

A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM YOUR SCHOLAR

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When I applied to the Digital Media Design for Learning (DMDL) MA program at NYU in Fall of 2017, the Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) industry has just started booming. I was always very fascinated by educational technology. Before joining the NYU DMDL program, I mainly worked in non-profit organizations, working with at-risk youth. I constantly thought about what I can do to help the children learn better. My curiosity in learning and designing new educational tools led me to NYU Steinhardt's DMDL program.

WHAT ARE THREE GOALS YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH, OR YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, DURING YOUR TIME AT NYU STEINHARDT?

I had three goals when I joined the program: 1) Learn the theories behind how people learn 2) Gain new technological skills that can open doors to new opportunities 3) Form life-long friendship and mentorship with other students and faculty members. I will be graduating in a semester, looking back, I have accomplished more goals than I have imagined. I have not only equipped myself with strong learning theories from cognitive science, learning science, and designing process classes, I have also learned how to code and develop my own augmented reality applications. More importantly, I have gained life-long friendships with students and faculty. NYU Steinhardt offered amazing support to its students throughout the year.

HOW HAS THIS SCHOLARSHIP IMPACTED YOUR EXPERIENCE AT NYU?

Winning the scholarship had helped to get over my imposter syndrome and helped me to build confidence for the next chapter of my career. It has reduced some of my anxiety and also encouraged me to do more research in the area of study.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT YOURSELF THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? (OPTIONAL)

Thank you for offering this amazing opportunity!



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