HONG KONG ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
IMPACT REPORT 2016
A message of thanks

We consider ourselves extremely privileged to have been able to award the Hong Kong Alumni Scholarship to 18 students over the past decade. The award has brought great benefit, not only to the scholars themselves, but to the wider University community.

The Scholarship reinforces the University’s international reputation and outlook and has helped create a student body of diverse backgrounds and cultures.

We feel immense pride in the achievements of the Hong Kong Alumni Scholars and look forward to keeping in touch with them in their future careers.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Hong Kong Alumni Scholarship since its inception in 2005. Your commitment to Kent is sincerely appreciated and I look forward to continuing to work with you all to enable more talented students from Hong Kong and China to benefit from studying at the University of Kent.

With sincere thanks,

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Professor Dame Julia Goodfellow
Vice-Chancellor
The Hong Kong Alumni Scholarship was established by Professor Eddy Fong and Dr Kennedy Wong in 2005 to commemorate the University’s 40th anniversary. Through the Scholarship, they have enabled the University to extend the Kent experience of which they themselves are so fond, to academically outstanding students from mainland China and Hong Kong who might otherwise not be able to afford such education.

Since its establishment, the Scholarship has been instrumental in helping to raise the profile of the University in Hong Kong and China. It provides vital support to the University in realising our strategic vision for internationalisation, and the provision of scholarships enables the University to recruit high-quality students from overseas.

The Hong Kong Alumni Scholarship has made a tremendous difference to the number of students coming to Kent from Hong Kong and China, with 29 new registered undergraduates from Hong Kong in 2006/07 increasing to 90 new registered undergraduates in 2015/16. Postgraduate student numbers from China have similarly increased, with just 36 new registered students in 2006/07 rising to 222 new registered students in 2015/16.

To date, the Scholarship has supported 18 students to undertake undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in a range of subjects, including Actuarial Science, Business, Conservation, and Politics & International Relations, as well as research in the areas of Microbiology and Sociology.

It means a great deal to the University to have the support not only of our alumni community in Hong Kong but also that of our Hong Kong student community and their families.

We are extremely proud of our scholars and all are excellent ambassadors for the University. We have seen the University’s profile in Hong Kong increase in both strength and reach over the past ten years, and are pleased to welcome increasing numbers of students to study a range of disciplines.

On behalf of all the scholars, we would like to offer the University’s thanks to all the donors who have made the Hong Kong Alumni Scholarship possible.

If you would like to contribute to the Hong Kong Alumni Scholarship, contact Fiona Jones, Development & Alumni Engagement Manager at F.L.Jones@kent.ac.uk or giving@kent.ac.uk.
Our scholars

Yankun Yang
MSc Embedded Systems and Instrumentation
“[I have enjoyed teaching since I started my career at the Beijing Institute of Technology as a tutor. The positive feedback from my students was overwhelming and I started to consider pursuing a Master’s degree so that I could become a qualified lecturer at the University. The Scholarship has enabled me to fulfil my dream of enriching my knowledge of Embedded System Engineering and contributing to higher education in a meaningful way. I hope that I will be able to support other talented students to pursue their goals, as you have helped me reach mine.”

Wing Yan Hazel Chan
BA Business and Management with a Year in Industry
“I have always aspired to study in a country different from my own – I believe that studying abroad gives you a fresh perspective on the world and a chance of developing independence and cultural awareness. I also believe that an experience of a different education system is hugely beneficial. I have enjoyed the experience at Kent thoroughly as there is a constant, global exchange of people and ideas. I found my course particularly inspiring as not only does it cover a vast variety of subjects, it also trains you to think critically about ethical and social issues.”

Ka Chun Lai
MA Peace and Conflict Studies
“My previous working experience at a Christian weekly newspaper as an editor sparked my interest in conflict and conflict resolution in international affairs. Whilst I was considering a postgraduate degree to enhance my understanding of conflict management, the international outlook and dynamic atmosphere of the University of Kent caught my attention. The University’s position as a global gateway to Europe is conducive to cultural exchange. The reputation of the School of Politics and International Relations also gives me the confidence that it is the right place to further my study.”

Mengwei Jane Tu
PhD Sociology
“My research is about Chinese middle class migrants, with a focus on the only-child cohort. I am interested in learning about the experience of the university-educated mainland Chinese who have remained in the UK. I hope to find out how this cohort’s profile shapes the Chinese transnationalism theories. Thanks to the Scholarship I have been able to attend conferences across the country and meet scholars who share similar research interest. I was honoured to present my paper in the 2014 British Sociology Association Annual Conference. Currently I am a mentor for MA students in Kent – this is my way of giving back to the University.”

Ron Yixisongbao
MSc Conservation and Rural Development
“The development of Tibet has always been close to my heart – since I was young I have aspired to be a social entrepreneur to help develop the rural areas in Tibet. The Scholarship has made it possible for me to pursue further study in conservation and rural development. I gained a profound understanding on issues in conservation and community development through the course. I can’t thank you enough for the opportunity to study at Kent. The education I had was truly transformational. Without your help I wouldn’t have been able to become the confident and innovative Tibetan social entrepreneur that I am now. Too-Je-Che (thank you).”
Past scholars: where are they now?

Dr Man Shun Fu
PhD Microbiology
Postdoctoral Fellow at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA

Ming Jie Hao
MSc Applied Actuarial Science
PhD student in Actuarial Science at the University of Kent, UK

Dr Ruo Feng Xu
PhD Electronics
Lecturer at China University of Mining and Technology, PR China

Luyi Mao
MA International Conflict Analysis
Language instructor at Hawaii Pacific University, USA

Yi Yang
BSc Actuarial Science
Capital Modelling Analyst at Tokio Marine Kiln, UK

Wilfrid Law
BSc Actuarial Science
Financial Services Professional in Hong Kong
### Hong Kong Alumni Scholars, 2005-2015

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