

FIRST IMPACT FOUNDATION

Nish Prasad



Class of 2006

ASB Scholar

Bachelor of Commerce and Science

Mangere Community, Auckland

Set up for success

From a career perspective, First Foundation has had a huge impact. I am able to build a deeper connection with some of my day to day tasks as a banking risk professional which can be attributed to my work experience at ASB. During the course of the scholarship programme, I rotated through a number of front line retail banking and back office support roles, including school banking, business development and risk, which have contributed to my understanding of how a bank operates. Being exposed to a commercial environment in itself provided the confidence and self esteem which other scholarships do not provide.

Life without First Foundation?

Without the path that the First Foundation scholarship put me on, I don't think I would have a career in banking or have developed a strong sense of leadership or mentorship which I was taught from my own very dedicated mentor.

Life-changing mentor

I wasn't exactly sure which field of study would align best with my skill set, personal attributes and value base. With Paul there from the start, I tapped into a wealth of experience in making challenging life decisions. Paul offered his time as an effective sounding board and provided deep insights.

2006

First Foundation
Scholarship awarded



Graduated from
De La Salle College

Studied Commerce and
Science at University of
Auckland

Graduate role
at Deloitte

Well rounded
work-experience
at ASB Bank

ASB

Currently working at BNZ in
Assurance and lecturing
part-time at Manukau
Institute of Technology

Accounting Doctorate in
progress

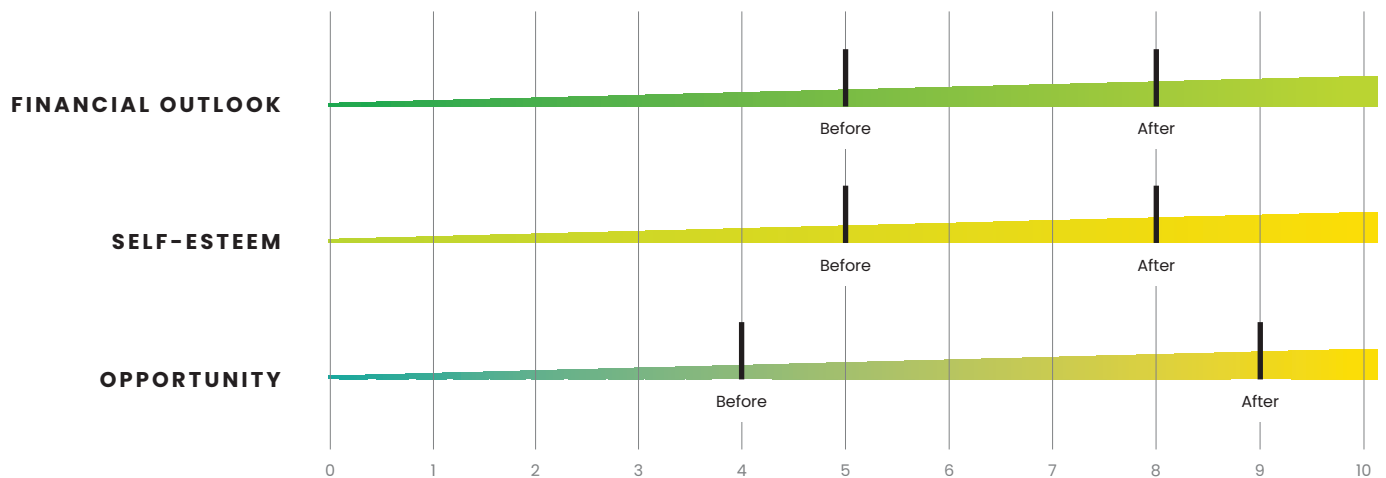


Continue to develop a strong
industry expertise in risk and
assurance as well as to
complete my doctoral studies

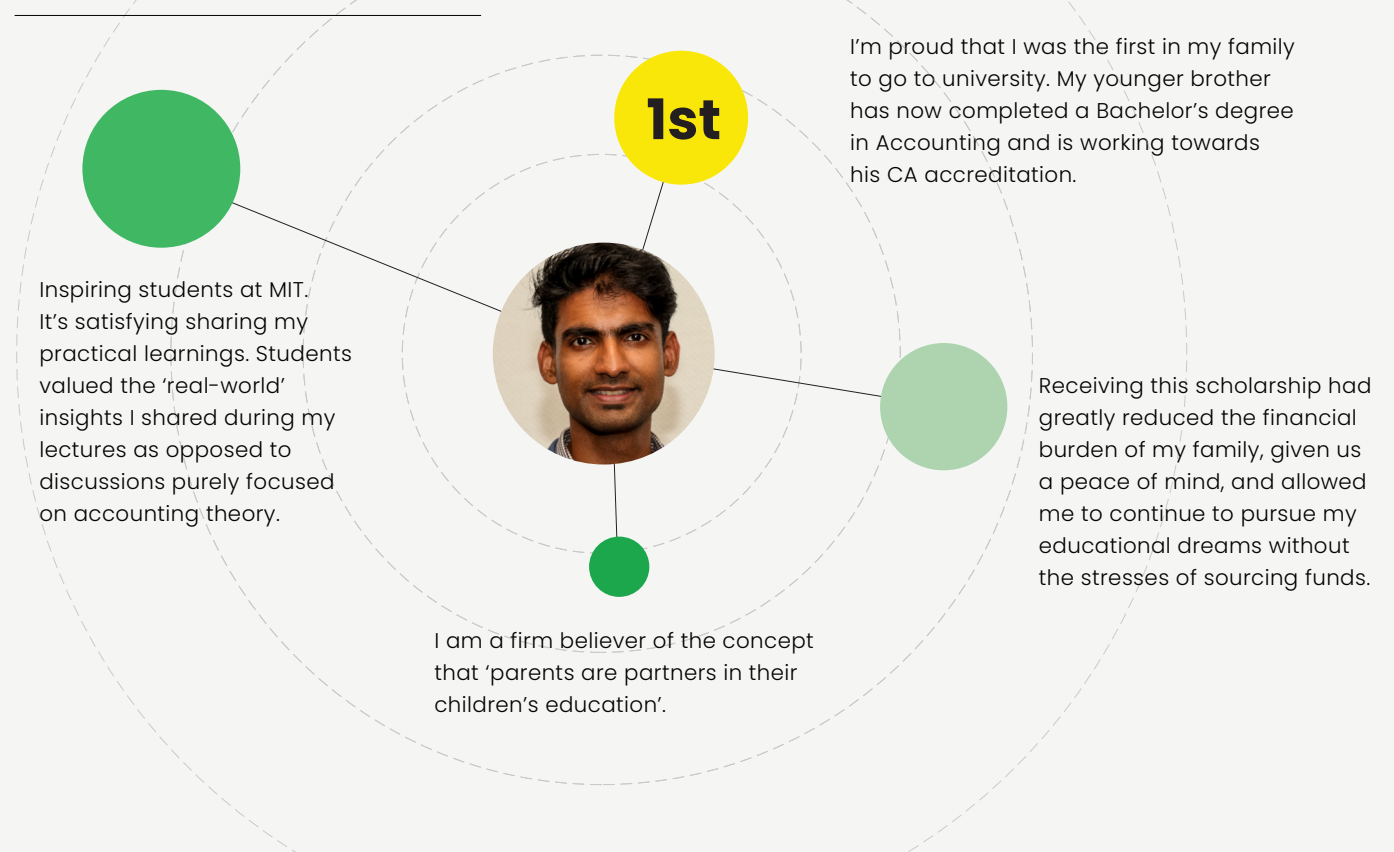
FUTURE

"The bond that Paul and
I have developed extended well
beyond the First Foundation
programme into a lifelong friendship"

We asked Nish to measure the change to his sense of wellbeing on a scale of 1 to 10. This compares how he felt before he was granted the First Foundation Scholarship to how he feels now.



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