

Dear Ms. Charles,

I'm Siobhan Smith, a recipient of the **Charles Family Graduate Fellowship**. Thank you for funding my education and research. I grew up in Maynooth, Ireland with two parents who pride themselves on teaching anthropology classes at Maynooth University.



In my undergraduate education, I attended Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. I chose to attend Washington State University for my graduate degree because I wanted to expand my knowledge of public policy and government functions not only in Ireland, but in the United States of America. I am trying to achieve a PhD in anthropology.

I feel encouraged to do my research because Dr. Thomas Charles was able to use his studies to further help advance public policy and government relations across several countries. Dr. Charles held academic and governmental positions across the US, Turkey, Korea, and Taiwan. I hope to one day work in the United Nations to improve international relations that will aid countries in economic or environmental crisis.

I am currently researching socio-economic questions that relate to political economy and exchange. More specifically, I am looking at how people can impact their local, regional, and global environment through their choices to change the natural environment.

Thank you again for providing this fellowship. Without this fellowship, I wouldn't be able to achieve my PhD in anthropology and continue my research.

Sincerely,



Siobhan Smith