



2019 IFMA Foundation Scholarship Recipients



Evauurma

Airport Facilities Council Scholarship

International Facility Management

Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen, Amsterdam, NL

Ms.uurma has a confident, problem-solving, and professional attitude. Her various roles and activities in education, research projects, volunteering and work experience highlight her proven leadership skills. As a facility manager, she responds to challenges through creative solutions and admits finding value and fascination to the profession.



Elizabeth Sullivan

Airport Facilities Council Scholarship

Business with FM certificate

Chaffey College, Hesperia, CA

Ms. Sullivan is enthusiastic about the profession. Assuming a leadership role with the Chaffey College Student Chapter of IFMA she recognizes an untapped wealth of potential between the students, the college, and the FM profession. Her long-term goal is to become a liaison to students for IFMA while focusing on completing her degree and obtaining an FMP® credential.



Sungil Hong

Atlanta Chapter Scholarship

Building Construction and Facility Management

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Serving as an officer in the Republic of Korea Army, Mr. Hong understands the value of relationships and the strength of team work. He has several credentials in the United States and South Korea. He participated in an Academic Challenge, sponsored by CoreNet Global, and was one of the top three finalists to provide strategies for the improvement in the workplace. He is determined to become certified as a Facility Management Professional™ (FMP) with a Ph.D. that will combine multilateral research experience and interdisciplinary knowledge in the facility management field.



Marielle Sand

Barbara Pryor Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Capital Chapter

Facilities Management

NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences, Dalheim, Luxembourg

Ms. Sand uses her organizational skills to guide teams through a projects process, communication, and the development of successful outcomes. She is recognized by her instructors as an intelligent, highly-motivated, well-disciplined student with a strong attention to detail. She plans to specialize in airport services and wants to build a deeper knowledge of the facility management environment.



Devin Shackelford

Buck Fisher Memorial Scholarship, Greater Triangle Chapter

Construction Management (FM emphasis)

Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA

Mr. Shackelford admits he has a passion for sustainability in the construction field and wants to transform this passion in a way that will help preserve and repair the globe's environment. Noted by one professor as a natural leader and actively involved in student organizations and competition; Mr. Shakelford has ambitions to become an international facilities management and sustainability expert.



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Trina Lujano

Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter Scholarship

Business with FM certificate

Chaffey College, Upland, CA

Mrs. Lujano was a facility manager even before she heard of the profession leading the planning and executing church fundraisers, banquet parties, and club socials. It was not a surprise to anyone that Mrs. Lujano became chapter president for the Chaffey College Student Chapter of IFMA since she was the driving force of its inception. Mrs. Lujano identifies her outgoing nature and her love for people and communications as a catalyst that will make her a productive and energized facility management professional.



Duo Xu

Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter Scholarship

Building Construction and Facility Management

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Ms. Xu aspires to be a driving force for the more popular high-tech systems and technologies that will improve the complex business and building combinations. Her internship and academic research experience attributes to her skills as a team leader, presenter, and strong team spirit. Ms. Xu is eager to learn and advance her academic training and practice in the field of facility management.



Varusha Venkatraj

Doug Underwood Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Houston Chapter

Architecture - Facility Management

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Ms. Venkatraj seeks to bridge the gap between the construction community and facility management community by developing a BIM-based tool that can be used to optimize material and energy consumption during the life-cycle of a facility. One of her professors describes her as, without a doubt, one of the strongest graduate students who has shown a high level of self-motivation for getting the job done in a complete and thorough manner. Her thirst for knowledge and passion is shaping her career to include a certification in facility management along with her Ph.D.



Rachel Armstrong

Eastern Iowa Chapter Scholarship

Interior Design

Iowa State University, Winterset, IA

Ultimately, Ms. Strong plans to explore the different possibilities as a professional interior designer. Understanding this field connects to various parts of facility management, architecture, construction and eco-conscious trends as she wants to become academically competent in these areas. Her confidence and positive nature will lead her to owning her own company one day.



Mohammad Aldaaja

George Graves Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Houston Chapter

Construction Management (FM emphasis)

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Mr. Aldaaja believes facility management is a tool to keep communities working for future generations by applying concepts to reach a sustainable living. He constantly seeks ways to maximize his experience in everything he does. Working as a project engineer at King Salman International Convention Center in his country of Jordan, Mr. Aldaaja contributes a unique perspective to FM projects and academic research.



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Yutian Chen George Graves Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Houston Chapter

Construction Management (FM emphasis)

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Ms. Chen aims to exemplify a service-oriented, positive and dependable professional attitude. Growing up in a revolutionary period for China, she recognized the economic and industrial prosperity at the end of the 20th century. When asked what her future facility management aspirations are, she described how she wants everyone to see buildings as she does; as beautiful giants.



Wai-lam William Wong Hong Kong Chapter Scholarship

Facility Management

Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

Mr. Wong is the maintenance surveyor in public housing in Hong Kong. He is determined to create a balance between his academic background and practical experience, knowledge of technology and sustainability environment to improve the livelihoods of the densely overpopulated population in the city.



Lacie Wiggam Indianapolis Chapter of IFMA Purdue FM Master's Program Scholarship

Facilities Management

IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN

Ms. Wiggam has a passion for healthcare and finds value in managing facilities, especially hospitals. She seeks to pursue a Certified Facility Management® (CFM®) credential, as well as a certified Healthcare Facility Manager credential.



Jessie Theisen Jim Hickey Memorial Scholarship, West Michigan Chapter

Facility Management

Ferris State University, Lake, MI

Ms. Theisen has a positive attitude with a determination to have a career in facility management and become professionally accredited by IFMA. His professor identifies him as an impressive combination of commitment, organization, and academic quality, while demonstrating a high degree of self-direction and confidence.



Nguyen Le Karen Marciel Memorial Endowed Scholarship, East Bay Chapter

Construction Management (FM emphasis)

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Mr. Le holds a 4.0 GPA while going to school and working full time as a graduate research assistant at Arizona State University. His fascination is with the form and space of buildings; the way the resources are planned and executed, and how various disciplines are managed under one roof. Mr. Le wants to foster international relationships to further the education of both current and future FM's. He looks forward to teaching and helping others by becoming a facility management researcher and consultant.



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Jelani Barro

New York City Worthy FM Student Scholarship

Facilities Management

New York City College of Technology, Ozone Park, NY

Mr. Barro is goal oriented, handles stress effectively, well-organized, and punctual. He sees his FM career as challenging, very exciting, with never a same day twice in a row. He recognizes the profession as multifaceted, one that requires many disciplines including psychology, finance, engineering, and law; just to name a few.



Deniz Besiktepe-Karaman

Pat Harris Memorial Scholarship, Denver Chapter

Construction Engineering and Management

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

An architect by trade, Mrs. Besiktepe-Karaman is enthusiastic about finding solutions for the effective management strategies of facility management and building maintenance. The idea of being a part of the education side of construction makes her passionate about shaping society. Even before pursuing academics, she worked on several international projects.



Xiu Hong E Ng

Philadelphia Chapter Scholarship

Facilities Management

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Ms. Ng was recently elected as the vice president of the Temple University Facility Management Association (TUFMA). While pursuing her bachelor's degree in facility management she plans to follow her passion towards a real estate license as well as gain her professional credentials.



Kevin Squadroni

Philadelphia Chapter Scholarship

Facilities Planning and Management

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Mr. Squadroni has a passion for priceless works of art. He finds satisfaction at the thought of housing master pieces in a museum or art institute. This goal includes keeping history safe for future artists through environmental and sustainable planning. It is the field of facility management that offers the chance to make his dream real.



Brandon Wood

Seattle Chapter Scholarship

Architecture - Facility Management

Conestoga College, Brantford, ON

Mr. Wood was captivated by Lego®, sand castles, and how simple shapes become objects with meaning and purpose. He was recognized by a professor as demonstrating an ongoing commitment to the FM profession through his education and training. He has had the opportunity to work on several critical projects with the City of Calgary Facility Management Department.



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Tyler Lukowski

Suncoast Chapter Scholarship, Florida

Facility Management

Ferris State University, MI

Mr. Lukowski tracks the beginning of his passion for facility management to his time as an Eagle Scout as a child. He recalls his service project to construct a walkway for the local American Legion. He describes this work as rewarding, as it demonstrated the many skills he learned about himself. He is determined and excited to pursue a career in facility management.



Chantal Spruit

Utilities Council/ Doug Underwood Memorial Scholarship

Facilities Management

The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Nederlands

Ms. Spruit is dedicated to her education and pursuit of student excellence. She is a motivated and ambitious person that strongly believes she can change the world. Along with the honors program, Ms. Spruit is engaged in various student activities.



CONGRATULATIONS

Nguyen Le

Construction Management (FM emphasis)
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

2019 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR

The International Student of the Year Award inspires and supports young talent to pursue both academic and career goals on an international level. It offers recognition to a student within the facility management industry on a global scale.