

Media Release

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New Undergraduate Engineering Scholarships Awarded

The Arkwright Scholarships Trust has awarded its inaugural Undergraduate Scholarships in Engineering to three outstanding candidates.

The Scholarships support students over the full duration of their undergraduate degrees and are worth between £9000 and £12,000 each. The Scholarships have been made possible through the generous support of The Lloyd's Register Educational Trust and The Reece Foundation.

Miss Supriya Gopinath, who is embarking on a chemical engineering degree, received The Arkwright/Lloyd's Register Educational Trust Undergraduate Scholarship. Mr Edmund Eustace and Mr David Hewlett received the two Arkwright/Reece Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships. Mr Eustace and Mr Hewlett have both just started the General Engineering course at the University of Cambridge.

The three Scholarships were bestowed on the recipients at the annual Arkwright Scholarships Award Ceremonies hosted by the Institution of Engineering and Technology in London and Glasgow.

Dr Martin Thomas, the National Director of the Arkwright Scholarships Trust, said: "Whatever the long-term effect of the changing tuition fees, more high-calibre young people need to be encouraged to choose engineering at undergraduate level. These Scholarships mark a new step in Arkwright's efforts to contribute to this need, working in collaboration with these key partners."

Mr Michael Franklin, Director of The Lloyd's Register Educational Trust commented: "After many years of successful involvement with the Arkwright scheme, I am delighted that The LRET is extending its support to one of three inaugural undergraduate scholarships. Arkwright Scholars demonstrate not only academic excellence, but skills, abilities, initiative and energy which set them apart from their peers. Together we are giving vital, practical encouragement to one of the country's top engineering students."

Dr Alan Reece of The Reece Foundation said, "It gives me great pleasure to help two ambitious young people into careers that will not only be useful but also thoroughly enjoyable."

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From left: Miss Gopinath; Mr Michael Franklin, Director of The Lloyd's Register Educational Trust



From left: Mr David Hewlett; Mrs Anne Beresford, Secretary of The Reece Foundation; Mr Ed Eustace

Notes for Editors

1. About The Arkwright Scholarships Trust

The Arkwright Scholarships Trust is a charitable organisation that inspires future leaders in engineering and related areas of design by increasing the number of high-calibre young people who pursue higher education and careers in the sector.

Arkwright tackles its aim by awarding Engineering Scholarships through rigorous selection to high-calibre students from all educational backgrounds to support them through their 'A' levels and Scottish Highers. Scholarships consist of an annual financial award to the Scholar and to her/his school, and a range of enrichment events that increase a Scholar's understanding of engineering and the world of work. Since 1991, Arkwright has awarded 2350 Scholarships, growing year on year.

2. About The Lloyd's Register Educational Trust (The LRET)

The LRET is an independent charity working to achieve advances in transportation, science, engineering and technology education, training and research worldwide for the benefit of all.

3. About The Reece Foundation

The Reece Foundation supports the teaching of engineering, maths and physics and in some cases general education at various institutions in the United Kingdom. It seeks to advance engineering research and production for the public benefit.

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