

Experienced tutor

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Scholars Programme Course Title: Emperor

Augustus: Power and Patronage in the Roman World

Tutor since: 2015



What has been the **most rewarding moment** of your journey so far?

Recently I was tracked down by a Brilliant Club student from a difficult background whom I'd tutored in 2016. She said that she wanted me to know that she was just starting at Cambridge University reading archaeology, and had been inspired in her ambition by my Brilliant Club programme.

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

My children and I have been privileged to have had an excellent education and I know what a difference this makes to life chances. I wanted in a small way to give back to society.

How have you **balanced your time** being a tutor?

I'm no longer a researcher but balance my tutoring work with being a freelance management consultant and an executive trustee of a national charity (among other commitments). Good planning and time management are key!

Do you have **any advice** for someone looking to apply to be a Scholars Programme tutor?

Go for it! It's an amazing opportunity. But don't underestimate the amount of time you will need to do a good job.

Any further **thoughts**?

It's a steep learning curve delivering your own or a pre-designed course for the first time and you will always want to tweak your course for subsequent placements. I love the challenge of going into different schools and adapting my style and content to best fit the individual circumstances.



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