

Resounding Success 迴音

Their success stories rebound.

*Echoes that ripple through
and made a difference to our world ~~~*



This is the inaugural COSF Epistle to our donors and supporters on the successful achievements of young minds which the China Oxford Scholarship Fund has had the privilege of meeting.

We are happy that we were in a position to provide a degree of assistance and assurance to our scholars. Often our modest offer has altered the course of their lives.

We would like to share their testimony with you.



FOREWORD

This is COSF EPISTLE ONE.

They are letters from past and current scholars to all our other scholars since 1992, and to our donors, some for close to three decades, who have been in staunch support of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund.

For our first epistle, there are six letters from members of your larger COSF family.

Bo Shen Wu

China Oxford Award (2008)

DPhil in Organic Chemistry (Thesis Commendation) (2012)

Jesus College

Master of Business Administration

University of Stanford

He is a bioscience expert now working on COVID-19

Fei Yan

Wei Oxford Award (2011)

DPhil in Sociology (2014)

St. Cross College

Post Doctoral Fellow

University of Stanford

He is a professor in Tsinghua University

Cecilia Cheuk

Pay It Forward Scholarship (2016)

DPhil in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (2020)

Linacre College

Now working for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in HKU

Bo Yang

Wei Oxford Award + Thomas Wong Scholarship (both 2016)

DPhil in Computer Science (2020)

Exeter College

He is an associate professor at the Polytechnic University HK

Dominic Chan

B&J Lloyd Family Trust Award (2019)

MSc in Mathematics & Computational Finance (2020)

Mansfield College

He works as a quantitative researcher in London

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St. Paul wrote thirteen memorable epistles to his followers. We hope we will be able to organise more than that - at least once a year, perhaps two - in the years to come.

“That person is a success who loves life, and lives it to the fullest; who has discovered and shared the strengths and talents that are uniquely their own.”



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抱负和思想的土壤。

Bo Shen Wu

这一切的开始，都得益于COSF的
慷慨资助，可以让一个心怀学术
梦想的少年，可以踏实地去追求
梦想。

Bo Shen Wu

有赖中国牛津奖学金在2016年的支持，
最近在疫情下完成了牛津大学妇产科
博士课程，

Cecilia Cheuk

感谢中国牛津奖学金基金的慷慨支持，
让我既能专注于自己的研究项目，又能
体验独特的大学生活。

Bo Yang

很感谢能成为COSF Scholars的
一份子。

Dominic

我仍十分感激COSF，让我在牛津的
生活开展得十分顺利。

C. Yang

Mr. Bo Shen Wu
China Oxford Award (2008)
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Dear COSF

Today, the world is evolving at a speed that nobody has imagined before, impacting every single person on Earth through scientific breakthroughs, local economy developments, and a small virus called COVID-19 that is reshaping our world. COVID-19 pandemic hit the globe in the year 2020, more than 100 million people got infected and over 2 million families lost their loved ones. People are united together towards a common goal: to eradicate the COVID-19 and build a healthier world. This is what I am aspiring for: a healthier China, a healthier World.

The University of Oxford aims to solve the most critical problems in the World. Facing the COVID-19 pandemic, Oxford is responding with its novel vaccine together with UK pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca. As a China Oxford Scholarship Scholar, I am proud to respond with a COVID-19 antibody cocktail that can treat COVID-19 patients, provide prophylactic protection to vulnerable residents, and mitigate mutated variants. So far, the antibody cocktail developed by the company I operate, TSB Therapeutics, is undertaking phase 2/3 study all over the globe including China mainland, Hongkong SAR, US, and South America. Hopefully within months, vulnerable lives can be saved and hope can be spread. This work has been recognized by President Xi and Ministry of Science and Technology, and reported on CCTV during the NPC and CPPCC meeting this March.

The city of dreaming spires is the starting point of my journey. The idea of enhancing accessibility of critical medicines was at the core of my graduate research at Oxford, where I worked to develop techniques that could increase production yields of chemicals that are found in medicines but occur rarely in nature. By the end of my study, I designed a biochemical process that synthesized a survival enhancement agent at 1% of the former production cost. To acknowledge my research, I received thesis commendation in 2012.

China Oxford Scholarship Fund kick-starts my journey at Oxford. Not every aspiring individual has the privilege to start his/her study at Oxford for many reasons. To me, funding and fear of the unknown overseas are the two most crucial obstacles. I would love to thank COSF who invested in me, connected me to the outside world and fostered me as an individual within the COSF community. Special thanks to Mrs. Annie Liang Bentley who was my interviewer, my benefactor, and who then became my friend and life tutor.

To me, COSF is the soil that cultivates the inspiring minds that support the backbone and future of China. Since 1992, hundreds of scholars have benefited from COSF and grown. Nearly thirty years have passed. As a beneficiary, I am proud and grateful to be a member of COSF interviewing committee and donate my income and time to help next generation COSF scholars for a better China and better World.

I often ask myself: "If we can improve the affordability of the medicines by one order of magnitude, how many more lives can we save? What would the world look like?" Similarly, I also ask myself: "If COSF hadn't invested in me, what would my world look like?" I don't know the answer, but I am sure the answer will be filled with gratitude.

Bo Shen Wu

Bo Shen Wu

Chief Operating Officer, TSB Therapeutics (Subsidiary of Bii BioSciences)
Senior Commercial Director, Bii BioSciences



致中国牛津奖学金基金,

时至今日，世界正在以无法想象的速度演化并通过科技突破、地缘经济发展、还有一个名叫“新冠”的小病毒等影响着我们每一个人的生活。2020年，新冠疫情波及全球，累计超过1亿患者，超过200万个家庭失去了至亲。如今，全人类共同携手为同一目标奋斗，即消灭新冠病毒，共筑健康新世界。这也是我一直以来的奋斗目标：更健康的中国，更健康的世界。

牛津大学一直致力于解决世界上最亟待解决的问题。面对新冠疫情，牛津大学的回应是，与英国制药巨头阿斯利康共同研制创新疫苗。作为中国牛津奖学金基金(COSF)学者，我自豪的回应是，我主导和协调研发出能够治疗新冠病人，提供易感人群预防，并能够抵挡病毒变异的新冠抗体鸡尾酒疗法。至今，我负责营运的公司腾盛华创所研发的抗体鸡尾酒已经进入全球2/3期临床实验，地域覆盖了中国大陆，香港特别行政区，美国与南美洲。在几个月内，期待脆弱的生命将能被拯救，战胜疫情的希望能被传播。这份工作被习总书记和中国科技部高度认可，并在今年三月两会期间被中央电视台报道。

塔尖之城是我梦想之旅的起点。在牛津，我的研究重点是提升重要药品的病人可及性。具体的说，就是针对自然界特别罕见稀缺但具有重要医疗作用的化学物质通过化学技术提升产量。在我完成学业之时，我设计出一套生物化学流程生产出一种人体机能提升药物，能有效降低生产成本至原来的1%。学校为了表彰我的研究成果，在2012年我获得了优秀博士的称号。

我的牛津之旅的启程有赖于COSF的支持。不是每一位有雄心壮志的学生都有荣幸能够来到牛津学习。无法启程的原因是多种多样的，于我而言，其中对资金的需求和对海外未知的恐惧是两个最核心的障碍。在此，我衷心感谢COSF用奖学金投资了我个人，让我能够与海外世界连接，并且在COSF大家庭中成长。我尤其感谢梁安妮女士，她是我的面试官，我的资助人，并在我生命中成为朋友和人生导师。

对我来说，COSF是一片能够滋养抱负和思想的土壤，进而为中国的未来提供中坚力量。从1992年开始，数以百计的学者受到COSF的恩惠并得以成长。如今COSF即将迎来第30个年头，作为曾经的受惠者，我感到无比自豪和感恩成为COSF面试官，并通过贡献我的部分收入和时间来支持新一代COSF学者建设更好的中国和世界。

我经常问我自己：“如果我可以提升病人对药物的经济负担能力一个数量级，我们会多拯救多少人，世界会变得怎么样？”同样的，我也问我自己：“如果COSF当年没有资助我，我的世界会变得怎么样？”我并不知道答案，但是我相信，这个答案会充满感恩。



伍博深

Mr. Fei Yan
Wei Oxford Award (2011)
DPhil in Sociology (2014)
St. Cross College

Post Doctoral Fellow
University of Stanford



Dear COSF

My name is Fei Yan. I am an Associate Professor in Sociology at Tsinghua University. It is my great honor and pleasure to share my academic journey with COSF family.

I was admitted by the DPhil program in sociology at University of Oxford in 2011 after receiving my master's degree at Stanford University. Although the Department and College both generously sponsored me with their scholarship programs, the gap for covering the rest of my doctoral expenses still remained significant. In great despair, I learned about COSF. To me, it was not merely the only available scholarship program, but my academic dream and whole career. Determined yet extremely nervous, I flew from Stanford to Hong Kong to attend interview in July 2011. Even till today I still remember how nervous I was when I presented my published book to them and shared with them the goal for my academic research. I wanted to uplift the level of public vision via my study, and to ultimately contribute towards the transformation of Chinese society. To me, academic research is not just my interest, but more importantly my responsibility. Luckily, I was awarded Wei Oxford Award and joined COSF family in that year

My life as a doctoral student at Oxford thus began. This experience was so enjoyable that even till today I still regard it as one my best memories, a large part of it thanks to the gatherings and academic events COSF held. To us international students so far away from home, these events created not only academic fulfillment, but also the sense of belonging. In September 2014, I completed my DPhil at Oxford and became a post-doctoral fellow at Stanford. In 2016, I came back to China and officially joined Tsinghua University, where I have been pursuing my academic career ever since. Today, having made some achievements, I never for once have forgotten that all these great experiences and opportunities I could have had were granted by the sponsoring of COSF. It was COSF's generosity that allowed a young student with academic aspiration to pursue his dream, and made me who I am today.

Upon joining Tsinghua, I strived to inspire the younger generation with my academic journey, and to pass on COSF's spirits. In 2017, I officially became a member of the interview panel of COSF. Since then, I have joined the candidate screening and interviewing every year to discover and help those with dreams. In 2020, I myself became a donator to COSF and established Yan Oxford Award, open to applicants of all subjects and colleges, in helping them achieving their academic aspirations.

The pursuit of academic career is never easy. Instead of a sightseeing in an established national park, I think of the academic journey more as an adventurous exploration in a remote cave: dark, isolated and even at times terrifying, but also extremely thrilling and rewarding at the epiphany moment of a fascinating discovery. Looking back, I have absolutely been granted by COSF, starting from the initial sponsorship, to nowadays friendship and the honor of working with all of you. I cannot express enough how significant the work of COSF is to all the adventurous and talented students in pursuing their academic career, and how proud I am to witness their metamorphosis. I firmly believe, all the work we do today will end in an ever-brighter future for the wellbeing of our society.



Fei Yan

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致中国牛津奖学金基金,

我是严飞，目前任教于清华大学，担任清华大学社会治理与发展研究院副院长、清华大学社会学系副系主任、副教授、博士生导师，教育部“青年长江学者”。非常高兴有机会可以在这里跟COSF的各位捐赠者一起分享我的学术之旅。

我先后在牛津大学、斯坦福大学获得硕士学位，2014年赴牛津大学攻读社会学博士学位。当时只有系里和学院给了一部分奖学金，却不足以负担博士期间的全部费用。当时还有机会可以申请的奖学金，只有COSF。我对自己说，一定不要放弃对于学术梦想的追求。2014年的7月，我从斯坦福飞到香港，参加了COSF的奖学金面试。我一直清楚的记得，当时Annie, Sue, William, Kenneth都是面试官之一。我其实非常紧张，为了掩盖自己的紧张，就掏出了事前准备好的自己写的书《我要的香港》(香港文化工房，2012；浙江大学出版社，2013)，请各位评审老师传阅，以增加自己面试的自信。我非常渴望可以通过学术的研究，提升公众的思想与视野，从而进一步为中国社会的转型与进步做出贡献。这是我的学术使命，也是我的职责所在。很幸运，我最终获得了Wei Oxford Award的奖学金资助，正式加入到COSF的大家庭。

在牛津的读书生活，简单而充实。COSF又组织了很多次聚会、交流和学术活动，让我们这些在异乡追梦的少年们不再孤单，而是有了一个大家庭般的归属感。2014年9月，我从牛津大学社会学系完成博士学位，成为了牛津社会学系历史上完成博士学位最快的学生。同年10月，我又回到斯坦福大学开始从事博士后研究工作，2016年正式回国加入清华大学，在学术的道路上继续努力探索——而这一切的开始，都得益于COSF的慷慨资助，可以让一个心怀学术梦想的少年，可以踏实地去追求梦想。

加入清华之后，我就决定要以自己的学术之旅去激励更多的年轻人，把COSF的精神传递下去。2017年，我又出版了《学问的冒险》、《城市的张望》(中信出版社，2017)两本著作，并正式成为COSF的interview panel的一员，每年和大家一起参与筛选、面试COSF奖学金申请者的工作，发现那些年轻的梦想，给予他们帮助和激励。2020年，我出版畅销书《穿透：像社会学家一样思考》(上海三联书店，2020)，成为很多年轻人的必读书目。同一年，我成为了COSF的捐赠者之一，建立起Yan Oxford Award，开放给任何学科、任何学院的申请者，以帮助他们完成学术的梦想。

学术生活实际上并不是一场桃花源之旅，而更像是一场洞穴探险：充满了泥泞、黑暗、孤独、恐慌，以及烛火偶尔照见墙上瑰丽壁画时的狂喜。回望这一路，我很幸运，获得了COSF奖学金的资助，也结识了很多非常好的朋友，并在COSF和大家一起努力工作；我也很骄傲，可以帮助到更多的年轻学子，让他们更加自由的飞翔。我相信，我们今天点点滴滴的资助，必将在不远的将来栽培出丰硕的果实。



严飞

Ms. Cecilia Cheuk
Pay It Forward Scholarship (2016)
DPhil in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (2020)
Linacre College



Dear COSF

I hope this email finds you well and that you stay safe during this time.

I am writing to update our COSF community for my move, and I have recently, thankfully, been able to made acknowledgement to the fund for my DPhil journey at the thesis archive at Oxford ORA (you can find that under 'Funding' at <https://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:a6cb357e-0c5a-4542-ac21-a3dd1c2c1fa9>; thesis titled: Elucidating the Heterogeneity of Endometriosis using Multi-omics).

Thank you for your support throughout these 4 years that makes the time in Oxford memorable.

The second update is that I have moved to Hong Kong last September to work towards Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at The University of Hong Kong. I have received support from the Aspiration Foundation Second Chance Scholarship for full tuition fee to help kick start of my medical training.

And I would like to particularly thank Prof Paul Tam, one of the HK Board of Trustees and was in the panel of my interview back in 2016, who encouraged me to seek for my research path and continue to look for opportunity to be trained as a clinician.

Cecilia Cheuk

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John Radcliffe Hospital - Women's Centre

致中国牛津奖学金基金,

有赖中国牛津奖学金在2016年的支持，最近在疫情下完成了牛津大学妇产科博士课程，四年内除了专注研究子宫内膜异位症亚表型的基因组外，也在牛津出席了COSF举办的聚会，认识很多来自中国和英国的同伴与老师，交流学术心得。得到多位教授与老师的鼓励，最近回港开始了医学训练，希望日后成为一位研究与临床应用兼备的医者。

Cecilia Cheuk

卓思勤



Mr. Bo Yang
Wei Oxford Award & Thomas Wong Scholarship (2016)
DPhil in Computer Science (2020)
Exeter College



Dear COSF

Hope you are well through the uncertain and unprecedented times. Being honoured as a COSF scholar, I am excited to update the progress that I have made so far.

Looking back at autumn 2016, I was lucky to be a member of Oxford where there once was a hustle and bustle going on every day. Thanks to the generous support from COSF, I was able to focus on my research projects as well as enjoy the unique college life. After four years of ups and downs, I successfully defended my DPhil thesis and obtained the doctoral degree in September 2020. At that moment, the city of Oxford was distinctively tranquil, yet my mind was by no means calmful. My thesis titled “Learning to Reconstruct and Segment 3D Objects” addresses critical issues of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. As yet, it is my greatest achievement.

With the rapid development of technology and the fierce competition between countries, I feel an extremely strong responsibility to educate new generations of talents. From this, I decided to join the Department of Computing at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University as an Assistant Professor since November 2020. As a lecturer, advisor, and supervisor for young students, I really enjoy the daily work to motivate, guide and equip them with cutting-edge technologies. This is truly rewarding and ignites my passion for the career.

Without the support and encouragement from COSF, these academic achievements are not possible for me in the past four years. I sincerely appreciate all benefactors, sponsors, and trustees of COSF.

Bo Yang

Assistant Professor
Department of Computing
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

尊敬的中国牛津奖学金基金,

回顾2016年秋季,我很幸运地成为牛津大学的一员。感谢中国牛津奖学金基金的慷慨支持,让我既能专注于自己的研究项目,又能体验独特的大学生活。经过四年的努力,我于2020年9月顺利通过博士论文答辩,获得计算器博士学位。

随着科技的飞速发展和国家间的激烈竞争,我感到教育新一代人才的责任极其重大。由此,我决定自2020年11月起加入香港理工大学计算器系担任助理教授。作为年轻学生的老师,我非常享受每天的工作,激励、引导他们,让他们掌握最先进的科学技术。这些成就感也点燃了我对这份职业的热情。

如果没有中国牛津奖学金基金的支持,我不可能在过去四年取得如此学术成就。我衷心感谢中国牛津奖学金基金的所有赞助人和理事们。

Bo Yang

杨波



Mr. Dominic Chan
B&J Lloyd Family Trust Award (2019)
MSc in Mathematics and Computational Finance (2020)
Mansfield College



Dear COSF

I have finished my masters at Oxford and graduated with Distinction. The masters program is definitely a challenging but rewarding experience. It opened a lot of doors for me, both in academia and careers opportunities.

During my masters program, as a dissertation project, thanks to the connection from the masters program, I have the opportunity to work with a start-up, called SME Capital to develop more advance credit scoring model using machine learning techniques. (We showed that for SME's their ability to return the money they borrowed are not only dependent on their financial health but very linked to the quality of their management team).

I am currently working in London as a quantitative researcher (quant) with a hedge fund called Squarepoint Capital. It is a steep learning curve but I am enjoying the work I do. I hope to gain a few years of working experience abroad before going back to work in China. London as a well-developed financial market, has an exceptionally diverse and rich ecosystem for quant researcher to collaborate and I felt that my growth here would be the quickest in the first few years of my career.

致中国牛津奖学金基金,

很感谢能成为COSF Scholars的一份子。我所修读的牛津硕士课程是「数学及计算机金融」, 这课程不但增长了我数学上的认知, 课程和业界独有的人脉也帮助我获得可贵的工作经验。

我希望可以累积在海外工作的体会和经验, 学以致用, 为我日后回国回馈国家铺路。

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dominic".

Dominic Chan
陈浩君

Quantitative Researcher
Squarepoint Capital

Mr. Chin Ching Yeung
Pay It Forward Scholarship (2019)
Studying for a DPhil in Mathematics
Linacre College



Dear COSF

It is very nice to hear from you and the China Oxford Scholarship Fund again. It is also my wish to share my experience and progress with the trustees of COSF, in response to their enormous encouragement to me last year.

I am continuing my second-year doctoral studies here in Oxford and things are going fine in general so far. I am also making good progress in my studies and research.

I find my Oxford experience very rewarding and eye-opening, and this is made possible by the support of COSF. However, the coronavirus pandemic has indeed caused a difficult time in my life here in the UK, which had been much more enjoyable before the pandemic – Before the lockdown, I was able to meet a lot of interesting people from diverse backgrounds, participate in various activities beyond the formal studies and experience the unique cultural atmosphere in this historical city and institute. I do hope we will be able to go back to normal soon especially when there is exciting news about the successful development of vaccines recently.

Besides, I would also like to share a piece of good news about me with the trustees of COSF. I have been awarded a scholarship from the Croucher Foundation, which is a Hong Kong-based charity supporting scientific development in Hong Kong. The scholarship provides support to my doctoral studies for two years starting from this year. I remain very grateful for COSF for the generous financial support last year, which made the commencement of my doctoral journey a lot easier.

I am also very happy to see new and energetic faces in the new cohort of COSF scholars. I hope I will have the opportunity to meet them in Oxford in the coming future.

May you please also convey my sincere wishes to the trustees of COSF in this difficult time. I look forward to hearing more good news from COSF in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Yeung'.

Chin Ching Yeung

DPhil Candidate in Mathematics
Linacre College

致中国牛津奖学金基金,

很高兴可以与COSF的捐助人及支持者分享我的近况。

转眼已来到牛津近一年半，我的博士研究已进入轨道。我很享受这里独特的学术生活及文化体验，与来自全球的顶级学者交流更让我深受启迪！然而，全球疫情为这里的生活带来极大挑战，唯望疫情可尽快受控，让原来的精彩的学术交流与活动得以恢复。

另外，我刚获得裘槎博士生奖学金，该奖学金将支持我在今明两年的博士生活。我仍十分感激COSF，让我在牛津的生活开展得十分顺利。



杨展青

