Meet Our Talent: Lauren Story
An insight into audiology academia

It was the vast array of postgraduate opportunities that first attracted Lauren to begin her tertiary studies with a Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne. She has since completed a Master of Clinical Audiology and is now partway through her PhD.

“I wanted to continue in an environment that thrived on new concepts and evolving methodologies,” she says.

“The University had already provided me with that environment through my previous two degrees, and I had reached a stage where I was passionate enough about audiology that I was willing to dedicate the next few years to doing a PhD in the area.”

The member of the MDHS Student Ambassador Program says the biggest learning curve has been time management.

“A PhD is incredibly self-directed, and to reach your milestones on time you need to have done the work, liaised with your supervisors and other academics, and allowed time for things to go wrong.”

Once finishing her PhD, Lauren hopes to continue developing her clinical expertise as a vestibular (balance) audiologist, as well as continuing research and tertiary teaching.

“I am constantly inspired by the people around me – the diligence of my fellow PhD students, the dedication of my supervisors, and the knowledge base of the academics I work with.

“Plus, the perseverance of my patients and the inquisitiveness of my students.”

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“As you go through university and become more specialised, you meet people who are more like-minded, allowing you to fully thrive in your chosen field.”

– Lauren Story, Bachelor of Biomedicine, Master of Clinical Audiology, PhD.

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