

## Harry Lownds Memorial Scholarship

Autumn 2023

Dear Lownds family,

Thank you again for the support you have given me and making the year I've had possible. I've thoroughly enjoyed my year at the University of Sussex, and I am sad to be leaving. My year here has not only taught me so much academically but also made me a more sure and confident person.

When we met in person, we spoke a little about my research project into DIS3L2 and cellular stress for my research project. I was fortunate to work in a very social and friendly lab. I met some lovely people while I was there who really helped to shape my year into the fun experience it was, both at the University and outside of it. Some of the most fun experiences included trying out a new wizard-themed bar in Brighton and dressing up as wizards.



In my first letter, I spoke about my desire to do a PhD – this is still a long-term goal of mine but for now I need to take a break and think about what I'm passionate about and what I want to dedicate that time to. For the time being, I have been lucky enough to find a local job working as a biochemist at a pharmaceutical company, a job I would not have without the knowledge and experience I gained from my Masters degree, so thank you so much again for the support you have given me and the role you have had in shaping my future. I have only been working there a little while, but I am already loving it.

There have been a lot of big changes in my life since stepping from university into the 'real world'. I have really fallen in love with Brighton and Sussex and have decided to stay local and have recently moved into a nicer flat just outside of Brighton. This feels a big step up from student living and the amount of space and lack of mould is slightly unnerving. With this new flat comes the newest member of the family, my beautiful new cat Molly. She's five years old and loving her new forever home after previously being re-homed twice. When we first got her, she would hide under the furniture and now, she walks around like she's the one paying rent.

I am also currently planning my wedding which will take place next July. I have managed to find an amazing venue and locked in the date, so now the slightly terrifying countdown has started.

Thank you again and I am looking forward to hopefully seeing you again at Graduation.

Yours,

Tiffany Clements

