

# Hughes



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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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# SCHOLARSHIPS

## Gabrielle Sacconaghi Bacon establishes new IR Scholarship at Hughes

As the most global of Cambridge's Colleges, it is no surprise that Hughes has a significant tradition in International Relations and a strong contingent of IR students each year. Now, thanks to the great generosity of our alumna Gabriella Sacconaghi Bacon, (1988, MPhil International Relations), we shall be able to offer two full scholarships for the world-renowned International Relations and Politics MPhil at POLIS, the Department of International Relations. Gabrielle, who joined Hughes from McGill University in Quebec and is also an alumna of the Canada Parliament Page Programme, was motivated by a desire to offer a new generation of students the opportunity to follow her own path to Cambridge. One full scholarship in each of the next two years will be open to IR graduates, with degrees in IR or related subjects. from McGill, or Page Programme IR graduates.

New Hughes President Dr Anthony Freeling said, 'This is an extremely generous contribution to the College by Gabrielle and it is all the more pleasing to see such support from a Hughes graduate, which gives us a sense of what a strong community we are building. Gabrielle's support is an inspiration to us and presents a unique opportunity for Canadian IR students.'

Commenting on the new Scholarship, Gabrielle said, 'Born in French Canada to an Italian

father and a native Hungarian mother, 'internationalism' was part of my core and my innate curiosity. However, undertaking my Master of Philosophy in International Relations while at Hughes Hall opened the world to me in so many ways I could never have anticipated. Ultimately, my experience at Cambridge changed the course of my life's direction.

As Canadians, we are blessed by an inherent legacy of peacemakers and tolerance. Through this scholarship, I hope to encourage and assist Canadian students to build their own path, fuelled by an education that celebrates the history and diversity of the multicultural planet on which we live.'

The study and teaching of International Relations (IR) at Cambridge began with the initiative of Sir Harry Hinsley, the Master of St. John's College, to work on setting up the Centre of International Studies from the late 1960s. This then led to the creation of an M.Phil. degree in the subject in 1979 which soon flourished and it continues to go from strength to strength through co-operation with staff from the old Politics section of what was then the Social and Political Sciences Tripos.

In January 2009, the Centre of International Studies merged with the Department of Politics to form the Department of Politics and International Studies

(POLIS), to begin a new phase of expansion in the subject at Cambridge. POLIS is led by Professor Christopher Hill, the first Patrick Sheehy Professor of International Relations.

The Department prides itself on not being closeted in an ivory tower and is highly accessible both to the policy community and to ordinary citizens in the Cambridge area, through such ventures as the University's annual Festival of Ideas.



We look forward to bringing news of the Gabrielle Sacconaghi Bacon Scholars in future issues.

## First Ho Tim Foundation Scholar joins Hughes Hall

Hughes has recently seen a significant rise in scholarships funding and this term we were pleased to welcome our first Ho Tim Foundation Scholar, Cynthia Ng. Cynthia has joined us from the Chinese University of Hong Kong for a year's MPhil in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

The Scholarship is generously funded by the Ho Tim Foundation whose Director Norman Ho is a leading member of the Hughes Hong Kong circle. Norman established the scheme with the aim of enabling CUHK graduates to spend a fully-funded year at Hughes and commented, 'The Ho Tim



Norman Ho of the Ho Tim Foundation

Foundation has a long history of community involvement. Our aim is to support meaningful and charitable activities in society and to provide scholarships for selected candidates to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies both in Hong Kong and overseas. We are honoured to have our first scholar Cynthia Ng at Hughes Hall and we wish her every success in her studies in Cambridge.'



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