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# Dan's Trust Scholarships

## **Dan's Trust has generously been supporting scholarships in The Law School at The University of Sheffield since 2019. Dan's Trust currently have a cohort of 11 scholarship recipients studying at Sheffield.**

*As Head of Careers at Sheffield, I witness the passion and drive of our students every day. In many cases, students in need of financial support don't pursue university simply because it's the next step. They do so because it seems the only step to securing a better future. Coming from a disadvantaged background can impact your social and economic position from an early age and for the rest of your life. Fewer opportunities and additional barriers hold you back. And for many, academic success won't have come easy. Scholarships, like the Dan's Trust Scholarship, provide an intervention to all this. They give disadvantaged students the chance to experience university on an even footing. The financial support they provide makes all the difference in the short term so their long term goals are protected.*

**Helen Smith, Head of Careers, University of Sheffield**

### **Molly Byrne, LLB Law**

Having the Dan's Trust scholarship means a lot to me. This scholarship has allowed me to not only survive at University, but also to be able to live a comfortable and balanced life. It has meant that I do not have to notice the economic gap between myself and my friends who are able to do as they please without constantly adding up the money they are spending. This has had a constantly calming effect on my financial anxiety. Thank you again for this scholarship, I am truly grateful for everything.

### **Emily Deacon, LLB Law (European & International)**

I would like to thank Ian Bagshaw and Dan's Trust not only for providing the financial support that enables me to get stuck in and enjoy all aspects of university life, but also for offering further legal career advice and professional support going forward. The Dan's Trust Scholarship has already enabled me to access educational resources I otherwise would have struggled to afford, which undoubtedly contributed towards my success in first year. It has also funded my participation in sport at university level by covering the high costs of subs and uniform. I have thus been able to build a strong network of peers and teammates to support me through my university experience. Without the Dan's Trust scholarship, my university experience would likely be less fulfilling as it is now, so I am always grateful to have this opportunity.

Finally, Ian's personal involvement inspired me to look into a career in commercial law. In doing so, I was selected to take part in the White & Case first-year insight scheme back in May, which I thoroughly enjoyed! In this way, as well as assisting me financially, receiving the scholarship has helped to inform and shape my own professional ambitions.

### **Anonymous, LLB Law (European & International)**

The Dan's Trust scholarship means a lot as it helps out so much, with the weekly food shop and living costs as my rent takes up almost all of my student finance. The scholarship has helped me take a lot of worries off my mind, as mentioned above it means I wouldn't have to worry if I was out of budget during the food shop, or if I have to sacrifice a meal in order to go out with friends. Although due to COVID I haven't been able to go out with friends, next year it will mean that I'll be able to do both, have an actual social life again without having to worry if I have enough money!

### **Zaynab Anwar, LLB Law and Criminology**

My name is Zaynab Anwar and I'm one of the first people in my family to go to University. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan's Trust for this scholarship. It has provided me with the financial support I needed and has played a huge role in my decision to attend University. Coming from a middle class low-income family, being able to fund my studies during my time at University would have proved to be quite challenging, but after receiving the scholarship it has helped alleviate some of the financial stress. My main dream and aspiration is to one day become a successful barrister and be in the financial position to support other individuals like myself who come from middle to low income families. I believe by becoming a role model in my community I can be someone who can help and guide many individuals and give them the belief that regardless of your background and the challenges you face in life you can still achieve your goals and aspiration.

## **Lydia Green, LLB Law (with Spanish Law)**

Thank you, Dan's Trust, for giving me the opportunity to overcome limits and turn them into opportunities. I am studying LLB Law with Spanish Law and, thanks to the scholarship opportunity, I am able to fully grasp and maximise every opportunity that pursuing my educational and extra-curricular ambitions has to offer. When I found out about my scholarship the excitement and sense of relief I felt was amazing. I immediately saw my ambitions to utilise my legal knowledge to help others, development of my legal skills and wider commercial knowledge, attainment of language fluency as goals I am a step closer to achieving because the award equated peace and time. The invaluable mental peace of not having to worry about my developmental ambitions detracting from my financial stability and time to explore further my degree subject through workshops, volunteering and learning languages. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to fully reach my potential and grow beyond limitations.

**Thank you Dan's Trust, your support is changing lives for the better.**



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