

# **International scholarships**

- testimonials from awardees  
and donors**



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Excellent international students make out an important building block in our vision - "Chalmers - a globally outstanding university of technology, for a better world". Scholarships are necessary tools in our endeavor to attract some of the brightest students from around the world.

In 2029, Chalmers celebrates 200 years, and we aim to raise 200 MSEK to create a jubilee foundation to be used for various projects supporting our endeavor to offer world-class education. One goal within the jubilee foundation is to raise a total of 50 MSEK to create a fund that will offer scholarships to international students (non-EU\* students in general) of which a minimum of 10 MSEK specifically dedicated for US scholarships. The US part of the scholarship campaign, since it will run between the two anniversaries goes under the name of "75 – 200 in 5 years".

There's a proud tradition of philanthropy at Chalmers, dating back all the way to the start in 1829, when Chalmers was founded thanks to a large donation from William Chalmers. The tradition of giving back...or paying it forward, has continued through generous alumni and friends. Odd Albert and Gunnar Nicholson, who hosted the first alumni gathering in the US, were both great philanthropists who donated funds to Chalmers and other institutions to support students and scholars both in Sweden and the US. Odd Albert's donation to Chalmers still generates about 100 000 SEK annually as scholarships awarded to gifted students. Gunnar Nicholson made 4 donations, each for 1 MUSD in 1984, 3 of which had the purpose of supporting research collaboration between the U.S. and Sweden and one to the U.S. engineering association, TAPPI, to give out an annual award to replace the TAPPI medal.

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In more recent years, US Friends of Chalmers was founded by a group of alumni in 2002 as a 501 (c) 3 organization to raise funds through some large and many small donations in support of Chalmers. The first scholarship was awarded in 2012 and since then, 18 scholarships have been awarded to US students, some thanks to a generous donation by the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation to the U.S. Friends of Chalmers scholarship program campaign.

Another fantastic scholarship program at Chalmers is the Sievert Larsson Scholarship for Thai students. This program is funded by the Sievert Larsson Scholarship Foundation and has supported scholarships at Chalmers since 2010. Over the years, well over 30 Thai students have been given the opportunity to get their master's degrees at Chalmers thanks to the generosity of Sievert Larsson, also known as Mr Sievert.

With this campaign, we want to secure the availability of scholarships for the foreseeable future instead of relying on year-to-year donations. All donations matter and many small donations go a long way to drum up engagement and build a culture of giving – we hope you want to support this mission!

Information on how to donate can be found on the back of this brochure!

\*EU-students are not required to pay tuition fees.

# Donors

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The way the world looks, we must have an international perspective on everything we do. It goes without saying that I support Chalmers.

- Sievert Larsson, founder, Sievert Larsson Scholarship Foundation

"To get Americans to study abroad and experience an international world is very important. Chalmers is of course the number one choice."

- Bengt Gerborg (E66)



It is not science's fault that humanity today is facing a number of problems. On the contrary, it is 'the scientific method' that is now needed to curb irrational, human, and local sub-optimal thinking. This is where Chalmers gives us hope for the future!

Give Chalmers your support to increase the international exchange of ideas, opportunities, and solutions.

- Folke Arbin (K72)



“Chalmers has been vitally important for us personally, and professionally for Conny. Throughout our lives, Chalmers alumni have been instrumental in helping us along in many ways. Giving students from outside of the European Union the opportunity to come and study at Chalmers is important for the university, and for all other students. It is important for us to support creating these opportunities.”

- Conny (E74) and Lena Kullman



Chalmers is an internationally recognized university of technology. Scholarships are essential to attract world class students.

We find it very rewarding supporting Chalmers international scholarship program enhancing the multicultural environment at the university.

- Bo (E68) and Anita Hedfors

# Testimonials

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"I began my journey at Chalmers in 2014, pursuing a Master's degree in Biotechnology. Thanks to the invaluable scholarship I received, I was able to delve deep into the world of science and pave the way for my future. The scholarship not only supported my studies, but it also propelled me towards achieving my ultimate goal of attaining a PhD degree.

Today, I work at AstraZeneca as the Associate Director for Science and Engagement in Clinical Operations. My time at Chalmers, coupled with the support of the scholarship, has been instrumental in shaping my career and providing me with the knowledge and skills that I utilize in my current role. I am grateful for the opportunities that Chalmers and the scholarship have afforded me, and I look forward to continuing to make meaningful contributions in the field of biotechnology and beyond."

*Daphne Hingert, Sievert Larsson Scholarship, 2014*



Greetings Chalmers Alumni Association!

I studied a MSc Software engineering at Chalmers from 2014-2016. I'm very thankful for the US friends of Chalmers' scholarship, which really kickstarted my journey to a whole new chapter in my life. During my thesis I was lucky enough to be able to start my own business helping Swedish hospitals and universities build MedTech software. Though I do still maintain many of these systems today as well as contribute to various startups, five years ago I transitioned to a position as a lead developer at Spotify where I currently am. My partner and I have also increased our family size to 4 in 2023!

I am very grateful for all the good the scholarship has brought to myself and others directly and indirectly. So a huge thank you to all of the donors!

*Mark Meurer, U.S. Friends of Chalmers  
Scholarship, 2014*



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“Apart from the knowledge of acoustics I acquired through my studies, the connections that Chalmers provided allowed me to pursue my dream career in acoustic consulting. I have been working at Brekke & Strand Akustik since 2019 specializing in industrial noise control and enjoying the opportunities to visit industrial sites (and cities) all throughout Sweden as well as some of our offices in Norway. I have recently relocated to Malmö and will continue at Brekke & Strand's office here after parental leave with my first child (who will be making her arrival soon). I am so thankful for the scholarship for allowing me to come to Chalmers and Sweden and setting my trajectory.”

*Rebecca Gille, U.S. Friends of Chalmers  
Scholarship, 2017*





“My life journey has been filled with many twists and turns, many choices on where to go and also many obstacles. What this scholarship did for me, is opening a door for me in 2018, which I would never be able to open without this support. This door led me to a better education in Software engineering at Chalmers. It's a once in a lifetime chance, being able to study in Chalmers in Sweden, I learned, discover, and appreciate more. To my surprise, I also learned more about myself. I became a better version of myself. For example, I never really cared about nature, the environment, or sustainability, it's all just buzz word for me. But living here in Sweden made me aware of how precious earth is and that it is everyone's responsibility to care for it. Since I graduated from Chalmers, I decided to stay and find work in Sweden. I got an offer at Ericsson where I am now a Release leader. This scholarship has given me more than just a good education and opportunity. It gave me a chance to be better, work at a good place, and contribute towards a better future.”

*Kanhokthorn (Grace) Leadkeattiwong, Sievert  
Larsson Scholarship, 2018*

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"I am deeply honored and grateful for the Sievert Larsson Scholarship, which has given me the incredible opportunity to study at Chalmers University of Technology. I'm Thanisorn Sriudomporn from Thailand, and I pursued the System, Control and Mechatronics program at Chalmers from 2019 to 2021. Coming from a family with limited financial means, I never imagined I could reach this point in my academic and career journey. This scholarship has not only provided the financial support needed to pursue my dreams but has also opened doors to a wonderful experience at Chalmers and a great international career path at Ericsson, pushing me to achieve more than I ever thought possible. The experience has truly transformed my life, empowering me to strive for excellence and inspiring me to give back to others in the future. Thank you once again for believing in me and supporting my education."

*Thanisorn Sriudomporn, Sivert Larsson Scholarship  
2019*



"My name is Brett Musolf and I am an alumnus of Chalmers and a recipient of the US Friends of Chalmers scholarship. My story with Chalmers began in California. I was seeking to make a change in my life, and I knew furthering my education would be key to this. Parallel to this I had always sought to see more of the world. Thus, applying to Chalmers was no hard decision. Following a positive application, I was excited to attend. Unfortunately, the cost to pursue this would have been prohibitive. However, thanks to the US Friends of Chalmers scholarship this dream was made possible. I was thus afforded two years of an education in biomedical engineering, a topic I always hoped to pursue, and an exciting stay in Gothenburg, a place I would now consider my second home. Following my program, I wanted to continue my education with a PhD. I found it quite easy to apply given Chalmers renown and the skills I developed there. I am currently employed as a PhD at Aalborg University researching methodologies in preventing and managing arthritis of the knee. And given the proximity of Aalborg, I am still a regular visitor to Gothenburg. But none of this would have been possible without the generous support of the donors!"

*Varma hälsningar,*

*Brett Musolf, U.S. Friends of Chalmers Scholarship, 2019*

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"I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Sievert Larsson Scholarship for making my academic and professional journey in Sweden possible. Since starting my studies at Chalmers University in 2019, the scholarship has been instrumental in helping me achieve my dreams. Today, I am proud to work as a Thermal Analysis Engineer at Volvo Cars, where I've had the unique privilege of developing and testing the very car I now own.

My five years in Sweden have been incredibly fulfilling, both professionally and personally. I have a stable job at one of the most innovative companies in the automotive industry, a lovely apartment that I call home, and I'm laying the groundwork for my future business. None of this would have been possible without the Sievert Larsson Scholarship, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

This scholarship not only opened the door to world-class education at Chalmers but also to a future where I can continue to grow and give back to the community that has given me so much. Thank you for believing in me and for helping to turn my aspirations into reality."

*Wasinee Charoenchang, Sievert Larsson Scholarship, 2019*



“The US Friends of Chalmers Scholarship enabled me to embark on the greatest adventure of my life so far. Living in Sweden was a dream come true, where I learned about *fikas* and a balanced lifestyle while still getting to work hard and learn about exciting topics in machine learning and robotics. During breaks, the extra pocket money allowed me to backpack all over Europe, as well as Southeast Asia during my semester exchange at the National University of Singapore. Finally, my master’s program provided me with the opportunity to intern with my dream group at NASA, the Intelligent Robotics Group, in which I worked with *Astrobee*, a small robot on the ISS. While presenting my thesis at a conference, I connected with my current employer, Texas A&M University. I am now a Robotics Research Engineer that gets to help build amazing robots for space, in close collaboration with NASA and the US Space Force. This scholarship and my master’s program at Chalmers truly changed my life in ways I couldn’t imagine and I’m grateful everyday for the many opportunities they have provided me!”

*Jamie Santos, U.S. Friends of Chalmers Scholarship,  
2020*



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"I am writing this letter to express my gratitude toward the Sievert Larsson Scholarship. Four years ago, I received an opportunity to study the Masters of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering at Chalmers University of Technology. In addition, I appreciate that I got the financial aid from Mr. Sievert Larsson. Without this scholarship, I will not be able to continue further in my career path as a naval architect (hydrodynamics engineer).

Two years in Chalmers had been amazing and fantastic. I had met a lot of friends from Thailand and from all around the world. My program is extremely international. There were only 2 Swedish students out of 20 students, so everyone was keen to get in touch with each other. Since everyone had the same dream of becoming great naval architects, we helped each other throughout the study period and, of course, had fun together. I went to the gym and did a lot of bouldering with them. Furthermore, I also met many knowledgeable teachers who are willing to teach and enhance the students to be better in what they want. During the summer break period in 2021, I got a chance to help my professor do the extra research on waterjet intake optimization. This topic continued to be my master thesis with Kongsberg Maritime as a collaboration supervisor. During my master thesis, I had a chance to visit the cavitation tank at Kongsberg in Kristinehamn. This was such a great opportunity to build up my expertise in the maritime industry.



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Sievert Scholarship has played an important role in helping me take a big step further in my life. I know that very well, so I have worked hard and am not wasting this great opportunity. At the end of my study, I received the 1st rank in the class and had a GPA scale of 5 out of 5. It led me to win the ABS Scholarship Award 2021 from the American Bureau of Shipping. I received the award in recognition of my interest in the maritime business, excellent academic performance in the international master's program, and outstanding leadership abilities demonstrated through involvement in student committees and student projects.

There were so many good events during my time at Chalmers, and this will not happen if I do not receive the financial aid from Mr. Sievert. After I finished my master's, I became the naval architect (hydrodynamics engineer) at VARD in Norway, which is one of the major global designers and shipbuilders of specialized vessels. It has been almost two years since I started. I have been designing a lot of ships for the offshore industry and the renewable industry.

Learning in Chalmers has been fun and remarkably useful. I have used a lot of knowledge from my studies to work in this field to improve the ship design in hydrodynamic aspects to be more efficient, safer, and environmentally friendly."

*Yours Sincerely,  
Nuttarat Vichanphruek, Sievert Larsson Scholarship,  
2020*

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“The US Friends of Chalmers scholarship enabled me to study Complex Adaptive Systems 2020-2022. It not only springboarded me into a career in software that I couldn't have had otherwise but also led me to work, live, and enjoy the beginning of a long life in Sweden with a Värmländsk girl. It goes to show how one opportunity can lead to many, many great others that only recently seemed unattainable. I love my life here, thank you for bringing it within reach.”

*Colton Cunov, U.S. Friends of Chalmers  
Scholarship, 2020*

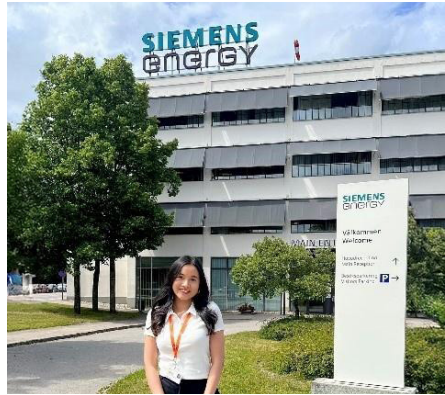


“At Chalmers University of Technology, I was able to attend a top-notch program in Materials Chemistry. Through my studies I could broaden my knowledge in the applications of chemistry, while through research I could curate an expertise in spectroscopy, a field in which I'd like to continue my career. This summer I've been working at Chalmers as a project assistant, continuing the spectroscopy research from my master's thesis so that my work can be published. Thanks to the U.S. Friends of Chalmers scholarship, it was possible for me to attain all of these career goals, and I got more out of this opportunity than I could have ever dreamed of!”

*Jessica Bair, U.S. Friends of Chalmers  
Scholarship, 2022*

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"I was honored to receive the Sievert Larsson Scholarship to pursue my Master's degree in Innovative and Sustainable Chemical Engineering at Chalmers University of Technology, starting in 2022.

This scholarship has truly changed my life forever. Coming from a background with significant financial constraints, I never imagined I would have the opportunity to study or work in Sweden. Without the support of the Sievert Larsson Scholarship, pursuing my Master's degree and starting a career in a world-class company like Siemens Energy would have remained a distant dream. This opportunity has not only opened doors for me but has also set me on a path that I could have never achieved on my own.

The scholarship allowed me to focus entirely on my studies without the burden of financial stress. As a result, I was able to fully focus on study at Chalmers University and take advantage of the diverse learning opportunities available. The scholarship also gave me the opportunity to work on my passion for sustainable energy.

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Through this support, I had managed to write my Master's thesis in collaboration with Siemens Energy, focusing on hydrogen combustion in gas turbines. This project was a pivotal experience for me, as it directly contributes to the drive for zero carbon emissions in the energy sector.

Today, I am proud to be working as a Heat Transfer Engineer in the R&D department at Siemens Energy. In this role, I am dedicated to improving combustion efficiency and advancing gas turbine technology to make it more sustainable. My goal is to continue working on new technologies that will drive the world toward a cleaner and more sustainable future, applying the knowledge and skills I gained during my studies to make a meaningful impact.

I am incredibly grateful to the Sievert Larsson Scholarship Foundation for their generosity and support. This scholarship has been more than just financial assistance—it has been a catalyst for my growth and a steppingstone towards my dream job. Thank you once again to the Sievert Larsson Scholarship Foundation for believing in my potential and for making this incredible journey possible."

*Nattha Apairat, Sievert Larsson Scholarship,  
2022*

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“Receiving the Sievert Larsson Scholarship was life-changing for me. It allowed me to pursue a Master’s in Interaction Design and Technologies at Chalmers, something that would have been nearly impossible in Thailand, where opportunities in this field are limited. This scholarship became the foundation for everything that followed, opening doors to experiences and opportunities I never could have imagined.

Without this support, I wouldn’t have been able to continue my studies or experience the incredible cultures across Europe, making unforgettable memories along the way. It also led to amazing professional experiences, like working on my master’s thesis at Volvo Cars as a UX researcher and interning at Ericsson as a UX designer. These opportunities have truly shaped my future, and I am sincerely grateful for the scholarship that made all of this possible. Thank you for helping me turn my dreams into reality.”

*Nathamon Pongchanchai, Sievert Larsson  
Scholarship, 2022*





“Having been working in the software industry for the better part of the last decade, I had always wanted to go back to school and further specialize and possibly learn more about a career in research. The U.S Friends of Chalmers gave me the push I needed to take a risk and uproot my life in a move to Sweden. My time at Chalmers studying Computer Science far exceeded my expectations as I immediately found opportunities at every turn. Within a year I was working as a research assistant within the department on a project that I was passionate about. And less than six months after that it turned into a PhD position within the department. Within my short time as a PhD student I’ve already begun to travel all over Europe making connections and living out my ambition to pursue research in Computer Science.”

*George Granberry, U.S. Friends of Chalmers  
Scholarship, 2022*

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“My journey to relocate to Sweden was a goal of mine for a few years and the US Friends Scholarship allowed me to officially relocate and study Mobility Engineering. My Mobility engineering course material is technical, and I have gotten exposure and experience using different software and applications used by professional companies. Thanks to the US Friends Scholarship, I could afford 2 apartments and allowed me to relocate to Södertälje for a sommarjobb in turbo & gas exchange department at Scania.

My first year has been a great experience. I have grown a lot from my initial first few weeks. Obviously there are too many highlights to list all, but I will recall a few. Learning Swedish has been a slow process but fun, it has been fun to practice my Swedish with other classmates, and compare cultures. I have fallen in love with Skagenröra, in fact I have looked up recipes and tried making my own.

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Getting to know the Chalmers club ice hockey team was a great way for me to meet other swedes using a common interest. Christmas is really exciting here, with the decorations and traditions (like Kalle Anka). I also really enjoyed the Chalmers Cortège with the different environmental and political messages displayed, then everyone meeting for the bonfire. And finally summer is awesome in Sweden, I love how everyone relishes in the sunlight and really fosters a sense of being outside and being healthy."

*Gabe Sarnacki, U.S. Friends of Chalmers  
Scholarship, 2023*

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“Receiving the Sievert Larsson Scholarship has been a turning point in my academic journey. I started my master’s studies in Nanotechnology at Chalmers University last year (2023), and the scholarship made it possible for me to pursue my passion for research in quantum technology. Without this support, achieving my educational goals would have been difficult. Today, as a second-year student, I am continuing my studies with dedication, knowing that this opportunity will enable me to contribute meaningfully to the field in the future.”

*Pathompron Jaikwang, Sievert Larsson  
Scholarship, 2023*



“Without the generous scholarship, pursuing my education in Sweden would have been impossible for a student like me, raised by a single mother with three siblings. The scholarship has not only made this journey possible but has also allowed me to focus fully on my studies without the burden of financial stress.

Now, as a second-year student in the Engineering Mathematics master’s program, I can see how my time at Chalmers has shaped me. Over the past year, I have grown more confident in sharing my opinions and embracing diverse perspectives. Chalmers has provided me with not just in-depth academic knowledge but also a broader understanding of cultural differences and the value of thinking beyond conventional boundaries.

Looking ahead, I am committed to paying this generosity forward. Once I have achieved my goals, I will strive to support other students with similar potential, ensuring they too have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. In doing so, I hope to contribute to the betterment of our community and society as a whole.”

*Danai Kiewwan, Sievert Larsson Scholarship,  
2023*

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“Hi, I’m Tharinrath Jatupattrapiboorn; most people would know me as Sunny.

I started in 2023 in a Data Science and AI Master’s program. Which would not be possible without the help of the scholarship covering my tuition fees here.

As of now, I’m currently doing a summer job at Volvo Group, working as a machine learning engineer.

This opportunity widens my perspective and helps me learn a lot, and it would not have been possible in the first place if I did not get a chance to be here.

I’m thankful for the opportunity that this scholarship and all the donors have given me. I’ll make sure to do my best to contribute to the good of the community.

And I hope one day I can be successful and become one of the donors here in order to contribute to the future generation.”

*Tharinrath Jatupattrapiboorn, Sievert Larsson  
Scholarship, 2023*





"I often say that accepting the US Friends of Chalmers scholarship and moving to Sweden was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I assure you, this is no exaggeration! As someone from a small town in the middle of nowhere in Tennessee, it gave me the opportunity to explore the world outside of the little bubble I grew up in.

My time at Chalmers was impactful. The quality of education I received, along with the friendships I formed, made for an unforgettable experience. It was also the catalyst for me deciding to stay in Sweden. Since graduating, I've worked at Volvo Cars—initially as a Materials Engineer, and now as a Software Engineer. I've now been here for eight years and don't plan to leave anytime soon! The experiences and opportunities I've had since moving to Sweden have been fantastic, and none of it would have been possible without the support of the scholarship.

Josh Turan, U.S. Friends of Chalmers Scholarship,  
2016

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