

News Release

THE GRACE FOODS AND REACH SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Grace Foods UK, the UK's leading supplier of Caribbean food and drink, is marking its 10th anniversary by announcing a collaborative scholarship with Brunel University London.

The scholarship, in conjunction with the Reach Society, is to address an underrepresentation of male British students of Caribbean background in UK Higher Education, and will provide financial support to fully cover the cost of tuition at the university.

The scholarship will be known as 'The Grace Foods and Reach Society Scholarship' and comes into effect at the start of the next academic year in September 2017.

"We pride ourselves on enabling people of all ages to realise their potential and ambitions and are delighted to be giving a student the opportunity to benefit from a place at one of London's most prestigious universities," says **Adam Reader**, **Managing Director of Grace Foods UK**.

In addition to the scholarship, Grace Foods UK will be providing a paid internship of up to 10 weeks, at the end of the first or second year.

Dr Dwain A. Neil, Chairman of the Reach Society, added: "Creating outstanding opportunities for bright young people from the UK black community is one of the key components of our work as a social enterprise. We are also delighted to be collaborating with both Grace Foods and Brunel University London to provide more social mobility opportunities."

Grace Foods will commit to funding one third of the cost of the undergraduate's annual fees for up to three years, although students undertaking courses including a year's placement can also apply.

Brunel University London's Director Clive Gee added: "The award allows the University to support a talented student and attract more students from a Caribbean background to make use of the many opportunities we have to offer, while building a relationship with a large and prestigious employer Grace Foods, and a leading community group Reach Society."

Students wishing to apply for the scholarship should do so by contacting **Dr Dwain A.**Neil at Reach Society via email - <u>leriko@blueyonder.co.uk</u> or telephone - 07949 431 992.

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Reach Society's website for further details - www.reachsociety.com