# Pierre Lardy scholarships 2022-2023

### LE ROSEY FOUNDATION



## **Danish Mubin**

MASTER'S DEGREE IN VIOLA

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# How does the scholarship help you with your educational and career plans?

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### Where do you come from and why did you choose to study in Switzerland?

I'm from Malaysia, and the reason I came to Switzerland was because I met my teacher at a festival and, just before I finished school, I found out that he was teaching in Lausanne. I quickly gave him a call and we discussed the possibility of coming to study with him, things happened very quickly and here I am.

### What instruments do you play and what were your motivations for pursuing a university degree in music?

I started playing the violin at the age of 6 and decided to switch to the viola when I was 13. To be honest, at first I hated playing an instrument because I had to practise a lot, and I didn't like that. What I liked was the opportunity to play in different places and visit different countries, and I thought I could become a musician that way, because I could travel the world. But what really motivated me to pursue a career in music is that it's interesting, it's not about sitting in an office and doing the same thing every day, there are always different challenges every day, and I love that, which has allowed me to see a lot of things and meet some wonderful people along the way. It's a very interesting career, difficult, but very interesting.