Ambache Award Report

I am eternally grateful to be given the opportunity to be on a music therapy course. Over my first year of study I have been fortunate enough to acquire a wealth of knowledge from some incredible lecturers at Roehampton University and to work alongside a multitude of incredible musicians. It’s been an honour and one that I wouldn’t have been able to do had it not been for the Ambache award.

Whilst I had been working part time at a school to help supplement my income and had applied for a master’s loan from Student Finance, sadly I fell short of the costs required to complete the course. I didn’t want to miss out on an incredible opportunity, so when this award was presented as a possibility via email, I tried to explain my circumstances so that I might’ve been considered. I am thankful that I was ultimately granted this award as it has substantially enhanced my university experience.

Due to several factors, a master’s course can be incredibly expensive from tuition fees, commuting fees and accommodation fees, alongside the cost of general living it can be hard to balance finances. As a person with autism, I struggle with management and organisation at times which increases the stresses attached to university. This award has helped alleviate some of my anxieties and genuinely helped in a way that words cannot express. I am thankful.

Daryl Lindo