BHS, JBA Trust and Environment Agency Studentship Awards

The Studentship Awards aim to encourage talented students to pursue development of their academic experience and qualifications. Graduates of MSc courses play a vital part in the future management of the water environment. The 2018 awards provide support for eight students undertaking studies in hydrology or catchment management related courses. Here, some of the recipients of the awards explain why they chose their MSc course.

Katherine Ashworth
MSc in Water, Energy and the Environment at Liverpool John Moores University

“One of the most significant resources on Earth is water and hydrologists play a vital role in managing water to protect the surrounding environment. After completing my undergraduate dissertation in Reconstruction and Palaeoflood Mapping I knew I wanted to specialise within the field of hydrology. The MSc will help me gain CIWEM accreditation as an environmental engineer and apply my specialist skills in the environmental industry.”

Matthew Youngs
MSc in Environmental Monitoring for Management at Loughborough University

“This MSc course provides me with the opportunity to build on what I have learnt at undergraduate level, exploring the response of different environments to change and how we manage this. As an eco-hydrologist, my research seeks to investigate the response of freshwater ecosystems to anthropogenically-driven change in British streams.”

Anjali Theagarajah
MSc in Water Science, Policy and Management at the University of Oxford

"I was intrigued by the multidisciplinary element of the MSc combining water science, policy and management. It will enable me to build up a well rounded and invaluable understanding of topics which I believe are imperative to a future in the management of water - such a contested yet vital resource to all life on the planet."
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Charlotte Hudson
MSc in Climate Change at University College London
“I am undertaking my MSc because I hope to further my understanding of the complexities of climate change, which I believe to be essential in developing effective mitigation and adaptation strategies for societies across the globe.
I also hope to gain a greater appreciation of the range of perspectives and processes connected with this phenomenon in multiple locations and situations.”

Max Davidson
MSc in Hydrology and Water Management at Newcastle University
“During my undergraduate I became very interested in studying water. I chose to study this specific MSc as I wanted to further specialise my studying into hydrology and gain a more in depth understanding of water resources and how they are managed.
I hope to be employed within the water industry after university and this course will help prepare me for such a career.”

Christopher Greensmith
MRes in River Science at the University of Worcester
“I am particularly interested in otters and their riverine environment. Having just completed my joint honours Ecology and Environmental Science BSc, Studying for an MRes in River Science at the University of Worcester now enables me to fine tune and direct my learning more specifically towards otters and their habitat.
The project within my MRes will examine the potential use of eDNA as an assessment tool for detecting otters in freshwater environments”.

Kathryn Condon
MSc in Water Science, Policy and Management at the University of Oxford
“I am committed to advocating for greater freshwater stewardship, political accountability, and best practices in global water resource management.
Through completing this MSc, I intend to work towards guaranteeing clean and accessible water as a universal human right.”

You can find out more about the Studentship awards and how to apply in 2019 here: www.jbatrust.org/how-we-help/bursaries-and-scholarships/studentship-award-scheme/