

My Scholar Story

Since transferring to CSU Fullerton from Mt. SAC, I have completed my BA in English in 2008 and have worked in book publishing for two years. I now attend Claremont Graduate University where I will receive my Master's in English this August and where I will begin doctoral studies in the English PhD program this fall. I currently work at CGU Writing Center, working with graduate students & facilitating the dissertation boot camp. I am also a graduate assistant with the CSUF McNair Scholars, which is a federally funded program that assists first-generation, low-income, underrepresented students to prepare for graduate school. I plan to teach college-level writing and upper division British & Victorian literature with my PhD.

Being selected as a Mt. SAC scholar gave me the confidence to pursue my scholarly interest as I juggled part-time jobs and courses. I have since used the skills I developed as a student at Mt. SAC in advancing my studies. Now that I will be starting my doctoral program, I look back to the support and encouragement I received at Mt. SAC from professors and staff and find myself grateful for the experiences I've had while attending the school.

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