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2019 Scholarship Awardees

## 2019 IFMA Foundation Student Scholarship



**Mohammad Aldaaja** | Construction Management | Arizona State University

The IFMA Foundation scholarship is a great honor. Sustainability is a big part of problem solutions in the field. I seek to pursue my PhD by combining my research of the Circular Economy with facility management and retrofitting of construction. I want to prove that we can be more sustainable without the need of new construction. By attending IFMA World Workplace Phoenix, I hope to connect with more industry professionals and get them involved in my research.

**Deniz Besiktepe-Karaman** | Civil Engineering & Construction | Colorado State University

I appreciate IFMA & IFMA Foundation's big family that warmly welcomes passionate people in facilities management. I am a proud recipient of the 2018 IFMA Foundation Scholarship award. I had the opportunity of networking with IFMA members who helped me with a research survey which I conducted as a corner-stone piece of my PhD dissertation. The responses and support of IFMA members amazed me and benefited my research with the contribution of valuable industry feedback. I am confident my research findings will benefit members of IFMA as well as the FM industry, while I serve as a passionate teacher and researcher.



**Anthony Maddox** | Facility Management | Georgia Tech

The IFMA Foundation scholarship eases the financial burden of graduate school. Attending World Workplace Phoenix will provide exposure to mentorship, career advancement, and a broader perspective of facilities management and the industry. For the last 10 years I have worked within the public sector. My skillset goes beyond facilities operations inter human resource management, operational strategies, environmental health and safety, information technology, and a host of other cross functional activities. I am fulfilling my dream.



**Cailyn Poschner** | Architecture & Facility Management | Conestoga College

I am currently in my third year of B.A. Tech. Architecture and Facility Management Degree at Conestoga College in Ontario, Canada. The strong financial burdens of post-secondary education are felt through out each term. I have maintained part-time jobs all throughout my educational career, the basis of my strong work ethic and strive to reach my future career goals. I believe the interpersonal skills that make me stand out include my positive attitude, my eagerness to learn new things, and my ambition to make a difference in the workplace. It is my ambition to reach my dream career goals.



**Namho Cho** | Civil Environmental and Sustainable Engineering | Arizona State University

The IFMA foundation scholarship is one of the most well-known scholarships in the facility management discipline for an outstanding graduate student. This opportunity provides value on my resume and fame in the field. More than a money value from this scholarship, it has significant value for students' achievement. This scholarship can verifies I am on the right track of study.

**Yujin Kim** | Building Construction | Georgia Tech University

My goal of studying facility management is to propose a methodology to support people by integrating all elements of physical environment. I mainly focus on social science based on environmental psychology and human factors. In this term, the built environment can affect outcomes such as satisfaction, health, safety, and productivity. Industry professionals need concrete evidence to adopt new concepts, so I want to provide verification based on critical and logical thinking. I look forward to meeting industry professionals at World Workplace.



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**Doug Postema** | Facility Management | Ferris State University

Receiving the IFMA Foundation scholarship is a tremendous honor for me and I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity. I have made it a priority to be involved in our IFMA student chapter while seeking my Bachelor of Science degree. Adding this award would be a final highlight of my career as a facility management student. Thanks to IFMA Denver Chapter and the IFMA Foundation, this scholarship will help pay down student debt.



**Anna Collison** | Facility Management/Sustainability | University of Northern Iowa

Receiving the IFMA Foundation Scholarship is an enormous honor and would help support my education and interests in facilities management through the interior design profession. The funds rewarded through IFMA Foundation would help me and my family achieve greater financial security as I continue to pursue my education. The opportunity to attend World Workplace will provide me with valuable insight and connect me with professionals who share my passion for design. By supporting my educational and career goals, the IFMA Foundation and IFMA Eastern Iowa Chapter makes a statement as an organization that invests in young leaders and cares about the future of their industry.



**Hunter Teats** | Facility Management | Temple University

Receiving an IFMA Foundation Scholarship would bring a tremendous sense of accomplishment and pride. The IFMA Foundation and IFMA Greater Philadelphia Chapter offers more experiences, opportunities, and sense of belonging than any other organizations that I have been a part of. I have developed an insatiable passion for this career and winning this award would validate to myself that I am in the right profession. This award will support me, on my quest, to earn a degree in facilities management.

**Xiu Hong E Ng** | Architecture | Temple University

The IFMA Foundation supports the education and advancement of the younger generation of students in the FM profession. Being chosen as a scholarship recipient is both an honor and an achievement. This scholarship will give me the opportunity to further my studies in a graduate level and the foundation to expand my network with other FM professionals, young professionals, and aspiring students in the profession. As an accomplishment, I want this achievement to be an example for the aspiring students in FM to know that they have IFMA Foundation and IFMA Chapters, Councils, and Communities for support to further their education, pursue their dream in the FM field and make a difference.



**Monica Anand** | Facility Management | Zurich University

The IFMA Foundation scholarship will increase the professional goals I have set for myself, in helping organizations have a better experience in outsourcing their FM services. The scholarship will assist me in coming closer to my dream of becoming the future apostle in sourcing FM services through strategic partnership and collaborative business relationships.



**Cheuk Ying Yung** | Facility Management | Hong Kong Polytechnic University

After graduating with a Master of Science in Facility Management in 2020, I plan to become a Certified Facility Manager (CFM) of IFMA. This scholarship could help reducing the loading of my financial burden and allow me to concentrate on my study and career. In addition, according to the rules of IFMA Foundation Scholarship, winners will be invited to attend the World Workplace 2019 in Phoenix. This is a rare opportunity for me to explore the worldwide facility management industry, by networking with and listening to sharing from FM expertise and students from all around the world. I believe this experience enable to further shape my career in FM.



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**Dipin Kasana** | Infrastructure and Environmental Systems | University of North Carolina

As an international student on F1 student visa, it can be difficult at times to manage the living expenses in a developed country with only 20 hours of authorized work per week. I have been fortunate to receive the Graduate Assistant Support Plan (GASP) from the University of North Carolina, which provides me health insurance benefits and tuition support for most of doctoral studies. With the help of IFMA's foundation scholarship, I would be able to overcome some the financial constraints necessary towards my individual and professional growth in the field of facilities management.

**Iris van Mierlo** | Facility Management | Liverpool John Moores University

Receiving an IFMA Foundation Scholarship will make sure that my facility management skills and motivation will be internationally recognized. For me this would be really worthwhile since I want to work abroad in order to apply my facility skills in another country. During my MSc dissertation my research was focusing on the notion that millennials need another workplace. During my research I visited World Workplace Europe and together with my work experience at JOE and Rabobank, I found out that I want to specialize more in workplace strategy, design and concepts. Receiving an IFMA Scholarship would be the first step to develop myself more in this field.



**Paul Schmitter** | Facility Management | Liverpool John Moores University

I am extremely grateful to the IFMA Foundation and IFMA Fellows for the scholarship and supporting my research career in pursuing a PhD degree. It illustrates that all my efforts and work put into this application has been acknowledged by the sponsoring organizations, the board of trustees, and the FM professionals. A scholarship would also further alleviate my work as a young FM researcher and spark my enthusiasm and passion to achieve my goals.



**Brad Bastin** | Technology Facilities Management | Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

My goal is to continue my career as a project manager in healthcare facility management. I am very passionate about Facilities management and how it can be implemented and managed to help healthcare facilities provide patient healthcare more effectively and efficiently. I'm currently pursuing an M.S degree in Engineering Technology with a concentration in facilities management to acquire a broad range of essential facility management skills. This scholarship will help relieve the financial burden of pursuing my Master of Science degree and will aid in pursuing my professional goal of becoming a high caliber facility manager.



**Martine Sandra Clerrobrun** | Facility Management | Arizona State University

It is an honor for me to receive the scholarship and be part of the IFMA Foundation family. As an international student, I have to high budget constraint. I was granted a Fulbright scholarship to pursue my master's in construction management. I have been living in the United for almost 2 years without any others source of funding. This scholarship will be a great resource to start my PhD Study in the Spring 2020. The IFMA Foundation Scholarship award would be a great help in leading me towards to achieving my dream.



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**Derek Hillestad** | Construction Management | Arizona State University

The IFMA Foundation and Minneapolis Chapter allows me to give back to the industry through continued efforts in educating the next generation of facility management, collaborating with FM educators and continuing research associated with raising FM awareness in K-12 learning environments.

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**Yutian Chen** | Construction Management | Arizona State University

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**Elizabeth Moinet** | Facilities Management | Chaffey College University

Receiving this scholarship means a great deal to me. At this point in time my husband and I are making a move out of state. Attending WWP will allow me to network with professionals in the facility management world and hopefully lead me to career opportunities. Being very new to the FM world, this will give me unparalleled opportunities to jumpstart my career. I have already met so many incredible professionals in IFMA who have helped me a great deal and I am fully aware of just how beneficial WWP is!



**Marie Ljubojevic** | Facility Management | Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

This scholarship award is a huge honor. I have worked hard to excel in my studies to become a facility manager and I have tried to apply the knowledge and skills I have gained to real-world problems, both as a volunteer and in my job. The IFMA scholarship would recognize my scholastic and practical achievements within facilities management and would help to offset the cost of graduate school. In addition, the IFMA scholarship will be an achievement that I can highlight when applying to jobs, to help me stand out as a new facility manager.



**McKay Jaussi** | Construction & Facilities Management | Brigham Young University

Receiving this scholarship would represent an extremely meaningful step in my academic and professional journey. Since learning of facility management two years ago, I have been the recipient of selfless help from fellow students, professors, and professional organizations. This scholarship is a huge page in the book of blessings I have received by being a part of this industry. It will help me meet more professionals and potential colleagues from whom I can learn and seek example.



**Ibrahim Bilau** | Architecture & Facility Management | Florida A&M University

A desire, interest and enthusiasm to solve the demanding problems faced by the industry today, motivated me to pursue Master of Architecture-Facilities Management. I believe that my educational background and experience has instilled in me the qualities required to meet the rigor of this demanding profession. I bring along with me a strong grasp of fundamentals in Architecture and management, unique but relevant work experience, along with a desire to learn, a penchant for teamwork and leadership, and a zest for challenges. Receiving this award will boost my chosen career path.

