



Criteria for the David Williams Prize

David Williams was a medical student at Imperial 2008 to 2011. Tragically he was killed by a drunk driver in California 25 June 2011, on only the 2nd day of a holiday/charity cycle ride from Los Angeles to New York.

David was a phenomenal cyclist who had cycled across Sri Lanka 2006, and Cambodia 2007, in support of the International Childcare Trust. In 2008 he cycled from near his family home in Surrey, to Istanbul!

David was inspired to study medicine following a 3 month international volunteer programme in Costa Rica, where he worked with an American team of volunteers providing basic medical and immunisations to migrant coffee pickers. His aspirations were to qualify as a doctor, work at, and 1 day run, a clinic in the 3rd world, training nurses and providing basic but sustainable medical care, then become a paediatrician and finally a family doctor.

David worked alternate weekends at Treetops, a respite centre near in Surrey for severely mentally handicapped children, was an organiser and donor to the NHS Blood Transfusion service and a volunteer with the St John Ambulance.



This award, jointly funded by ICSMSU and David's family, is a fitting tribute to, and in memory of David, a wonderful son to Betty and Bill, a loving brother to Laura, and a fine colleague and friend of so many at Imperial, who wanted to become a doctor to help those so less fortunate than ourselves.

The Prize is given to support an Elective with the aim of enabling others to continue his work, particularly those who without this support would not be able to undertake the work.

Those students who are undertaking an elective that fulfills the following criteria are encouraged to apply for this prize which is aimed to support a student who is passionate about improving the lives of others who are disadvantaged. The features of the applicant's elective that we would look favourably on include:

- Involving volunteer work in a third world/less developed country
- Working with the poor and disadvantaged
- Delivering support that is sustainable long term
- Supporting those with disabilities
- Work related to global health

The Prizes may be given to between two and four applicants to the value of £500 or £250 at the discretion of the Electives Grants Working Group, whose decision will be final.