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John Monash Scholars

Established in 2001, the General Sir John Monash Foundation provides postgraduate scholarships to outstanding Australians to study overseas. The Foundation's mission is to encourage the academic excellence of our nation's brightest individuals and to foster the growth of their leadership qualities for the benefit of Australia's future.

These awards are supported by Australians for Australians and awarded in the name of a great Australian, the John Monash scholarships are prestigious and highly sort after. Twenty Eight Scholars from across Western Australia have been received scholarships since 2004 and have represented a number of industries including medicine and health, the arts, law, business and more.



Sylvia Lockyer, 2010 Bennelong Foundation John Monash Scholar with former Foundation Chair and Patron, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK CVO MC (Retd)



Dr Jacqueline Baker

2004 John Monash Scholar

Lecturer in Southeast Asian Studies, Murdoch University

Jacqueline is a researcher, international development practitioner and academic focusing on democratisation, security, human rights and corruption. She has consulted for numerous international, Australian and Indonesian institutions; including The Asia Foundation, Amnesty International, UNODC, Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Justice, and U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre. As a John Monash Scholar, she was awarded PhD in political science from the London School of Economics.



Dr Jean-Paul Carvalho

2004 John Monash Scholar

Associate Professor of Economics, University of Oxford

Jean-Paul is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Oxford and a Tutorial Fellow of New College. Previously, he was an Associate Professor at the University of California-Irvine in the Department of Economics and the Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences. Jean-Paul studied a DPhil in Economics at the University of Oxford during his John Monash Scholarship after completing his PhD in Accounting at Finance at the University of Western Australia.



Dr Ben Etherington

2005 John Monash Scholar

Associate Professor in the School of Humanities and Communication Arts, Western Sydney University

Ben is an Associate Professor in the School of Humanities and Communication Arts and is a member of the Writing and Society Research Centre at Western Sydney University. Broadly, he works in postcolonial and world literary studies areas, particularly Caribbean poetry and poetics. Originally from Perth, Ben holds an Honours in Musicology and English from the University of Western Australia.



Dr Hsien Chan

2006 John Monash Scholar

Dermatologist at North Coast Dermatology

Hsien is a dermatologist based in Byron Bay. He completed his medical training at the University of Western Australia, and his junior doctor training at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in Perth. After being awarded a John Monash Scholarship, Hsien completed a DPhil in Immunology at the Weatherall Institute, University of Oxford. His particular clinical interests include the early diagnosis and management of skin cancers and the management of inflammatory skin conditions.



Dr Sally Thompson

2006 John Monash Scholar

*Associate Professor of Hydrology,
The University of Western Australia*

Sally is an Ecohydrologist and Research Academic based at the University of Western Australia and leads the ARC OzCZO project, establishing Critical Zone Observatories around Australia. She has previously held the Claire and Hsieh-wen Shen Distinguished Research Chair at UC Berkeley and held research positions at Princeton, Purdue and, as a John Monash Scholar, Duke University. Her interests lie in unravelling the many roles that plants play in the water cycle and the feedback pathways between water and ecosystems.



Dr Rosie Dawkins

2007 John Monash Scholar

Vitreoretinal surgeon, St Vincent's Hospital

Rosie is a Melbourne-based vitreoretinal surgeon providing technically advanced care to people with eye conditions requiring specialised surgery. She completed her undergraduate degrees at UWA, followed by her Masters at Harvard University during her John Monash Scholarship. Rosie is involved in service delivery to Aboriginal communities in Australia, and service development and education in Timor-Leste.



Dr Kirsty Kuo

2007 John Monash Scholar

Team Leader - Modelling, Wood Group

Currently based in Perth, Kirsty is a Technical Specialists Team Lead with sustainable development consultancy Arup and was previously a senior consultant with global engineering consultancy Wood. She completed her Scholarship-supported PhD in Engineering at the University of Cambridge where she worked on the SPICE Project (Stratospheric Particle Injection for Climate Engineering) investigating the benefits, risks, costs and feasibility of solar-radiation management through the deployment of reflective aerosol particles into the earth's atmosphere.



Sylvia Lockyer

2010 Bennelong Foundation John Monash Scholar

FASD Research Coordinator, Telethon Kids Institute

Sylvia is an Indigenous woman with Ngarluma-Karriyarra and Yawuru Nyul-Nyul ancestry, raised in the Pilbara and Kimberley indigenous community. She completed a Bachelor in Nursing from Curtin University before commencing a Master of Public Health at the University of Otago as a John Monash Scholar. Her study focused on tobacco control issues in indigenous communities, including those of Australia, British Colombia, and New Zealand. She completed an internship at Prime Minister and Cabinet in 2016 and works in indigenous health.



Anna Rakoczy

2011 John Monash Scholar

CEO and Founder, Homemade Cooking

Anna is the Founder and CEO of Homemade Cooking Inc., an online cooking & mindset program focused on healthy lifestyle changes. Previously, Anna was a commercial lawyer at Clayton Utz and Corrs Chambers Westgarth. She acted as a pro-bono lawyer and primary legal advisor for the Australian Employment Covenant and was awarded Australian Young Lawyer of the Year in 2008. After her Scholarship program at Stanford University, she was inspired to develop a healthy eating and lifestyle program to help people reduce their risk of illness. She has presented at the 2013 Food Summit, the 2014 Food@Work Conference and the Berkeley Food Innovation Lab.



Dr Sam Brophy-Williams

2012 John Monash Scholar

Clinical Fellow, The Hospital for Sick Children

Sam is a general pediatrician with broad clinical experience across Australia, including in both metro and rural locations. He is a graduate of the University of Western Australia and currently lives in Perth. Sam has worked as an Advanced Trainee at Royal Darwin Hospital, a Pediatrician in Albany, and overseas in Afghanistan and Timor-Leste. He used his Scholarship to complete a Master of Public Health at Harvard University and recently completed his post-fellowship training in capacity building for global health and pediatric infectious diseases at the SickKids Centre, Canada.



Alexandra Readhead

2014 BHP John Monash Scholar

Lead, Tax and Extractives, Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development

Alexandra specialises in tax-base erosion and profit shifting in mining. Her work involves supporting resource-rich developing countries in designing mining policies. Alexandra provides policy and administrative guidance for the OECD, African Tax Administration Forum and the Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations. She studied a Bachelor of Community Development at Murdoch University before using her John Monash Scholarship to undertake a Master of Public Policy at the University of Oxford.



Alexa Morcombe

2014 Woodside John Monash Scholar

COO, Kresna Strategic

Alexa completed her a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws at Murdoch University before completing an Executive MBA at INSEAD Singapore. She worked at Fortescue Metals Group as a senior manager, including as the General Manager of Global Communities. In 2023 she was appointed the COO of Kresna Strategic, an Australian management consultancy specialising in investment strategy within post-conflict and developing regions of the Middle East, South America, South and Central Asia, and Africa.



Tom Williams

2015 Woodside John Monash Scholar

Co-founder and General Manager, Torchwood Capital

Tom is a business owner with experience in import/export, cross-border service provision and capital management. Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, his business is focused on Asia-Pacific markets. He completed a Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies at the University of Western Australia. Tom undertook his courses in China at Renmin and Peking University with the support of a Fogarty Scholarship and was awarded a Prime Minister's Australia-Asia Endeavour Award. As a John Monash Scholarship recipient, Tom undertook a Global Executive Master of Business Administration from CEIBS.



Michael Grebla

2016 Zelman Cowen John Monash Scholar

Composer

Michael is an international award-winning emerging composer from Western Australia based in New York City. As a John Monash Scholar, he holds a Master of Music with Honours from the New England Conservatory. He studied at the University of Western Australia in mechanical engineering and music with first-class honours. His works have dealt with ideas of journey, displacement, transience, and spirituality, often searching for the good while offering his own deeply introspective expression and examination of the human experience.



Mark Shelton

2017 Zelman Cowen John Monash Scholar

Senior Product Manager, Microsoft

Mark is a Senior Product Manager at Microsoft and completed a Bachelor of Philosophy in Computer Science at the University of Western Australia. As a John Monash Scholar, Mark was awarded a Master of Management Science and Engineering at Stanford University. In 2013, he founded Bloom, a startup incubator for young entrepreneurs in WA. He is a founding board member at StartupWA, WA's peak body for local startups within the tech industry.



Zoe Bush

2019 Zelman Cowen John Monash Scholar

Senior Solicitor, Environmental Defenders Office's Safe Climate / Adjunct Lecturer, UWA

Zoe is a Climate change litigator in the Environmental Defenders Office's Safe Climate Team and an Adjunct Lecturer at the UWA Law School. Before joining the Environmental Defenders Office, Zoe completed a Master of Laws at Columbia University on a John Monash Scholarship and was a Fellow at Law for Black Lives in the US. She started her legal career as an Associate to Justice Barker at the Federal Court of Australia before joining the State Solicitor's Office of Western Australia. In the EDO's new Safe Climate Team, Zoe is working on the first wave of corporate climate litigation in Australia.



Michaela Taylor-Williams

2019 Woodside John Monash Scholar

PhD in Biomedical Engineering, Cambridge University

Michaela is working toward the development of a compact biomedical optical imaging system capable of producing 3D imagery of tissue vasculature for quantitative analysis of blood oxygenation, viscosity, and velocity. Before commencing her Scholar research at Cambridge University, she completed a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Western Australia and was awarded the 2018 Global Winner in Engineering in the Undergraduate Awards.



Ashlee Uren

2019 Commonwealth Bank John Monash Scholar

Director, Australian Public Service

Ashlee is a specialist in modern slavery and international human rights, trade, and investment law and policy. She is a Director at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and has worked with the United Nations Commission on investment law reform and trade. She completed a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Western Australia before undertaking an LLM at Georgetown University on a John Monash Scholarship.



Dr Georgia Walker

2019 Helen and Michael Gannon John Monash Scholar

Junior Resident Medical Officer,

The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne

As a training paediatrician and infectious diseases specialist, Georgia has worked as a Research Clinician at the Medical Research Council in Gambia and plans to act as a public health advocate in the Northern Territory. She holds an MBBS and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Australia where she graduated as Dux of the College of Medicine in 2015. She studied at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine while completing her John Monash Scholarship.

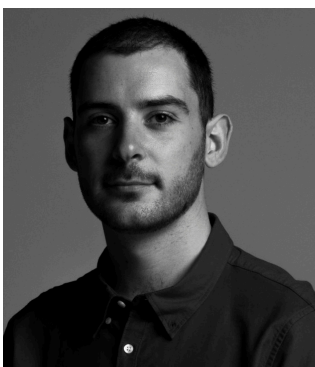


Chloe D'Souza

2020 Bob Hawke John Monash Scholar

Adviser to Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Attorney-General

Chloe is an Indigenous justice adviser to the Commonwealth Attorney-General, Hon. Mark Dreyfus KC MP, and has worked alongside leaders from both First Nations communities and Federal Government, including the Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon. Linda Burney. As a Noongar woman from WA, she has advised Government on several Indigenous affairs campaigns, including the Voice referendum and the National Justice Reinvestment Program. During her Scholarship at Harvard University, she investigated the interaction between First Nations people and justice systems, and opportunities for reform.



Jonty Coy

2020 Gandel Foundation John Monash Scholar (Arts)

Independent Artist

Jonty is an Australian flautist specializing in historical performance practice. He holds a Master's in Early Music from the Royal Conservatory in The Hague and a Bachelor of Philosophy (Hons) from UWA Conservatorium of Music. Jonty has performed with numerous ensembles, including Apollo Ensemble and Perth Symphony Orchestra. In 2020, he co-founded the Perth-based baroque ensemble HIP Company. Additionally, he performs as a bass-baritone in choirs like Amsterdam Baroque Choir and Cappella Pratensis. Jonty is currently a PhD candidate at Leiden University, researching the Warder flute



Thomas Jenkins

2020 Wesfarmers John Monash Scholar
Senior Project Engineer, Renewables, Worley

Thomas holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Professional Engineering from The University of Western Australia where he was awarded the Valedictorian of his Masters cohort. He worked as a Project Engineer for BHP before undertaking a Global MBA at IE Madrid on a John Monash Scholarship, graduating on the Dean's List and in the Beta Gamma Sigma Honours Society. He now works at Worley as a Senior Project Engineer on renewable energy projects.



Dr Mark Chia

2021 Commonwealth Bank John Monash Scholar
Doctoral Research Fellow, Moorfields Eye Hospital

Mark is an eye doctor with a passion for improving health equity amongst rural and Indigenous communities. He was awarded a Group of Eight Scholarship to study medicine at the University of Western Australia, before commencing his John Monash Scholarship-supported PhD in Ophthalmology at University College London. His studies involve working in collaboration with Moorfields Eye Hospital and the Lions Eye Institute to apply artificial intelligence to advanced eye scans to improve the early diagnosis and prevention of diabetes in rural Australia.



Dr Sean Carter

2022 Chairman's Circle John Monash Scholar
PhD Candidate, National University of Singapore

Sean is an Obstetrics and Gynaecology Registrar completing a Fellowship at King Edward Memorial Hospital in Perth. Sean is passionate about investigating the prevention and management of preterm birth. His research focuses on the development of a new life support system (The Artificial Placenta) for babies born at the border of viability and the use of antenatal corticosteroids for fetal lung maturation. With his John Monash Scholarship, Sean is undertaking a PhD through the National University of Singapore investigating the molecular and pharmacological basis of fetal lung maturation in the management of preterm birth.



Emma Garlett

2022 Wesfarmers John Monash Scholar
*Director, Garlett Group | Teaching Fellow, UWA |
Columnist, The West Australian*

Emma is a sessional legal academic at Curtin Law School and a regular First Nations legal and business social commentator for The West Australian. She is an Industry Fellow at the Sustainable Minerals Institute within the University of Queensland, an Adjunct Professor at Federation University, and an Advisory Board member of the National Centre for Reconciliation, Truth and Justice. She has presented her legal research to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as at international and domestic conferences.



Sienna Lake

2023 Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO John Monash Scholar
Masters in Politics, Violence and Crime, University College London

Sienna is a lawyer who worked with the Kimberley Community Legal Services in Western Australia for almost three years. She grew up in Sydney and moved to Canberra to study a Bachelor of Arts/Laws at the Australian National University and has worked as an Associate to the Chief Justice of the ACT Supreme Court. She is particularly interested in how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience law and interact with the legal system in regional and remote areas in Australia.



Madison Smith

2023 Bob Hawke John Monash Scholar
Research Assistant, University of Canterbury

Madison is passionate about increasing Australia's resilience to natural disasters. She has worked as a bushfire consultant with WA Bushfire Prone Planning, a State Emergency Services volunteer, and as a Policy Officer at the WA Department of the Premier and Cabinet. She completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Western Australia and, as a John Monash Scholar, is pursuing a Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience at the University of Canterbury. Her research is focused on developing community resilience programs and accountability frameworks for government in instances of natural disaster.



Tristan Taylor

2024 ANZAC Centenary John Monash Scholar

Bachelor of Civil Law, University of Oxford

Tristan is a recently admitted solicitor, having completed his studies at the University of Western Australia where he finished in second place in his graduating cohort. After growing up in several locations across Western Australia, he has taken the opportunity to gain experience in a new environment by undertaking a tipstaff/associate position to the Hon. Justice Mark Leeming at the New South Wales Court of Appeal. He will commence a Bachelor of Civil Law at the University of Oxford and aspires to support the just application of public law principles in Australia.

. "I firmly believe that the greatest impact I can have on Australia is through working in public law and in providing frank advice to governments to ensure that laws which are being implemented uphold the rule of law and that the government is acutely aware of the legislation's impact." Tristan Taylor



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