

## Ambache Award Report

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Dear Music Therapy Charity,

I am writing to express my gratitude for the MA Bursary that I was awarded this year. So far I have had very rich and fulfilling experiences in my training to become a Music Therapist at Roehampton University.

It has also been a very unusual and challenging time to train within the context of the Coronavirus pandemic. However, the Ambache Award has been a great support to me. It has allowed me to subsidise the costs of travelling to my placement, infant observations and university. I have also been able to purchase books which have supported my learning of Music Therapy theory and practice. One of the highlights of my year was my placement at a school for young people with moderate learning disabilities. Although my placement was curtailed by the lockdown, I felt I was able to learn so much about using music to support clients within a short period of time.

I have also been able to buy a guitar which I have recently started to teach myself to play. I hope to increase my range of musical skills and resources that I can offer to clients I work with in the future.

I am currently looking forward to my next placement, which will be working with clients in an adult mental health setting. I have had a really rewarding year on my training, and I look forward to what the next academic year will bring. Thank you once again for your generosity in supporting my studies, which has been extremely beneficial to me.

Yours faithfully,

Rosie Goodman