers. This comes not only

though mentorship but also through engagements with policy makers that facilitate institutional transformation.

The Oxford Saïd MBA was my first choice MBA, particularly because of its strong focus on social impact. I am excited to become a part of the diverse class group, learning from, and with, dynamic professionals from around the world. The scholarship has helped in making this possible.

When I am not working I enjoy spending time outdoors with my husband and amazing children, dabbling in a range of activities from cycling to scuba diving.'



Nicholas Simpson

Linbury Scholarship

Country of nationality: UK

College: St Cross College

'Since doing my undergraduate degree in Music at Oxford, I have spent my working life in opera. It is a passion that I acquired when I was about two - opera was the only thing that would keep me quiet for a couple of hours!

When I was an undergraduate I took a year out and founded Opera Lyrica, a company that toured the South of England with numerous productions of young singers and orchestra. I then moved on to the newly founded Grange Festival where I took the role of Company Manager. Following two very successful seasons, I have come to Oxford to develop business skills that I can take back to the arts sector.

I'm very excited to be one of the first Linbury Scholars at Oxford. The Linbury Trust are making an important investment in the future leaders of the UK arts, culture and heritage sector by funding three places for arts professionals in a world-leading business school.'



Sundeep Singh

Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship

Country of nationality: Norway

College: St Hilda's College

'I was born in India and raised in Norway. I received my Master of Laws from the University of Oslo, graduating in the top percentile of my class. I was awarded the Norwegian Parliamentary Scholarship and Alarga Scholarship for my academic achievements in law school.

Before starting the MBA programme at Oxford, I have been fortunate to gain broad experience from the public, private and non-profit sectors. I have acted as legal adviser at the Norwegian Parliament, worked as a corporate lawyer at a top-tier Norwegian law firm and as legal counsel to Norway's largest financial services group. Besides solving legal

problems, I've launched two initiatives delivering scalable solutions to social problems and been selected as a World Economic Forum Global Shaper.

I chose the Oxford Saïd Business School because of its unique focus on world-scale problems, addressing the broader role of business in society and creating interdisciplinary synergies through its position within the larger Oxford community. My goal with the Oxford MBA is to build a more robust toolbox in solving world-scale problems, and I am looking forward to being inspired and educated by the world-class Oxford community.

It is a tremendous honour to receive the Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship for my studies. The scholarship has reinforced my intention to be limitless in the pursuit of my future goals, and it has provided me with a greater sense of responsibility in being an ambassador for Oxford in my pursuit.'



Ecem Songelen

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Turkey

College: Hertford College

'Born and raised in Istanbul, I graduated from Robert College in 2008 and obtained my BA with Honours in Sociology from Bogazici University in 2012, before starting my marketing career in internet industry at the online private shopping platform trendyol.com. In 2013, I joined Yemeksepeti - Delivery Hero, the world's largest online food ordering platform, where I handled numerous marketing and product projects on brand management, strategic partnerships, CRM and e-sports marketing strategy. My latest undertaking as Project Manager was implementing gamification on Yemeksepeti's platforms.

Studying sociology was the best decision I made in my entire life because it helped me develop a global perspective on how society and its institutions function. When researching schools for MBA, I was therefore extremely excited to learn about Oxford Saïd Business School's purposeful and transformational approach to business issues. I found Oxford MBA to be the perfect place for me to reconcile my background in social science and business.

I feel extremely honoured to be chosen as a Saïd Business School Foundation Scholar. Being recognised for my past efforts has given me confidence and fuels my desire to succeed in the world-class University of Oxford.

The year ahead of me seems exciting and full of opportunities. I look forward to a wonderful year in the beautiful city of Oxford, meeting lots of new friends.'



Vaclav Stindl

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Czech Republic

College: St Antony's College

'I am a graduate of the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic where I received a BA in International Relations, and a graduate of University College London where I was awarded an MA in Political Economy. Professionally, I have had a diverse career. I have worked with the UN in Myanmar, conducted a variety of projects across Europe, Asia and Africa as a consultant at Oliver Wyman and later A.T. Kearney until I moved to my current role at NET4GAS, the Czech gas transit pipeline operator. In this role I am responsible for preparing investment decisions on major infrastructure projects.

Given the diversity of my previous experience, Oxford's MBA was a natural choice for me. The programme's focus on cross-cutting issues and the wider links between the world of business and society as a whole is truly apparent throughout the curriculum and it is absolutely unique among MBA programmes. The very diverse composition of the student body, the strong customizability of the degree and the fact that the MBA is set within the wider ecosystem of the University of Oxford, further amplify this strength. I hugely appreciate the potential of Oxford's MBA to allow me to become proficient in the various disciplines of business and management and to acquire a new perspective on our societies and our world in general.

For the above reasons, I was absolutely delighted to be accepted into the programme and honoured to find out that I was also awarded the Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship. I see this scholarship not just as something that eases the initial financial burden of the MBA but also as an important recognition of my past achievements and an expression of trust in my potential. I am extremely thankful for this expression of trust and I am determined to do my very best to prove that it was justified.'



Kaitlyn Swist

Alumni Annual Fund Scholarship

Country of nationality: USA

College: The Queen's College

'In 2012 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Bentley University.

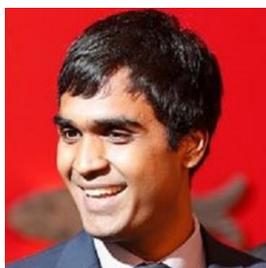
My passion has always been in helping others which has led me to a career in the non-profit and social impact sector. Since beginning my undergraduate degree I've worked with a number of different organisations – from the Alzheimer's Association (a US based charity), to The Bead Project (based in Ghana) and many in between.

Directly prior to joining Saïd Business School, I spent six years working at Charity: Water, a

non-profit organisation bringing clean and safe drinking water to people in developing countries. As the Senior Manager of Revenue Operations I oversaw the operations of our fundraising team working on everything from forecasting to communications to producing our annual gala.

I chose Saïd Business School because of its diverse curriculum and student body, as well as its focus on entrepreneurship and social impact. I intend to use my education from Saïd Business School to re-enter the social impact area and continue to grow and make a difference in the sector.

I'm excited to join this incredible programme and meet all of my fellow classmates from whom I know I'll learn a lot.'



Arshad Taylor

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: India

College: St Catherine's College

'Born and raised in Dubai, at a young age I developed a fascination for how rapidly technology was changing our world. In pursuit of this interest, I moved to India to earn a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering.

My first job was as a software engineer at Hewlett-Packard, where I witnessed first-hand the inner workings of a technology behemoth. Feeling like a small fish in a gargantuan pond, I moved to a boutique business intelligence and analytics consultancy to gain customer-facing experience and to learn how to meaningfully fuse data and technology towards generating insights that drive corporate strategy. My move allowed me to manage global teams, projects and budgets early in my career, and thereby accelerate my professional growth. In 2015, I was promoted to the position of Senior Consultant in London, where my charge was to drive sales and business relationships among FTSE 100 organisations.

My ambition is to take on a global strategic role at a cutting-edge technology organisation. By supplementing my technology and business development experience with the skills I would gain from my MBA, I aspire to craft successful strategies that deliver competitive advantage in a ruthlessly dynamic industry.

Oxford's unrivalled reputation together with the Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship affirmed my decision to choose Oxford. I am honoured to have received this prestigious scholarship, which will provide me invaluable financial aid and additional motivation to shine in a learning environment filled with some of the world's brightest young minds and faculty.'



Daniel Ming Yuan Toh

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Singapore

College: Christ Church College

'Looking back at my six years working in investment banking and corporate banking, it is clear that I have grown and learned a lot about myself during this time. I thoroughly enjoyed advising Southeast Asian local corporates on equity fundraising strategies during my last held position as a senior associate in investment banking. Prior to that, I graduated from Nanyang Technology University in Singapore with a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Bachelor of Business, having achieved First Class Honours in both degrees. I am also a CFA charterholder.

Outside of the finance industry, I currently serve on the board of an artificial intelligence technology startup in the business of providing accounting and enterprise system solutions.

I was drawn to the Oxford MBA programme because of its strong commitment to an innovative business education, focusing on global changes and rigorous programmes in finance.

It is truly an honour to be awarded the prestigious Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship, and I look forward to starting the journey into a new chapter of my career.'



Alice Truswell

Oxford-Leo Tong Chen Scholarship

Country of nationality: Australia

College: Balliol College

'I've come to Oxford Saïd from the Digital Strategy team within the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, where a primary responsibility has been designing the approach to understand and internally convey customer expectations and insights. It has been challenging and rewarding to represent the voices of the 1 in 3 adult Australians who use the Bank's online services in our strategic planning and investment prioritisation processes. My main roles before joining the Bank were in management consulting with Accenture and in accounting with PwC.

Given Australia's isolated position, I'm grateful to be joining a cohort of MBA candidates with such varied professional and cultural backgrounds, and I'm looking forward to us gathering in Oxford with its historic and expansive academic traditions. I chose Saïd Business School both for its commitment to student diversity and focus on incorporating positive social impact into business aims.

After my MBA I'd like to contribute to improving global financial literacy, and I appreciate the assistance from the Oxford-Leo Tong Chen Scholarship to help pursue this goal. Regardless of a person's income, financial literacy is critical for enabling better money management, personal financial security and independence. I am interested in opportunities for using technology to increase financial literacy and competence, especially in countries with significant smartphone penetration but limited structured financial education.'



Winnie Tuang

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Malaysia

College: Merton College

'Before embarking on my MBA journey, I was a Financial Services Management and Risk Consultant – first with EY, then PwC. I read Marketing at university and qualified as a Chartered Certified Accountant. In my day-to-day role, I helped financial institutions navigate the complex and mercurial risk and regulatory landscape that had emerged post-Financial Crisis. Specifically, I advised and executed regulatory projects, transformed business operations, and implemented cost-saving measures to help financial institutions make better decisions, become risk-resilient, and enhance their competitive advantage.

My previous positions largely involved the execution of vision and strategies that had been set upstream by the enterprise or mandated by regulators. Post-MBA, I would like to transition into a role that affords me greater accountability, visibility, and opportunities to set strategic direction, influence key decisions, and become a catalyst for change in financial services.

I chose Saïd Business School for its unparalleled reputation in finance, for its class diversity, and for its proximity to one of the world's leading financial centres. I look forward to deepening my technical knowledge, learning from my talented cohort, and honing my leadership and negotiation skills.

I am immensely grateful to the Saïd Business School Foundation for the scholarship. Aside from providing financial support, the scholarship recognises my past achievements and future potential. I look forward to my role as an ambassador for the school and to being a part of the scholar community.'



Ignacio Alberto Ulloa Baldassare
Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Chile & Italy

College: Kellogg College

'I studied Industrial Engineering at Universidad Católica, Chile. After graduating, I worked from 2012 to 2014 in a consulting firm; as I became increasingly interested in corporate finance, I thereafter switched careers to investment banking, working in mergers and acquisitions from 2015 to 2018. After my MBA, I will continue working in corporate finance - either in a private equity firm or in another function in investment banking.

Beyond my work and studies, I have always been interested in social initiatives; I participated in my school's Scouts group for over ten years, and in several social initiatives during my time at university.

I chose Saïd Business School's MBA because it has a great fit with my career plans and social interests. The School has a very strong array of courses in corporate finance complemented by the Finance Lab, which provides a much-needed practical perspective and many opportunities to link with real firms. Also, the School's curriculum is focused on social impact, and activities such as GOTO and the Responsible Business Forum will help me to integrate social criteria in business making. Oxford is also an exciting place to live and study, where I will meet people with highly diverse backgrounds and ambitions who will enrich my experience.

I am very honoured and thankful to have received a Saïd Business School Foundation scholarship, and look forward to joining my fellow MBA classmates, starting a year full of opportunities, and being an ambassador of the School afterwards.'



Jurie Jean Van De Vyver
Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: South Africa

College: Pembroke College

'As a Chartered Accountant (South Africa), trained traditional medicine curandero, management consultant, writer, public speaker, educator, storyteller and dreamer – integration is the silver thread by which I weave my life together. For a long time, training in auditing, living in India, consulting in strategy, studying in the Amazon and cultivating spiritual intelligence seemed unrelated. The dots of my life are starting to converge.

I am currently exploring organisational emotional intelligence: that critical intersection between strategy and "wetware". My conviction is that realising collective potential is contingent on realising individual potential, and that aligning value creation between the two is paramount to our sustainability across economic, political and social spheres. We need

new organisational models to meet the needs of the emerging collective consciousness - models that empower, ennoble and enable the human spirit.

The MBA will equip me to understand and deliver on organisational design, leadership development and models-based education. I chose Oxford Saïd because it is the only school that sprinkles the curriculum with magic.

I am incredibly grateful for the brilliant people that will shape my experience, for the scholarship that has enabled this journey, and for the opportunity to add to Oxford's legacy of pioneering paradigms.'



Miguel Velazquez

Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship

Country of nationality: Spain, Venezuela & USA

College: Wadham College

'I grew up in Venezuela and hold a BA degree in Economics and Political Science from Dartmouth College. My career has centered around the technology industry in the San Francisco bay area, with a focus on business operations. I was part of the Operations teams at Facebook and Instagram before transitioning to smaller startups where I worked on scaling operations and building support infrastructure from scratch. I plan to return to the tech world after getting my MBA and work on issues relating to digital addiction and tech policy overall.

I chose Oxford because I wanted to be a part of an internationally diverse class with a wide array of career backgrounds. I felt that the school's unique position within the broader university would provide the opportunity to be exposed to all sorts of new ideas, and its focus on social impact fitted with what I was looking for. The scholarship offer helped seal the deal for me as it removed the biggest obstacle holding me back from attending and it felt like validation for the work that I have done in my career thus far and what I can contribute to the school.

I am an avid runner, skier, and sailor. I hope to join a crew team at Oxford and I look forward to diving into Oxonian culture!'



Laura White
Jacobs Foundation Scholarship
Country of nationality: USA
College: Green Templeton College

'An early childhood teacher turned MBA student, I am passionate about social entrepreneurship and education. Prior to joining the Oxford Saïd Class of 2019, I taught mixed-age preschool/pre-kindergarten children for the District of Columbia Public Schools, where I achieved a "highly effective" rating. I also launched and directed Ashoka's Changemaker Schools Network, where I grew the network to 61 schools, and led the development of an online course that reached over 1,585 users.

Following the MBA, I hope to start or work for an early childhood education social enterprise. I am excited to learn about entrepreneurship at Oxford Saïd, but I am also looking forward to meeting other students and participating in my favourite extracurricular activities: improv theatre and pottery.'



Charles Wilkinson
Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship
Country of nationality: New Zealand
College: The Queen's College

'I am very excited to be joining the Oxford MBA Programme as a Saïd Business School Foundation Scholar in 2018-19.

I graduated from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand with First Class Honours earning a Bachelor of Engineering. Since then, I have spent over four years working as a Management Consultant in New Zealand and Australia, first at Deloitte and then at L.E.K. Consulting.

I am passionate about a future where business exists to both generate a profit and develop a sustainable future. Throughout my career I have sought ways to explore this as Global CFO for 180 Degrees Consulting and working with Oxfam to establish a social enterprise programme. I was immediately attracted to Saïd Business School as it provides an amazing opportunity to explore this connection further.

I am very much looking forward to getting involved with the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, experiencing Oxford's history and learning from classmates and faculty from all corners of the globe. Outside of professional life, I enjoy getting into the mountains, having spent time in Antarctica and Nepal and I am looking forward to joining Oxford's Mountaineering Club.

I am very grateful to be named one of the recipients of the Saïd Business School Foundation Scholarship and would like to thank the Foundation for the opportunity to learn and grow at Oxford and Saïd Business School.'



Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford blends the best of new and old. We are a vibrant and innovative business school, but yet deeply embedded in an 800-year-old world-class university. We create programmes and ideas that have global impact. We educate people for successful business careers, and as a community seek to tackle world-scale problems. We deliver cutting-edge programmes and ground-breaking research that transform individuals, organisations, business practice, and society. We seek to be a world-class business school community, embedded in a world-class university, tackling world-scale problems.

'Had I not received this scholarship, I would have missed out on studying at the best University in the world. However, more than that, I would never have gotten to learn from classmates coming from more than fifty countries, to exchange ideas with them and to gain an appreciation for the diversity of perspectives on any given issue. The MBA journey has been tremendous for my personal and professional growth and I am immensely grateful for the scholarship support that I received.'

Saïd Business School MBA scholar (2017-18)

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Saïd Business School MBA scholar (2016-17)

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