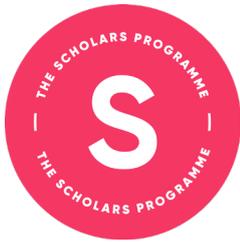


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Tutor Name:
Matthew Agwae

PhD Research Area:
Role of iRhom2 in the pathogenesis of head and neck cancer

PhD University:
The University of Liverpool

Tutor since: September 2018

Brilliant Club Programme:
The Scholars Programme



Which schools have you taught at?

Halewood Academy, Grange Academy, Weatherhead School, St Julie's Catholic School and Winsford Academy.

What is the name of your Scholars Programme course?

Blood cells and haematological diseases.

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

I enjoy teaching and teaching young people. I also plan to train to teach.

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

Realising the pupils have enjoyed my lectures, have increased their understanding with evidence (well written scientific reviews by the students), and have been inspired to attend university.

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

I have learnt to explain research findings from first principle for easy understanding. It has also increased my understanding as I have often had to dig deep to the basics of almost everything, considering the children are often very inquisitive.

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

Very robust teaching experience as well as the ability to design and deliver lectures tailored to meet the needs of the pupils. I've also gained a better understanding of British culture.



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

From my interaction with high school pupils, I appreciate the academic levels of first year undergraduates and reasons they might be struggling in certain areas. And of course, better ways to help them.



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

I have been able to inspire them to aspire for greater academic goals. I have been able to simplify the act of learning and introduced to them learning from first principle and writing scientifically.

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

Go for it, it is fun and rewarding. When you start, work towards creating a strong and likeable identity, thereby becoming a very positive role model for the children.

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