

The Brilliant Club Case Study



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PhD Research Area:
Medical Imaging

PhD University:
University of Edinburgh

Tutor since: Summer 2019

Brilliant Club Programme:
The Scholars Programme



Which Schools have you worked at?

Braidhurst High School

What is your Scholars Programme course title?

Visions of Vessels: How do doctors see disease inside the body?

What made you want to apply to become a Scholars Programme tutor?

I am passionate about teaching and improving university access for pupils from underrepresented backgrounds.

What has been the most rewarding moment of your Scholars Programme placements so far?

The most rewarding moment was hearing that one of my pupils told their parent they wanted to study Biology at University thanks to my course!

Tell me about being a Scholars Programme tutor. How has it helped in your development as a research student?

Being a Scholars Programme tutor has helped me reconnect with certain parts of my research which I had perhaps neglected. Creating a course aimed at high school pupils forced me to look at the bigger picture and focus on what's most important in my research.

What have you gained from being part of the Scholars Programme community of researchers?

Being a part of the Scholars Programme community of researchers was really inspiring, I loved hearing about the huge variety of research topics and Scholars Programme courses. I built connections with great people who I will be able to call on for support in future teaching or research endeavours.



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How has the Scholars Programme affected the way you approach undergraduate teaching?

The Scholars Programme has made me much more confident in my undergraduate teaching and has enabled me to adopt a much more hands-on approach.



How do you think you have made a difference to pupils as a Scholars Programme tutor?

I have made a difference to pupils by giving them a better understanding of what university learning is like. I think the experience of successfully completing university-style assignments will be incredibly useful to them and will hopefully have boosted their confidence when it comes to applying to and attending a highly selective university.

Do you have any advice for someone looking to apply to work as a Scholars Programme tutor?

My main piece of advice to any prospective Scholars Programme tutors would be to plan their tutorials and assignments well, in particular try not to put too much in each tutorial because everything takes longer than you anticipate! Give yourself plenty of time for each topic/activity.

THE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

To find out more about how you could become a Scholars Programme tutor, please visit our website at www.thebrilliantclub.org