

# GIVING STUDENTS A HELPING HAND

Since its opening in August 2013, Yale-NUS College has offered over 20 percent of its pioneering cohort scholarships and study awards so that students can pursue their ambitions and achieve their potential with peace of mind. Four students share how these scholarships and study awards have transformed their lives and their Yale-NUS experience.



**Sylvia Gan**  
**Prima Scholarship recipient**

“I like the idea of a residential college and a small cohort. These make for a great learning environment, where learning is intimate and transcends classroom boundaries. Also, I think a broad-based curriculum that combines ideas from both Eastern and Western societies is very interesting.

“Before I found out that I had made it into the College, I was still deliberating whether or not to even consider Yale-NUS (although I wanted to come here) as I was not sure if my family could afford it. The Prima Scholarship really played a part in influencing my decision. I am really thankful for the opportunities that Yale-NUS and this Scholarship have given me!”

**Sheryl Foo**  
**Georgette Chen Study Award recipient**

“I think I offer a unique combination of raw talent, energy and a grounded perspective in shaping the culture of my College.

“The Georgette Chen Study Award has lifted a tremendous financial burden off me. I come from a single parent family, where my mother has to also support my younger sister’s education. By relieving my family of the expensive school fees, I do not have to worry about having to work part-time or accumulating debt.”



**Andrea Lee**  
**Sharon Ann Eravelly Scholarship recipient**

“The three weeks I spent in New Haven were truly the time of my life. From the heated debates in seminar sessions to passionate discussions about our ideals for future student societies to arguments over the best pizza in New Haven, I knew that this College was the perfect place for me. I am constantly being drawn into intellectual exchanges between students and faculty and inspired by the great ideas that spontaneously sprout up. I have always desired a liberal arts and science education because it would finally give me the opportunity to learn for learning’s sake.

“Coming from a family of five children, the financial burden on my parents was no small sum. This Scholarship covers my tuition fees, removing a substantial load off my parents’ backs. I do not have to worry about being burdened by hefty student loans or about not being able to secure a place in this school due to the inability to pay.”



**Evan Asava-Aree**  
**J Y Pillay Study Award recipient**

“I hope that a liberal arts education will be an enlightening experience that will inspire us to think out of the box, participate in discussions close to our hearts, and act on ideas we feel most strongly about. I also hope that it will help us see the connection between big ideas in the world, and enable us to apply what we learn in the classroom to the many things around us.

“The J Y Pillay Study Award has made the decision making process (in choosing a college) a much easier one - it significantly decreased the costs of joining Yale-NUS. The Study Award also further motivates me to make the most of my College experience, knowing that I’ve been given the opportunity to do so.”