I cannot overstate the impact a scholarship can make on a student’s life.

At the University of Adelaide, we recognise that talented students often face financial challenges such as moving away from home and everyday living expenses to studying at university itself (fees, books, materials). These financial challenges should not preclude the best and brightest students from being able to attend university.

The Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships give exceptional students the opportunity to attend the University of Adelaide. They are valued at $5,000 per year, with recipients selected on academic merit and financial need – with at least one scholarship per year awarded to a student from a rural or remote area.

From next year there will be 11 students at the University of Adelaide on Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships – some will have just started their degree, while others have nearly finished.

They have all benefited from a scheme which is entirely funded by generous donations from alumni and the broader University community. You can read about the most recent recipients, Peter Pham and Kathryn Grocke, as well as past recipients, in this brochure.

We are excited to launch the 2011 Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships Fund Appeal, and ask that you give so that more of our most talented young people can realise their full potential at one of Australia’s finest universities.

Thank you for making it possible.

Due to your generous support more and more students continue to benefit from a University education.

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Ashlea Bartram received her Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship in 2004, and has since graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Management) in 2007 and Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) in 2008.

She has since joined the graduate program of the National Centre for Vocational Education Research, where she is developing her research interests in organisational psychology.

“The Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship not only made getting through uni much less stressful, but it’s helped set me up for life after university,” Ashlea says.

“Because I don’t have a HECS debt, I’ve been able to save much more and I’m getting ready to buy my first house as well.”

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Peter Pham is studying a double degree of Mechatronics Engineering and Maths and Computer Science at the University of Adelaide.

The former Christian Brothers College student hopes to pursue a career working robots and has no doubts that the Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship he received earlier this year has given his university studies – and career after university a significant boost.

“Receiving the Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship has had a great impact on my life.”

“It is nice not have to worry about uni fees, and my parents are also very proud and thankful.”

Peter is from a non-English speaking family, with both his parents caring full-time for his seriously ill sister.

“This scholarship has helped me and my family immensely, and we are sincerely thankful for the generosity shown to us through the Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship Appeal,” he says.

First-year medical student Kathryn Grocke grew up on a fourth-generation farm north of Adelaide and attended Faith Lutheran School in Tanunda.

She described her Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship as a huge support during her first year at university.

“Relocating to the city is a big move for most country students, the Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship has made the experience much less daunting.”

Kathryn is keen, at this stage, to return to a rural community to practice medicine after completing her degree.

“To me, studying medicine offers the right balance of head and heart – it has both the intricacies of science and the opportunity to work compassionately with people and improve their quality of life,” she says.

2010 Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship Recipients

Past Recipients

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