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The Harmonize for Speech Fund Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) directly supported my studies and academic goals by allowing me to take continuing education courses as a student. These included the "Hanan It Takes Two to Talk" and "Lidcombe" training programs, both of which made me a competitive job candidate, and ultimately allowed me to stand out from the crowd of applicants and receive a job offer from a private SLP clinic.

Regarding my long-term aspirations, I have always had a particular interest in the paediatric population. I worked as a literacy tutor at Kumon Learning Centre during high school and as a full-time childcare provider to a one-year-old boy for four months after the first year of my BSc degree. After volunteering and having SLP placements with the paediatric population, I have discovered my passion for working with preschool children as part of early intervention services. My placement at ErinoakKids taught me the value of working as part of an interdisciplinary team to support the development of young children with complex or multiple diagnoses. Every child deserves access to the supports that enable them to have the best possible start to life. I also hope to educate parents and clinicians on the benefits of multilingualism, even in children with communication disorders, and would like to remain involved in multilingualism research, which I was exposed to as a volunteer in Dr. Monika Molnar's Multilingual Development Lab in the SLP Department at the University of Toronto.

Thank you for establishing this scholarship and supporting SLP students. It was a significant support to my education, as I am sure it has been for the other recipients as well.

Sincerely,

Brianna Guild

ADDITIONAL RECIPIENTS

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