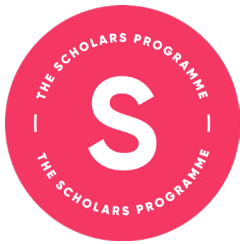


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Tutor Name:
Ricardo de Sousa

PhD Research Area:
The Inspirational Effect of
Major Sporting Events on
Attendees' Attitudes and
Behaviours

PhD University:
Sheffield Hallam University

Tutor since: June 2017

Brilliant Club Programme:
The Scholars Programme



Which schools have you taught at?

Campsmount School, Longley Park Academy, Rawmarsh Community School, Rossington All Saints Academy, St.Pius X School, The Birley Academy, Thrybergh Academy

What is the name of your Scholars Programme course?

The Inspiration Effect of Attending Major Sports Events in the UK.

What made you want to apply to be a Scholars Programme tutor?

I am very passionate about my PhD work, teaching and inspiring young students to go to university. The Scholars Programme allowed me to do all three.

What has been the most rewarding moment of your Scholars Programme placements so far?

Fortunately, I have had many rewarding moments during my placements, however key moments would include positively changing a students' view of applying to university, enabling a student to realise they can achieve anything when they work hard, and developing the academic skills of students who had no confidence.

Tell me about being a Scholars Programme tutor. How has it helped in your development as a research student?

Being a Scholars Programme tutor is very rewarding, however it is challenging at times. As a research student, you go through a similar experience where you find achieving PhD milestones incredibly rewarding, but ultimately it is an extremely challenging period in our lives. I have been able to develop my teaching even further, but also, this experience has allowed myself the opportunity to simplify my research area, creating a more friendly version for school students.



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What have you gained from being part of The Scholars Programme community of researchers?

I have gained a lot of teaching experience and have developed some networks with both schools and colleges. Designing the KS4 and KS5 courses has been a great challenge and I have learnt a great deal from doing so.



How has The Scholars Programme affected the way you approach undergraduate teaching?

The principles and the mission are the same, to develop content as effective as possible for the demographic being taught and to inspire the students to work hard and achieve their goals. Thus, I approach both in a similar manner, albeit the lessons are delivered in a different way.

How do you think you have made a difference to pupils as a Scholars Programme tutor?

I would like to believe I have inspired students to apply to university in the future. For many of the students I tutored, university was a scary thought and at the end of the programme, their perspective was positively different.

Do you have any advice for someone looking to apply to work as a tutor?

First of all, GO FOR IT! You will not only learn a lot about yourself as a tutor and gain invaluable experience, but you will also make a positive impact.

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