Throughout his distinguished career of 40 years, Sir David was one of the UK’s leading higher education academics. Whatever his role, students were at the heart of his concern. He had a passion for finding ways to enable students to get the most from their education.

Following highly successful periods in four very different higher education institutions, Sir David joined Green Templeton College as its second Principal in 2010, and transformed the College, helping to shape an institution ready and eager to address some of the major challenges of the 21st century.

He worked tirelessly with the student body to ensure that they played a central role, celebrating their achievements and encouraging their successes in academic, professional, sporting, musical and other cultural activities.

As a tribute to his commitment to students and to education more widely, the College has created The Sir David Watson DPhil Scholarship.

This will be awarded to an outstanding scholar who has been accepted by the University and the College to undertake a DPhil within the social sciences. The Scholarship will be awarded once every three to four years; thus there will always be one Sir David Watson Scholar in the College. It is proposed that the first scholar be appointed in 2017.
Scholarships at Green Templeton College

We aim to attract the brightest and best graduate students from anywhere in the world to study at GTC, irrespective of their financial circumstances. To this end, we assist around 40 students each year through a range of scholarships funded by the College and through the generosity of donors.

We give opportunities to exceptional people on a needs-blind basis. These are people who can really benefit from studying at GTC and who can give back in return. Many of them will become leaders in their fields, whose research and work has the potential to have an enormous impact on society.

Every donation, however modest, will make a difference. There are a number of ways that you can donate, from a one-off gift to a regular donation on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

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Diana Koester - DPhil Politics
GTC Scholarship Recipient

Thanks to the GTC DPhil scholarship I can look back on two rewarding years as a DPhil student at Green Templeton.

My research has focused on how post-conflict statebuilding can work better for women. In my thesis I aim to understand what drives state responses to violence against women after conflict. At the moment I am based in Kigali to learn more about Rwanda’s experience in combatting domestic and sexual violence after the genocide. In parallel to my academic work, I help advise OECD development donors on how they can best support both men and women in conflict-affected situations.

"I call GTC my home. Living and working in this close community of brilliant people has been a huge source of support, happiness and inspiration."

Nelson Oppong, GTC

Last year I got to chair the Human Welfare Conference. With great support from the college, our organizing team brought together graduates, academics and practitioners from around the world to share new ideas for better lives in low-income countries. Now I edit GTC’s academic journal Human Welfare, which aims to publish the best graduate research tackling contemporary human welfare challenges.

GTC has also given me many opportunities to pursue my love of music. I joined the GTC choir and played the piano at the Schubertiades that Sir David would organize. I was privileged to experience all of this with Sir David as my college advisor. He encouraged and challenged me to be a better academic, musician, and person.

Scholarships at Green Templeton College

"Without the financial support provided by a scholarship, access to a place like Oxford would have been impossible. I believe it is through such support that young people like me can change themselves and proceed to change their world."

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