

GTC student is first Oxonian to win Fulbright Science and Technology Award

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Reuben Ng, studying for an MSc in Management Research at Green Templeton College, has won a 2009 International Fulbright Science and Technology Award.



Reuben was selected as one of the top 43 winners out of a group of 120 candidates fielded by respective American Embassies in 73 countries. He is the first student from the University of Oxford to win this award.

The International Fulbright Science and Technology Award for Outstanding Foreign Students provides talented students with an opportunity to pursue PhD study at top US universities.

Sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State, the Award is designed to be the most prestigious international scholarship in science and technology.

Reuben has been accepted to read a PhD in Public Health at Yale University on this Fulbright award, along with two fellowships provided by Yale.

"With the scholarship, I plan to carry on researching resilience and psychopathology: my interest lies in understanding tragedies like the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007. Afterwards I hope to use the findings to devise prevention strategies at the individual level - for example, developing resilience programmes - and at the population level formulating pro-prevention policies," says Reuben.

He adds: "I am especially grateful to Green Templeton College advisor Professor Robert Walker, Saïd Business School Professor Steve Rayner, Professor David Barron, GTC Fellow Professor Steve Woolgar, Dr Meredith Rolfe, and MSc Program Director Professor Sue Dopson for being admired mentors who have shaped my thinking and inspired me to pursue an academic career."

In March 2009 Reuben was runner-up in the Economic and Social Research Council's Neville Butler Memorial Prize for Longitudinal Studies.

The Neville Butler Prize promotes excellence in the analysis of longitudinal data. The prize is awarded to an early career researcher whose work comprises longitudinal research that both contributes to knowledge in a significant way but also has evident social value and public relevance.

Reuben beat doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers and early career academics to win the runner up award.