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The ESA David Mitchell



End of Year Report | Summer 2023

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THE AWARDS
2019

Times Higher Education University of the Year 2012 & 2019
Times Higher Education Widening Participation Initiative of the Year 2019
The University of Strathclyde is rated a QS 5-star institution

WINNER
UK UNIVERSITY
OF THE YEAR
FOR A SECOND TIME

THE SUNDAY TIMES
GOOD UNIVERSITY
GUIDE
2020
SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY
OF THE YEAR



THE QUEEN'S
ANNIVERSARY PRIZES
For Honour and Further Education
2019

The impact of **your support**

This past year has seen the return of all Strathclyde students to a full programme of on-campus teaching, for the first time since the onset of COVID-19 restrictions in March 2020.

Students have benefited immensely from the reopening of our campus and for many this year was their first opportunity to truly immerse themselves in university life.

Students from less-advantaged backgrounds already face a number of additional challenges not experienced by their peers. Unfortunately, the return to on campus teaching can also bring with it an increase in financial pressures, leaving students acutely aware of the barriers they are faced with.

You have played a vital role in the student transition back to campus. Namely, your support of our scholarship programme has given these students **the opportunity to say yes.**

Whether it's joining a society, having more time to study, or spending quality time with new friends, the support of a scholarship means that students can really make the most of the many opportunities available to them.

This has been a significant year for all of our students, many of whom have undertaken a substantial proportion of their high-school or university education remotely. Each and every one of our students deserves the chance to reach their potential here at Strathclyde.

Thank you for your choosing to make this possible.

Your Scholar

Thank you once again for supporting Strathclyde students through the ESA David Mitchell Scholarship.

We are delighted to share your scholar's end of year report, where they reflect on the past year and the difference that the scholarship has made to them.



**Name**

Ilya Gladkikh

Scholarship

The ESA David Mitchell Scholarship

Year of Study

1st Year

Subject

Aero Mechanical Engineering

A message of thanks to the donor who funds your scholarship:

I would like to thank you, my donor, for this act of kindness and for making my life at university just that bit better by significantly reducing my financial pressures. You have provided me with opportunities that I wouldn't have had without your continued support, and you have made a significant improvement to my quality of life at university so far. Your generosity has reduced my financial worries and allowed me to participate and enjoy my coursework to the full extent.

What difference has the scholarship made to you?

As the cost of living rises in the UK, especially utilities, food and transport costs this scholarship has allowed me to focus less on issues surrounding the cost of living and give more time to coursework and projects. I have been an avid badminton player my whole life and I particularly appreciate that this scholarship has allowed me to buy a membership to the Strathclyde sports club and buy brand new racket.

Over the past year, what achievement are you most proud of?

This year I have completed many achievements and course projects but the one that I am particularly proud of is the end of year Manufacture and Design team project. The task was to design a CAD model and milling machine algorithm to manufacture a chassis and body design of a remote-controlled buggy. I found this project quite challenging as I had never done anything quite like it before and I am very proud that our team managed to secure joint second place among all other teams in our cohort.

What are you most looking forward to in the year ahead?

Next year I am particularly looking forward to starting my Aerospace Engineering subjects as this year our course has focused on more general engineering and design topics. I will finally get to learn more specialized material relating to Aero-mechanical Engineering such as Aero Design and Flight Test, Flight and Spaceflight 1. I am also looking forward to Materials Engineering Design as it will be a completely new subject to me.