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## Adam

**My name is Adam, I am an aspiring Solicitor with a key interest in the Energy Sector – renewables specifically.**

I hope to work for a firm that offers international secondments across the world and so being able to develop commercial awareness in such areas is essential. Perhaps one of the easiest ways to gain such awareness is through reading and watching the news. Unfortunately, the most accredited and detailed newspapers regarding my sectors of interest required a subscription. As a student from a low-economic background, focusing on my studies, I was extremely grateful to be able to apply for the AS Foundation Grant.

The AS Foundation helped me achieve commercial awareness by purchasing an annual subscription to the Financial Times for me. This has not only made a difference to my studies, allowing me to confidently choose modules for next year in which I have developed a heightened understanding, but has also allowed me to demonstrate my commercial awareness in applications for work experience, ultimately improving my success rate!



SMART  
WORKS

## Ella

**My name is Ella, and I am a Second year Law student at the University of Manchester and work part-time as an NHS Track and Trace caller.**

In my journey to studying law at university, I have appreciated all the support that got me here.

The AS Foundation provided interview clothes for me through one of their charity partners - Smart Works, who provide clothes and interview preparation for women. I feel confident going into my future interviews and it has given me the confidence to apply to vacation schemes. Getting a career in law is hard, and this process has been made easier and more accessible thanks to the AS Foundation.



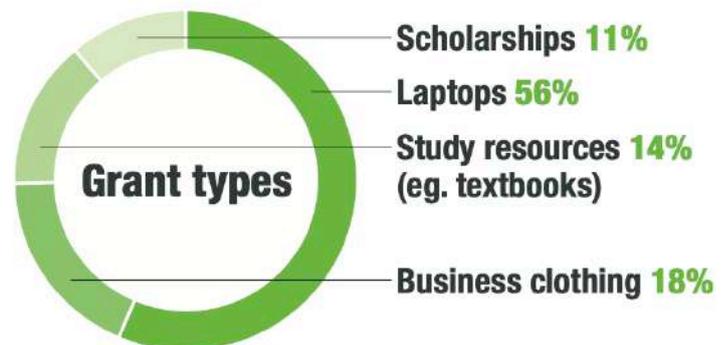
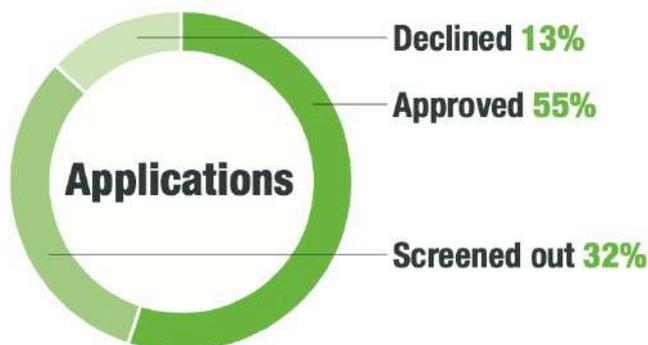


## Maysam

**My name is Maysam and I am studying Law at Manchester Metropolitan University.**

I come from a working class family and my parents did not attend university. The AS Foundation helped me feel less disadvantaged by offering me a brand new laptop in order to relieve some of the financial burden upon me. I am currently using it to make more detailed notes in my lectures and to submit all of my assignments on time.

### The AS Foundation Impact up to 24 March 2021





## Ralph

**I am a 24-year-old first-year LLB Law with Business student at The University of Law.**

After leaving school at 17 due to some difficult family issues, I returned to education at 21. I completed one of The Open University Access courses, which initiated my interest in law. I subsequently completed the first year of the LLB Law course at The Open University, alongside full-time employment. I was then able to use my first-year results to transfer to The University of Law.

I became particularly interested in corporate law following my experience at The Open University and after completing several virtual internship experiences, including the Business, Marketing & Operations and Commercial Law internship experiences by the Bright Network and the Introduction To Law experience by Linklaters.

After leaving my full-time job to study in Bristol, I found it very tough to find part-time employment to support myself during the Covid-19 pandemic. The AS Foundation has been immensely helpful by providing me a new laptop so that I can complete assignments, view lectures and workshops, apply for extra-curricular opportunities and more over the next few years. I am incredibly grateful for this support through my legal journey.



## Shaina

**My name is Shaina, and I am currently studying the LLM (LPS) at BPP University (Holborn), with an intention to become a corporate lawyer.**

I'm really enjoying the course at BPP University thus far and have developed an addictive interest in white-collar crime and global investigations.

The AS Foundation has supported my aspirations by gifting me a laptop and printer which have proven immensely useful given the transition to distance learning owing to the pandemic. This has allowed me to further engage in my online tutorials, something which my old laptop precluded. I am now able to have my voice heard by challenging my colleagues during debates; and I am confident this will mould me into the vibrant and questing scholar I aspire to be.

I was also awarded a scholarship to help fund the course. This has brought me a step closer to achieving my career aspirations whilst also reducing that much resented financial strain. Honestly speaking, I wouldn't have been able to pursue the course if it weren't for the AS Foundation's support, and this is something I am extremely grateful for.



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FREEHILLS

## Tamia

My name is Tamia and I am a BA English Language and Linguistics undergraduate at the University of Birmingham.

The AS Foundation have been extremely supportive in deciding my legal career route.

They recognised my commitment and dedication to becoming a solicitor and accessed the targeted fund provided by Herbert Smith Freehills to purchase me a new laptop. The laptop has a touch screen which was tailored to my individual needs and has boosted my learning options.

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## Zaamia

**My name is Zaamia, and I am a penultimate year BA History student at the University of Warwick.**

Having completed first-year schemes at a variety of city law firms, I decided that a career in commercial law would be the right path for me. Receiving a new laptop from the AS Foundation has enabled me to engage in my seminars, feel secure in completing my assignments to the best of my ability and effectively fulfil my role as Co-President of Warwick Congress - a society which offers skills workshops and insight into corporate careers.

Beyond this, I have been able to achieve success in my applications for vacation schemes as I could confidently attend assessment centres with all the tools I needed. Overall, the support provided by the AS Foundation has removed the initial obstacles I faced whilst entering the world of law.

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