



# Grattan Scholars Update 2017-18

## *The Grattan Scholars - Outstanding Postgraduate Educators and Researchers*

Thanks to the continued generous support of Trinity's alumni and friends *The Grattan Scholars* programme has flourished since it was established by the School in 2012. It is now an international community of exceptional Ph.D. students who are committed

to contributing to society and the University through their research and education.

The 16 scholarships awarded to date have helped to attract some of the world's most talented students to Trinity. The Scholars not only undertake research on issues of

global societal and economic importance, such as migration, inequality and financial globalisation, they also enrich the learning experience of undergraduate students by delivering high-quality and engaging teaching.

## Enhancing Trinity's World-Class Undergraduate Teaching Programmes

*Grattan Scholars* are having an immensely positive impact on undergraduate students as role models and mentors. They have demonstrated both a professional and innovative approach to teaching and a tremendous commitment to their students. A number of *Grattan Scholars* have been awarded the School's Dermot McAleese Teaching Award in recognition of their

outstanding teaching abilities. In 2018, Stefano Ceolotto received the award for his inspiring approach to teaching the Mathematical and Statistical Methods freshman module. This is a particularly impressive achievement as Stefano is in the first year of his Ph.D. studies, having been awarded the first *Grattan Scholarship* in Energy Economics in September 2018.

## Forging International Research Links

International research collaboration has never been more important as society faces wide-ranging and interlinked global challenges. *Grattan Scholars* are afforded the opportunity to collaborate with and learn from the foremost academics in their fields, both at Trinity and internationally. For example this year Benoit Voudon's scholarship enabled him to spend a term as a Visiting Research Scholar in Columbia University, studying under the supervision of Professor Michael Riordan, one of the world's preeminent authorities in vertical relationships between firms. In 2018-19 Katharina Bergant joins Harvard University as a Research Fellow where she will work with leading international macroeconomist Professor Carmen Reinhart.

"During my Ph.D. studies, I have had fantastic experiences that would not have been possible without the prestigious *Grattan Scholarship*. My first paper was published in the *Journal of Financial Economics*. I have been an intern at the IMF and a visiting student at Princeton University, where I worked with leading scholars."

Grattan Scholar, Yannick Timmer

## Academic Leaders of the Future



Grattan Scholars in the Trinity Alumni Room

At the core of *The Grattan Scholars* programme is the ambition to support and nurture exceptional students who have the potential to become future academic leaders. We are extremely heartened that, upon completion of their Ph.D. studies, a number of Scholars have chosen to further their burgeoning

academic careers at leading institutions around the world, such as 2014 Scholar Margaryta Klymak, who **has secured** a Departmental Lectureship in Development Economics at the University of Oxford.

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