

Example Case Study

1. Why did you choose to study at Imperial?

I chose to study here at Imperial College, for both the quality of teaching and overall reputation for being a world-renowned university, with leading research facilities. Being a part of something so genuinely innovative and pioneering really excites me.

Imperial also provides a balance between academic excellence and extracurricular activities, offering a wealth of clubs and societies.

2. What are you enjoying most about Imperial?

I thoroughly appreciate the diversity of Imperial's students and staff, alongside the buzzing campus which offers an array of opportunities with likeminded individuals. I have made both great friends and great strides in knowledge because of these opportunities; particularly in areas such as the Enterprise Lab where I have developed my technical and entrepreneurial skills through AI prototype building for my first business venture.

3. What's your favourite part of your course?

My course offers interesting topics which are well-taught and brought to life by professors who are world-leading in their fields. This provides a whole new depth of understanding to the subject as they are at the forefront of new discoveries. My favourite part of the course so far has been learning about fracture mechanics to create the most stable and safe structures. We were able to put our knowledge on material elasticity to the test beyond theory, by working on a creative, physical project.

Beyond the course content itself, my learning has been reinforced with tutorial support and acquiring skills such as problem solving and teamwork through our group project. I know these skills will be extremely valuable for the workplace.

4. Are you working on any coursework or projects at the moment that you find particularly interesting? Please tell us about your work and if it is something you hope to pursue further in your career.

Even outside of my course, there are so many experiences available at Imperial which offer development of projects and the creation of new ventures. Aside from the aforementioned AI project, I am working with a team

in the Advanced Hackspace, which is supported by extensive equipment and professional experts. Whilst I am studying Engineering, I want to progress and expand my knowledge and apply it to medical research; creating technology for the purpose of examining cortisones in the hippocampus, amygdala, and pre-frontal cortex to explore links to Dementia/ Alzheimer's.

This project has developed my enthusiasm for coding. Imperial offers the chance to take a Python course and I am looking forward to developing this skill so I can hopefully work towards a career in Medical Technology.

5. Are you part of any clubs or societies? How are you finding them?

I have been involved in a number of societies in roles ranging from vice-captain of Cheerleading, to secretary of the culinary society. These societies have helped me to form friendships outside my course and build up my leadership skills. Within Cheerleading I have been able to explore different roles, having first acted as treasurer before being voted by my teammates to become vice-captain. My confidence has been aided by competing in cheerleading competitions such as the annual Varsity competitions. I have found all of my extra-curricular activities an incredible unique selling point of Imperial; as the only university in the UK which allows one to be involved in organising so many different events and shows to such a grand scale.

6. What do you hope to accomplish during your time at Imperial?

From the start Imperial presented itself to me with an innovative and modern atmosphere. I remember thinking that the university felt different from others I had visited. I hope to leave not just with academic success, but having contributed to pioneering work happening at the College. I am very proud to say that my time at Imperial has made me grow as a person in both confidence and determination. I have been able to make friends for life who are even acting as invaluable networks for the development of my AI project.

7. Do you have any ideas at the moment about what you may want to do after you finish your degree?

I am now interested in pursuing a career in medical technology, all because of the support and experience offered to me from my time at Imperial. After a fruitful career in this field, I believe I would be interested in attaining an academic position in a leading research department in Europe or the US.

8. How have you used your President's Scholarship? How has it impacted your time at the College?

Moving to another country is never easy, but the President's Scholarship made it so much smoother and stress-free. The scholarship helped me to purchase necessary items which I was not able to bring from home, alongside my textbooks and extra resources throughout my degree. I was very nervous about the financial strain of living in London and so finding out I was a recipient of the scholarship was a massive honour and help.

The scholarship additionally allowed me to participate in the El Salvador project in which Civil Engineering students may go to South America to put our academic knowledge to the test in construction projects poverty-stricken rural communities.

9. As the President's Scholarship Fund is solely supported through the generosity of alumni and friends, do you have a message for donors to the Fund?

My level of achievement would not have been possible without the weight of financial worry being lifted off my shoulders. The Fund enabled my move to be so much smoother, and made living in London possible.

As a native Spanish speaker, you supported me in acquiring material to further develop my English language skills, which has ensured I can achieve to the best of my abilities. Your generous support has also allowed me to live closer to campus, so that it is easier for me to stay later at the library to study.

I truly cannot stress the significance of my scholarship enough. Apart from the financial help, the award boosts the confidence of students like me, the award says to us "we believe you can do it". This has been so powerful.

Truly, I want to thank the alumni and friends for funding dreams. Dreams that allow students to reach their full potential and spread their wings in all of the aspects that Imperial has to offer. Thank you.