



Dafydd  
Lewis  
Trust

Annual Update  
2024



## Dafydd Lewis Trust Chair Update

It was a great pleasure to welcome our 2024 scholars to the Dafydd Lewis Trust fold at our Welcome event in March. This year we have been able to award scholarships to 15 deserving young men from diverse backgrounds seeking to pursue dreams through higher education.

In addition to undergraduate scholarships, the Dafydd Lewis Trust was pleased able to offer its first Post Graduate Scholarship to recipient Marko Golubovac. Marko completed his Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne and is now enrolled in the Juris Doctor Course. Markos education experience exemplifies the benefits of Dafydd Lewis Scholarships, and we are so proud to have the opportunity to aid his future career ambitions.

At our annual networking event in May we had the pleasure of speaking with Shaban Sulejman, DLT Alumnus and recent recipient of the esteemed Fullbright Scholarship. Shaban will be taking up the scholarship later in the year to work with Transformative Meta-Optical Systems (TMOS) at City University New York. Our heartfelt congratulations to Shaban on this fabulous achievement.

This year we are also proud to celebrate our partner foundation Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundations 20 year anniversary. It is a remarkable milestone and an incredibly humbling experience to have watched the Foundation go from strength to strength supporting young women take their first step into higher education to pursue their dreams and go on to fulfilling careers. We look forward to celebrating this milestone at our upcoming Annual Dinner event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. We hope you can join us to celebrate this occasion, the legacy our DLT and MJL Alumni are having in our communities and to cheer on our scholars in their final year, wishing them the best in their upcoming exams.

As we approach the end of financial year, we turn our focus to the impact of philanthropy. While the Dafydd Lewis Trust is fortunate to be in a very sound financial position due to capital corpus and sound investment strategies, we are asking our Alumni community, Donors and Supporters to consider making a donation support the expansion of the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation. This year we are aiming to raise \$60,000 to the MJL impact to an additional two young women seeking a start to their higher education journey. If you have the capacity to contribute, I encourage you to do so by clicking the 'Donate Now' button below.

Thank you for contributing to the ongoing success of the Dafydd Lewis Trust and we look forward to another rewarding year ahead.

Scott Chapman AM

## 2024 DLT Scholars



15

New scholars



23

Continuing scholars

Help us empower exceptional students to achieve their academic dreams.

**The Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation is seeking your support to continue to grow our offerings to young women seeking to pursue a higher education.**

To bring this vision to life, we have set an ambitious goal to raise **\$60,000** to support two additional scholarships in 2025. Your generous contributions will directly fund these scholarships, providing financial support and opportunities to talented individuals who may otherwise be unable to pursue higher education.

**Every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal and helps us create a brighter future for these deserving students.**

Please join us in making a meaningful impact on their lives and ensuring that the legacy of Mary Jane Lewis continues to inspire and uplift the next generation of women.

**DONATE NOW**

The Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation is a registered tax deductible gift recipient (DGR) under Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.



## Student Profile

Wasi Abidi - 2nd year DLT Scholar

Bachelor of Information Technology (Data Science), RMIT University

### How did you find out about the Dafydd Lewis Trust?

I found out about the Dafydd Lewis Scholarship through Western Chances. They had been supporting me for many years and they recommended I should apply for the scholarship. They also encouraged my older sister, Sana to apply two years before me and we both ended up receiving the scholarship!

### What motivated you to apply for a scholarship?

First and foremost, the support from my high school was a massive push for me to apply. They helped me along the application process and believed in my potential. Although, my personal motivation to apply came from doing volunteer work throughout high school within the community and also having that passion to excel in my academia.

### What has the scholarship meant to you?

The scholarship to me, is recognition for the hard work I put in through my secondary education and a massive push for me to keep the cycle going, and to continue giving back. It truly helps me pursue my education without the financial pressure I would otherwise have without the scholarship. With the support of this scholarship, I can truly partake in my education, volunteering and professional development without the looming burden of financial stress.

### What career direction are you hoping to pursue once completing your studies?

I'm hoping to pursue a career which bridges the gap between emerging technologies, such as AI and using that to help out in the community and environment.

### What is your favourite place on campus?

My favourite place on campus is probably C9 Ice cream & Gelato, I love getting ice cream with friends and catching up!

### What advice would you give to first-year scholars or those completing their secondary education?

One piece of advice I'd give to first years and people in high school is to keep on pushing and to always look on the bright side. Whether it be in your academic, professional or personal life, everything you do is more of a marathon than a race. This means to have endurance and a positive outlook will help you tremendously. For more practical advice, I'd become more well versed in software and AI that can help streamline your workload!

## SAVE THE DATE!

Dafydd Lewis Trust and Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation Annual Dinner

**When:** 3 October 2024

**Where:** University House - Melbourne University

Keep your eyes on your inbox for your formal invite and registration details next month.



Dafydd Lewis Trust and Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation  
Annual Dinner Invitation



Raised \$100,250  
in donations.

Total asset value  
\$13.9m

### DLT Financials 2024

Equity Trustees is the Corporate Trustee of the Dafydd Lewis Trust and responsible for the prudent investment of the Foundation's assets. It works in collaboration with the Trust council members to give young men the opportunity to embark upon a university education.

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## 2025 Scholarship applications

With the feedback of our scholarship referral partners and applicants we have decided to bring forward the 2025 Scholarship application round to July. Opening the application round in July offers students the opportunity to seek additional support and guidance to assist in them completing their applications. We have also streamlined the application forms to make applying for a scholarship more straightforward for prospective applicants.

To support the launch of our 2025 scholarship application round, we encourage our current scholars and Alumni to connect with your former Schools to share your experience as a recipient of a Dafydd Lewis Scholarship. Further information our 2025 scholarship application rounds will be available on the DLT website in July.



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