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Sheffield.

# The Alumni Fund.

Your gifts help our  
students reach higher.



## The Alumni Fund:

### Aiming higher

A university education can be one of the most transforming experiences of a young person's life.

At university, students can share and explore new ideas; develop new and existing interests and talents; and form deep and lasting friendships.

An increasing number of students, however, may not have the chance to benefit from these life-changing experiences without some form of extra financial support.

As a former student, you'll already know what great opportunities a University of Sheffield education has to offer. **By making a donation to the Alumni Fund, you can help provide opportunities and resources for today's students that wouldn't otherwise be possible.**

Your gift will support our students' academic and personal development, and give them the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge that will serve them throughout their lives.

**Please support students at Sheffield.  
Please make a gift to the Alumni  
Fund today.**



### Make a gift

Making a donation to the Alumni Fund is easy. You can choose to make a single gift by **cheque or credit/debit card**, or you can donate on a regular basis through a monthly, quarterly or annual **standing order**.

To make your gift, please complete and return our donation form, or contact us at the address on the back of this leaflet.

**Make your gift go further with Gift Aid**

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If you are a UK taxpayer, you can increase the value of your donation to us at no cost to you, by completing the Gift Aid section on our donation form when you return it with your gift.

## *Student Resources*

The environment and facilities at university can make a big difference to students' academic success.

Last year, Alumni Fund donations contributed over £60,000 to the building of the new Information Commons (pictured). This wonderful new 24-hour learning resource centre has provided over 1,000 new study spaces for our students.

Your gift will boost our students' ability to study and learn, by providing extra and enhanced resources such as IT equipment, state-of-the art classrooms and buildings, and welfare and accommodation facilities.



## Student Life

Alumni Fund donations also support the Alumni Foundation, which awards grants of between £100 and £2,000 to help extra-curricular activities and special projects.

From student volunteering projects, to sports training equipment, or sponsorship of music or drama productions, your gift will help a new generation of Sheffield students to try new activities and develop their talents.



### Why I give

**"We have a great deal to thank the University for: we were each equipped to set out on our chosen career paths, and we also met while we were at Sheffield. With two children at university, we know how much a university education costs today (and how funding has changed since we were at Sheffield), so we are pleased to be able to help current students in a small way."**

**Steve and Pat Ellis  
(BA Town and Regional Planning 1974,  
and BJur Law 1973)**

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## Student Scholarships

Thanks to Alumni Fund donations we were able to award **28 new scholarships**, worth £2,000 each, in 2006-2007, to bright students (pictured below) who would otherwise have struggled to meet the rising costs of a university education.



**“Thank you so much for my scholarship – it’s meant that I have been able to greatly reduce my part-time working hours, and subsequently passed all my first year exams with marks between 60 and 75%. I’ve also been able to continue playing table tennis at the highest level – I recently won a bronze medal in the individual BUSA Championships in Sweden, and one of my dreams is to play in the 2012 Olympic Games.**

**One day I want to join the Alumni Fund and give something back to the University and help students in the situation I was in, as I know personally how difficult it can be. Thank you all so much for your generosity.”**

**Lisa Radford – Mechanical (Sports) Engineering**

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Your gift will help many more talented students like Lisa, who just need that extra bit of practical financial support to fulfil their true potential.





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## *Gift Clubs*

A growing number of people are very generously choosing to support the Alumni Fund by joining one of our Gift Clubs. These are designed to show our special thanks to donors whose gifts make a particularly significant impact on the quantity and quality of projects we're able to help:

### *The Silver Arrows Circle*

For donors who choose to donate regularly via a monthly, quarterly or annual **standing order**, or through payroll giving.

### *The Firth Circle*

For donors who are able to make a donation of **£1,000 or more** within a financial year (either through a single gift or through monthly/quarterly instalments)

For more information about either of our Gift Clubs, please **contact us** at the address opposite.

## *Recognising your gift*

Your gift is very important to us. We want to ensure that you receive appropriate thanks and acknowledgement for your gift, and are kept informed about how your gift has been used to support Sheffield students.

As an Alumni Fund donor, you will receive our annual **donor newsletter**, which is full of news about how your gift and the gifts of all our other supporters have made a difference. Your name will also be included in the Donor Honour Roll in the newsletter.

If you would like your gift to remain anonymous, please let us know, and we will be happy to honour your request.

## *Contact us*

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