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Support Sheffield Scholarships

**Will you join
us in our
mission to
empower 500
extraordinary
new scholars
each year?**

“ We would encourage anyone thinking of supporting Sheffield students to go for it, as it is such a rewarding experience to see your money make a big impact. We chose to support student scholarships so that students have the freedom to focus on their studies without the constant worry of funding their education. And we have been very impressed by how the University puts these gifts to good use. ”

Ann Cairns,
Scholarship Donor



Driving social mobility

Students from areas of disadvantage, or those entitled to free school meals are disproportionately at risk of dropping out and achieving lower grades. Financial pressure and the resulting need for excessive part-time work are key contributors to these statistics.

Access to Sheffield Scholarships target critical areas where these student groups are at a disadvantage.

THE ATTAINMENT GAP

You provide the time and focus students need to dedicate themselves to their studies and achieve the grades they're capable of.

THE SOCIAL GAP

You ease the often daunting transition from school to university, by giving students the time and means to join clubs and societies. This helps students to make friends and enjoy their university experience.

THE OPPORTUNITY GAP

You ensure essential career-building experiences are accessible to all. From vital internships, to practical extra-curricular activities, field trips and networking events, you give scholars the skills they need to gain graduate employment.

THE GRADUATION GAP

Your support removes the immediate financial stress that can force talented individuals to abandon their studies, keeping them on track to graduate.

By supporting scholarships, you'll provide the security students need to reach their full potential and have a rounded university experience, whilst addressing social inequalities.

“ I was so very grateful for the extra financial support my scholarship offered. Every time the money came into my account it felt like I could breathe again. Growing up with a single parent, money was a constant concern, but this support enabled me to achieve a 2:1 and join PwC’s graduate programme. Now an Internal Audit Manager, I’m happy to be in a position where I can fully support my daughter financially as she grows up. I still have a strong work ethic and the drive to be financially resilient. I’ll be forever grateful to the donors who helped me at the beginning of my journey and the fond memories of Sheffield they gave me.”

Philippa,
former scholar and 2011 graduate



Prioritising excellence and need

Our rigorous selection process ensures your support reaches the students in greatest need, and who demonstrate exceptional promise.

We identify scholars who possess the ability and ambition to excel at Sheffield and beyond, allocating support based on:

FINANCIAL THRESHOLDS

Prioritising students with a household income of less than £40,000, focusing on those most vulnerable to rising living costs.

ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES

Using weighted contextual data to support those statistically at risk of lower university outcomes. This includes students entitled to free school meals, residents of areas of disadvantage, care leavers and estranged students, carers and forced migrants. As well as mature and disabled students and those from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds.

PROVEN PIPELINE

Guaranteeing support for participants of our outreach and summer school programmes, with household incomes of less than £40,000, who have already demonstrated their commitment to Sheffield.

This data-led approach, ensures your investment transforms the lives of students who have the highest aptitude but the fewest opportunities.

“ I am unfalteringly inspired by your own journey through medical school; knowing you believe in me motivates me to work harder and embrace every opportunity. The financial stability provided by this scholarship allows me to focus entirely on my studies and I’m proud to have achieved 100% on my anatomy exam. I am truly grateful for your generosity and the freedom it provides to concentrate on becoming the best doctor I can be for my future patients.”

Extract from a report by medical student Stewart to the donors who funded his scholarship



The impact of your support

Access to Sheffield Scholarships provide comprehensive support to make a tangible difference to students.

TOTAL JOURNEY CARE

Scholars are awarded £1,000 per year through to graduation. This ensures students on longer programmes such as engineering or medicine, or those choosing a year abroad, will be fully supported.

ESSENTIAL START-UP FUNDING

To combat the high costs of entering higher education, students also receive an additional up-front award of £600 in their first-year. This covers essential costs before they arrive, from pots and pans to laptops and rent deposits, ensuring they're equipped to succeed from day one.

PROVIDING A ROUNDED UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

By prioritising those in highest need, we reduce the necessity for excessive part-time work. This allows students to participate fully in every aspect of their course, as well as extracurriculars and employability opportunities, ensuring they graduate with the skills and experiences needed to reach their professional goals.

THE POWER OF BELIEF

Beyond financial aid, your support provides the knowledge that a community of donors—many of whom have been in their shoes—believes in them. This inspires scholars to persevere through challenges and embrace every opportunity with confidence.

“ The scholarship allowed me to invest in professional attire and travel to networking events in other cities, where I engaged directly with practising lawyers to build my confidence and career insight. By removing these financial barriers, the support has enabled me to focus on developing the professional skills and connections necessary to secure a vacation scheme and succeed in my future legal career. ”

Shabnam,
law student and scholar



Making your gift

How much you choose to give is a deeply personal decision. Every gift to scholarships makes a life-changing difference to students and helps us in our mission to fund 500 extraordinary scholars, starting at Sheffield each September.

£4,600

Provides a full scholarship for a student*, giving them £1,000 per year and an enhanced start-up award of £600. You'll hear stories from students keen to share their experiences with you.

£10,000+ EACH YEAR

Provides multiple scholarships that will be allocated where the need is greatest. As well as receiving a special impact report, you'll also be recognised as part of the 'Scholarship Circle' donor community. If you wish, we can also arrange for you to meet scholars when you visit campus.

£46,000+ EACH YEAR

Will fund a cohort of ten new scholars every year and support them throughout their studies. You can follow the journey of each scholar with personal reports. We'll also send other special updates from the cohort and arrange opportunities for you to meet.

*Based on a four-year course, the average length of a Sheffield degree.

Tax efficient giving

Your Philanthropy Manager can guide you on the most effective way to give, whether via bank transfer, Direct Debit, or a Donor Advised Fund. For UK taxpayers, Gift Aid will increase the value of your gift, allowing us to support more students. If you pay higher or additional rate tax you can claim personal tax relief on gift-aid donations. Please get in touch to discuss tax efficient giving from outside the UK and equivalent giving levels.

“ The scholarship was the deciding factor in my choice to come to Sheffield, and it has made all the difference. Financially, it allowed me to focus entirely on my architecture degree; I’ve achieved high grades and could afford an inspiring study trip to Amsterdam. Beyond the studio, I’ve gained confidence through the Debate Society and found a real sense of community in sports. I am so grateful to enjoy the full Sheffield experience while building the skills and connections I need for my future career. ”

Saskia, architecture student and scholar





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