



## INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

# Sustainability Scholarship

The Sustainability Scholarship Panel invites UK construction-related companies to identify and nominate talented and valued individuals, who have demonstrated exceptional skills, motivation and drive, to apply for this one-year research scholarship on the subject of sustainability in the built environment.

The scholarship was established in 2013. It is funded and supported by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), The Worshipful Company of Constructors and the University College of Estate Management. Each successful scholar will be awarded £3,000 to carry out a research project that will benefit the scholar, their company and the industry.

Those who join the scholarship programme will benefit from:

- Opportunity to research a topic that you are passionate about and enhance your career progression
- One-year mentoring support from the scholarship panel
- Present your research to influential industry experts and make your mark on the industry
- Opportunity to raise your company profile
- Invitation to join The Worshipful Company of Constructors
- A lifetime of key industry connections

**The scholars will continue to work full time during the scholarship year. Their company agrees to provide the scholar with a company mentor, and also host a final presentation event. In addition, their research findings will be promoted via the CIOB communication channels to wider audience.**

## Application Process

The candidate submits their CV to the CIOB together with a research proposal (approx. 500 words) as to why they have applied, including details of their chosen research topic. Email your submission to [scholarship@ciob.org.uk](mailto:scholarship@ciob.org.uk)

At the beginning of the process, the candidate is invited for an interview which involves a 10–15 minute PowerPoint presentation to the scholarship panel (representatives from the CIOB and the Worshipful Company of Constructors).

The selected scholar will then meet with the scholarship panel every few months to receive mentoring support. At the end of the scholarship period, the scholar will produce a report of 8,000–10,000 words in pdf format, together with a 500 word abstract. In addition, they will give a presentation hosted by their company to share their research findings with an invited audience.

## PAST SCHOLARS OF THE SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARSHIP



**Sir Robert  
McALPINE**

### Szilvia Zakar

#### Valuing natural capital in the construction industry

Szilvia is a Sustainability Manager with Sir Robert McAlpine currently working on the flagship Bloomberg London project. Before that, she was General Contracts Environmental Advisor on the Grosvenor Estates projects. Szilvia has 14 years' experience, advising and monitoring site construction teams with regard to environmental protection.

*"The Sustainability Scholarship was wonderful opportunity for me to take a deep dive into a subject that has interested me for a long time. Emerging directly out of my work for the scholarship I have been appointed by Sir Robert McAlpine to lead my company's Biodiversity Group and to push forward our efforts as a company to become a leading player in environmental protection."*



**FAITHFUL+GOULD**  
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

### Emma Gains

#### Review of industry fit-out toolkits and the part they play in adapting to climate change

Emma Gains is a Sustainability Consultant at Faithful+Gould and a BREEAM assessor managing projects for the University of Cambridge, Crossrail and Met Police. Emma is undertaking an Environmental Auditing role on the £1.1 billion North West Cambridge Development which incorporates over 830 homes, public amenities and the UK's largest rainwater recycling system. She is a mentor for the 2016 CIOB Sustainability Scholar.

*"I was thrilled to be selected as a scholar for this sustainability program and have found the process challenging and rewarding. It has taken time and commitment to complete my research, however the presentation evening was a great celebration of the final result."*



**WILLMOTT DIXON**  
SINCE 1852

### Inga Geach

#### Investigating the role of sustainability in contractor selection and evaluation

Inga Geach is a Sustainability Manager responsible for overseeing all projects and offering in-house sustainability advice from the early tender stages through to the post-completion of projects. Inga manages the staff training and ensures compliance with WD's Transforming Tomorrow Sustainability Strategy.

*"The Sustainability Scholarship has been a fantastic experience for me. When I presented my findings in front of an audience of industry leading professionals, I realised that every single minute I spent working on this had been absolutely worth it. Receiving such positive feedback from so many people whom I had never met before was extremely humbling. I can only recommend participating in a CIOB scholarship to anyone and found the contacts I made throughout the process invaluable."*

## Contact

Please contact the CIOB's Scholarships and Research Manager at: [scholarship@ciob.org.uk](mailto:scholarship@ciob.org.uk) for further information.



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