

Dear Kans and Kandy,

Thank you ever so much for this opportunity, I'm so incredibly grateful for this! My name is Isobel Randall-Evans, I'm 22, and about to start the MSc in Business Analytics course at Northumbria. Originally from the Forest of Dean down south, I first moved to Newcastle in 2021 for my music undergraduate degree and have been working to stay up north since. My undergraduate dissertation on the misuse of rap music as evidence in US criminal trials won the award for best dissertation in my subject area and helped me achieve a first-class degree.

Outside of my studies, I stay active with rock climbing, ice skating, and running, doing challenges such as mud runs when I can. I play clarinet, saxophone, and drums in university ensembles and lead seasonal community workshops teaching handbells for adults with mental health issues. These workshops began as an internship with the organisation Converge during my final year, but the community I found there inspired me to continue, and they've also been a big help in coming to terms with my recent autism diagnosis.

I currently work as a bartender to support myself, and I hope that alongside my Master's this will give me practical insight into business theories in real-world settings. After completing my degree, I hope to be able to combine my analytical skills with my passion for community work, helping corporations be more socially responsible and give back to the communities they operate within.

Using this scholarship, I hope to work less hours so I can dedicate more time to my studies and focus my time on reskilling within my modules such as 'Forecasting and Predictive Analytics', and 'Analytics for Competitive Advantage' on my course, areas that I hope will assist me with my future plan.

Kans and Kandy's support through this scholarship makes this possible for me, so once again I just want to extend my gratitude for being able to take advantage of this opportunity, and I hope to use this to the best of my ability in assisting with starting my future career!

Thank you,

Isobel Randall-Evans



Dear Kans and Kandy Charitable Trust,

My name is Mia, I'm 23 years old, and I am from a small village in Mid-Wales. I studied Geography at the University of Manchester and graduated with a 2:1 BA (Hons). I am now continuing my studies at Northumbria University with a Masters in Disaster Management and Sustainable Development.

My interests lie in various areas, from recreational interests such as playing rugby and playing the violin, to academic and future interests within migration and displacement, climate change, and natural disasters. I have spent the past year living in Iceland and working as an international youth volunteer with the Icelandic Red Cross, a role that has pushed me towards achieving my aim of building a career within the humanitarian field, as well as helping to understand what area of this field where I would feel most fulfilled.

In the future, I will continue to build my knowledge and experience of the disaster services, and specifically within the area of climate adaptation and resilience. I aim to use my experience at the Red Cross, at Manchester and at Northumbria, to my advantage to establish my role and career in humanitarian work.

Once again, I am incredibly grateful for being selected, as this scholarship will make my time at Northumbria University much more secure, valuable and meaningful.

Kind regards,

Mia Kendall



Dear Kans and Kandy Charitable Trust,



I would like to take the time to thank you for awarding me the 2024 Kans and Kandy Charitable Trust Postgraduate Scholarship. Your generosity has allowed me to make the most of my time in Newcastle and at Northumbria University, and I am deeply appreciative.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the time I have spent studying the Disaster Management and Sustainable Development MSc at Northumbria University. It has given me valuable insights into a multitude of different areas and has prepared me well for many different future job prospects and potential further study. The scholarship has allowed me to fully utilise all of the facilities on offer to me, such as the library, geography hub and face-to-face meetings with lecturers, to enhance my overall learning experience.

The scholarship also helped tremendously with paying bills and rent, allowing me to live in Newcastle and experience all it has to offer. I was able to forge strong friendships with fellow students and like-minded people and explore Newcastle and surrounding areas with them, creating lasting memories and relationships.

Thank you again for your support and generosity in granting me this scholarship. My postgraduate experience has been so valuable to me, and I am extremely eager to finish my dissertation and eventually job hunt within this field.

Kind regards, Emily Parfitt

Dear Kans and Kandy Charitable Trust,

I'm very grateful for the support I received through the scholarship this academic year. It has made a meaningful difference in my academic journey at Northumbria University.

Thanks to this funding, I was able to fully focus on my studies without the added pressure of financial stress. This allowed me to stay engaged, complete my coursework to a high standard, and ultimately achieve strong grades. I've been able to dedicate more time to deepening my understanding of key topics in Business Analytics, which has given me greater confidence and motivation in my chosen career path.

Additionally, the extra financial support enabled me to complete several short courses and certifications outside of my degree. These courses have not only enhanced my skill set but also helped me build a more competitive CV, opening more opportunities as I prepare to enter the job market.

Overall, the scholarship has allowed me to make the most of my time at Northumbria — both academically and personally — and I'm incredibly thankful for the opportunity it has given me.

Kind regards, Agnieszka Baker