



The Brilliant Club

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Become a Brilliant Club Ambassador

The Brilliant Club mobilise the PhD community to support students who are less advantaged to access the most competitive universities and succeed when they get there.

We know that our programmes make a difference to young people progressing to the most competitive universities. While our statistics show this, we know that stories bring the data to life. That's where you come in!

We are excited to be recruiting more Brilliant Club Ambassadors to join our existing cohort. Brilliant Club Ambassadors provide support on a range of events throughout the academic year to inspire pupils, promote our work, and develop our Brilliant Club community.

Have you completed one of our programmes? Would you like to join our Ambassador programme to share your story with the 100,000 young people we're aiming to work with over the next 5 years?

If so, we'd love to hear from you!



About the Role

Overview

Brilliant Club Ambassadors are current university students or recent graduates who have completed one of [our programmes](#) during their time at school.

We aim for the role to be flexible and varied to fit around your work, studies and interests. The role is therefore split into two streams:

- **Standard Ambassadors** who participate in 5 opportunities for the academic year. This stream is recommended for first-year undergraduates up to Master's students.
- **Senior Ambassador**, who participate in 3 opportunities for the academic year, which focus on mentoring fellow Ambassadors and supporting the wider Brilliant Club team with organising events. This stream is recommended for Master's and PhD students, and Ambassadors with 2 years' experience of the Standard Ambassador role.

Both streams last for one academic year with the option to continue in your current role (or move from Standard Ambassador to Senior Ambassador) at the end of the academic year.

Why become a Brilliant Club Ambassador?

Over the next 5 years, we're aiming to work with 100,000 young people. You'd be a great fit for our Ambassadors if you want to:

- **Inspire** the next generation of scholars with your own journey.
- **Promote** our work among our partners, the media and friends of the charity.
- **Join** our Brilliant Club community, with opportunities for training and networking.

Hear what some of [our current Ambassadors](#) think about the role.

"I wanted to become an Ambassador to show others from similar backgrounds to me that they can also do this, it's not impossible, there isn't a barrier that's impossible to penetrate through. People like me have done it."

Valentina Syla, Brilliant Club Ambassador

What do Brilliant Club Ambassadors do?

Brilliant Club Ambassadors get involved with a range of opportunities throughout the academic year, including:

- Attending [Scholars Programme](#) events, where you can support current Brilliant Club pupils with information, advice and guidance about university.
- Participating in our [Experience Experts Panels](#).
- Digital content creation, such as videos for social media and writing guest articles for [The Scholar](#) or our website.
- In-person and virtual speaking engagements with Brilliant Club staff and external stakeholders.
- Attending [Friends of The Brilliant Club](#) events and sharing your experience as part of workshops or funding pitches.
- Completing a case study or written testimonial (mandatory).

Our events take place at universities and other locations across the UK. They are held during weekdays, evenings, and weekends. Many of our events will also be hosted virtually. Please note that opportunities are voluntary, but we will cover all travel and expense costs.

What are the benefits of being a Brilliant Club Ambassador?

Becoming a Brilliant Club Ambassador is a great opportunity that will help you to develop a range of skills while giving back to the next generation of scholars. These benefits include:

- Developing your confidence, communication, leadership, and public speaking skills.
- Expanding your professional network, giving back to your community, and making new friends.
- Access to opportunities via an exclusive mailing list for Brilliant Club Ambassadors.
- Flexible voluntary opportunities that fit around your work or studies.
- Full training and an induction on the role.



About You

Brilliant Club Ambassadors fulfil the following criteria:

- Completed [one of The Brilliant Club's programmes](#) during their time at school, including the Brilliant Tutoring Programme which we no longer run.
- Currently study at or have recently graduated from university.
- Committed to participating in a minimum of 3 or 5 opportunities per academic year, depending on the stream you intend to join.
- Enthusiastic and keen to share their experiences and support pupils from less advantaged backgrounds to progress to the most competitive universities.

Diversity at The Brilliant Club

We mobilise the PhD community to support students who are less advantaged to access the most competitive universities and succeed when they get there. We think it is important that our charity reflects the lived experience of the communities we work with, and we want to be an organisation where employees from any background can thrive. We particularly welcome applications from disabled, Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic, Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Non-binary (LGBTQ+) candidates, and candidates from low-income families.



Application process

We accept applications on a rolling basis, but the information below outlines what you can expect at each stage of the process.

Apply: Please complete our [short application form](#), outlining why you would like to be a Brilliant Club Ambassador. We will collect some personal details.

The three main questions that we'd like you to answer are:

- Why are you interested in becoming a Brilliant Club Ambassador? (300 words)
- What did you enjoy most about the programme you took part in? (300 words)
- What impact did the programme you took part in have on you? (300 words)

You can also submit your answers to the above questions using a voice message or video. The voice message or video should be no more than 3 minutes long, taking a minute to answer each question. Please email your voice messages or videos to ambassadors@thebrilliantclub.org.

Outcome: We intend to be in touch with the outcome of your application within 2 weeks, but this may take longer depending on the volume of applications.

Interview: If you are successful at the initial application stage, you will be invited to an online interview. Here, we will find out more about your motivations for being a Brilliant Club Ambassador and your experiences on our programmes. You'll also have the chance to ask us any questions you have about the role.

Training and induction: If you are successful at the interview stage, we will be in touch with details of your upcoming training and induction.

121: As part of your induction, you'll be invited to an informal 30-minute conversation with either a Brilliant Club staff member or a Senior Ambassador. This is a chance for us to welcome you to the Ambassador community and get to know you better without the pressure of an interview.

Opportunities: Every month, you'll be notified via email and the WhatsApp group (optional) of opportunities for you to take part in.

If you're interested in the Brilliant Club Ambassador role, please [click here](#) to apply. If you have any questions about becoming a Brilliant Club Ambassador, please email ambassadors@thebrilliantclub.org.

FAQs

I didn't complete one of The Brilliant Club's programmes at school. Can I still apply?

We're looking for people to inspire current pupils on our programmes and promote them. It's important for us that our Brilliant Club Ambassadors have had this experience themselves.

You can stay up to date with The Brilliant Club by signing up to the [Friends of The Brilliant Club newsletter](#), or you might be interested in [becoming a tutor](#) on one of our programmes.

I'm not studying at university. Can I still apply?

We appreciate that our scholars take a range of paths after finishing school, however the Ambassador role is open specifically to university students and recent graduates as The Brilliant Club's mission is to support students who are less advantaged to access higher education. We would like our Ambassadors to share their stories on how our programmes have supported them with applying and succeeding at university.

I don't know which stream to choose. What should I do?

We'd love to help you decide which stream would be best for you, so please email ambassadors@thebrilliantclub.org with your query.

I don't know if I can commit to participating in the minimum number of opportunities per academic year for the stream I have selected. Should I still apply?

Yes, please do! The Brilliant Club Ambassador role aims to be flexible to fit around your studying or work commitments, and opportunities take a range of forms.

What do you mean by 'recent graduate'?

We are following the [Office for National Statistics](#) (ONS) definition of a recent graduate as someone who has graduated within the last 5 years.

Will I be able to receive feedback on my application?

Given the volume of applications we receive, we are unable to provide feedback on applications before the interview stage. We will provide feedback for all interview candidates, including whether re-application is an option.

We want to make sure that you feel confident to complete your application, so please email ambassadors@thebrilliantclub.org if you need support.

I need some help to complete my application or attend an interview.

We want to make sure our application process is as accessible as possible. If you need support to complete any part of your application, please email ambassadors@thebrilliantclub.org.

I've applied but I haven't heard back about the status of my application.

We intend to be in touch with the outcome of your application within 2 weeks, but this may take longer depending on the volume of applications.