Meet Our Talent: Mona Zhang

Biomedicine meets law – impacting public health outcomes

Mona is on a mission to make an impact on public health outcomes by combining her two career passions: health sciences and law.

Beginning her Bachelor of Biomedicine in 2012, Mona quickly established a foundation of knowledge before choosing to major in microbiology.

“Learning about infectious diseases was one of my favourite parts of the Biomedicine foundational subjects. I enjoyed learning about microorganisms, the intricate mechanisms they have evolved to grow and spread, and how our understanding of such mechanisms enables us to develop medicines to save lives.”

After completing her undergraduate degree in 2014, Mona was inspired to study law for two reasons. “Firstly, it plays to my strengths – English and languages were always my best subjects in school, and I have enjoyed reading and writing since I was very young,” she says. “Secondly, I realised that I could use my background in health sciences, combined with an understanding of the law, to help make an impact on public health outcomes particularly in the areas of intellectual property law, health policy, or medical negligence.”

Mona, who is the recipient of a Melbourne Equity Scholarship and a Zelman Cowen Scholarship, says a highlight of her time at university has been making life-long friends.

“No matter how interesting the subject matter, there are always times at university which test your limits. A strong network of friends can give you the emotional support and motivation to keep moving forward.”

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“...I am inspired by people who selflessly dedicate their lives to helping others; improving the state of the world beyond just their own immediate situation.”

– Mona Zhang, Bachelor of Biomedicine, Juris Doctor.

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