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Campaigns &
Alumni
Relations

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Alumni

A graduate or former student of a school, college or university.

From the Latin: nursling, pupil, foster son, from alere to nourish.

Alumnus - male singular

Alumna - female singular

Alumni - male or mixed plural

Alumnae - female plural

Alum - informal

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Congratulations, you did it!

You're officially part of the incredible Sheffield alumni community. You are joining a global family of over 300,000 Sheffield graduates spanning 205+ countries. From teachers and engineers to Nobel Prize winners and Olympic and Paralympic champions, Sheffield's alumni are helping to shape the world we live in.

Your journey is just starting, and we can't wait to see what you do next. Keep us in the loop as you dive into your next adventure!

Claire Rundström
Associate Director of
Alumni Engagement
Campaigns and Alumni
Relations (CAR)



I've graduated, what next?

Do you know what you want to do next?

NO

Don't worry if it takes a while to figure it out. We're here to help you decide and navigate your next steps.

YES

Great! Your Careers & Employability Service can offer you the tools you need to find and secure a job you'll thrive in.

You can access our services and support for as long as you need us after graduation.

Careers and Employability Service

Wherever you are in your career journey, we can help you figure out your next steps.

Visit the Graduates Hub to find a wide range of online resources with tips on improving your job search, writing successful applications, preparing for interviews, and more.

Career Connect

Once you are no longer able to log into Career Connect using your student credentials, set up your graduate account.

You will continue to have access to:

- ▶ thousands of job vacancies
- ▶ employer events and webinars
- ▶ one-to-one appointments with an employability adviser
- ▶ your mySkills portfolio
- ▶ industry-specific insights



Stay in touch

- 📧 sheffield.ac.uk/careers
- 📱 [@unishefcareers](https://twitter.com/unishefcareers)
- ☎️ 0114 222 0910
- 💬 bit.ly/uoscareerslivechat

Access the Graduates Hub by scanning the QR code or visiting sheffield.ac.uk/careers/grad



Continue developing

Postgraduate study at Sheffield

You know Sheffield is an amazing place to study, so if you're looking to continue, a Sheffield postgraduate course might just be the next exciting chapter in your academic adventure.

Alumni Rewards

You may be eligible for up to a 20% tuition fee discount on postgraduate taught courses (capped at £2,500).

Find out more about a tuition fee discount: sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/alumni-rewards

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Due to completing my BSc in Biochemistry and Microbiology at the University of Sheffield, I already knew that the standard of teaching was high. Furthermore, having already spent three years in the department, I knew how passionate the lecturers and researchers were about their work, as well as ensuring students were given the best support and opportunities. I have thoroughly enjoyed my masters, I feel that I have learnt so much, been challenged and had amazing support throughout.”

Chloe Preston
(MSc Antimicrobial Resistance)

There are plenty of other ways you can keep learning new skills and building your experience:

Online courses

Sheffield offers all sorts of online courses (many of them free) to continue your learning, or get a taster of a different profession. Explore them here: sheffield.ac.uk/online-learning/futurelearn

The Boardroom

View exclusive masterclasses from globally leading Sheffield alumni working as C-level executives. Check them out here: sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/boardroom-masterclass

Try volunteering to develop new skills

Take on new opportunities:

- ▶ with your employer
- ▶ with a new organisation
- ▶ or with us to support current students (see page 16 to find out more)

Entrepreneurship

Got a great business idea but don't know how to get started? The University can help through the Entrepreneurship team, who provide advice and share useful resources.

Connect with the Sheffield Entrepreneurship team: sheffield.ac.uk/entrepreneurship



Who do I contact for help as a graduate?

The Campaigns and Alumni Relations (CAR) team is your first point of contact for help with the University once you've graduated. We're here to help you stay in contact with your university and the city you called home, provide you with exclusive opportunities for ongoing career development and support you in inspiring the next generation of Sheffield students.

Here's what we can help you with:

- ▶ discounts on university facilities and sheffield top rated venues
- ▶ volunteering to develop new skills
- ▶ start or join sheffield alumni international networks
- ▶ enjoy exclusive events
- ▶ give back to your university
- ▶ reconnecting with your coursemates

FAQs

Where can I get a transcript of my results, official verification of my grades, access my HEAR, or get a replacement certificate?

Visit the Certificate and Verification webpages: sheffield.ac.uk/certificates-verification

How can I get an academic reference?

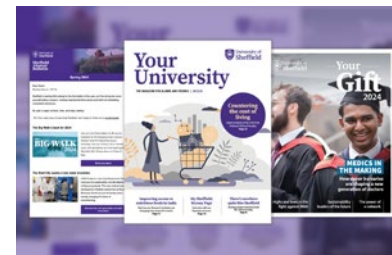
Speak to your personal tutor or dissertation supervisor - they will know you best and be able to provide a tailored statement.

Not sure what assistance you need? Reach out to us, and we'll guide you in the right direction:

- ✉ alumni@sheffield.ac.uk
- ☎ 0114 222 0910
- 📱 @SheffieldAlumni
- 📷 @SheffieldAlumni
- ✕ @SheffieldAlumni



Update your details



Do you want to know what's happening at Sheffield? Update your contact details to never miss updates from clubs, societies and your old department, as well as exclusive events tailored to your location, interests and expertise.

To update your details visit: sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/update

Here's what's coming your way:

- ▶ **Your University:** Get ready for a Sheffield pride boost every summer with our annual alumni magazine.
- ▶ **Sheffield Alumni Bulletin:** Watch out for it in your inbox – coming your way every quarter!

Your benefits as a Sheffield graduate



Thought you'd be on your own after graduation? We've got you! Check out some of the perks you get as a Sheffield alum:

- ▶ **Libraries** - apply for a complimentary library membership to enjoy access to all University libraries during staffed service hours. Borrow and request books, and explore online resources right on-site.
- ▶ **Concerts** - Sheffield Concerts brings the best of the music scene right to your campus, and as a graduate, you are eligible for a 10% discount per booking.
- ▶ **Hotels** - if you're coming back to Sheffield, get a discounted room rate with a number of hotels in Sheffield, including Halifax Hall Hotel and Leopold Hotel near campus and the city.

To see details on all these and more, visit: sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/benefits



Living abroad? Join an International alumni group!

With over 300,000 alumni in 205+ countries, you are part of a truly international university.

Connect with other alumni by joining a group in your country. Keep building your networks and make new friends, no matter where you are in the world. Many of the groups organise get togethers and events - both informally and for professional networking to help bolster your career links. We have over 25 groups across the world and we're always adding more.

Find out if there is a group in your country and join: sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/international



Introducing Sheffield Connect

Kickstart your exciting professional journey? Sheffield Connect, an exclusive online platform, will keep you connected with fellow graduates and your University.

Sheffield Connect isn't just a networking tool; it's a vibrant community designed to empower your success. Check out what you can do:

► Build your network

Connect with fellow graduates from around the world and across various industries. You can find them by filtering fields of study, former department, or even current location.

► Find mentorship

Gain invaluable guidance and support from experienced alumni mentors who offer career advice, share industry insights, and support your professional development. Sheffield is a big family, and we are here to help each other.

► Stay informed

Stay updated with tailored news, events, workshops, and updates from your University and former classmates. Sheffield Connect is a centralised hub for all the activities happening in your area, and you don't want to miss out.

► Join the conversation

Share stories, laugh together, and build solid connections in groups made just for you. Whether you're all about keeping up with your old department or want to join lots of different alumni groups, Sheffield Connect is your ultimate squad hub!



Early Careers Network

Engage with other graduates by joining the Early Careers Network, exclusively on Sheffield Connect.

You can:

- get in touch with other recent graduates and build your network.
- keep updated on career opportunities, employability events, graduate jobs, and support.
- get tips and insights from employability advisers and alumni on how to thrive in your early career.

And of course, explore everything else that Sheffield Connect has to offer.

Sign up now:

www.connect.sheffield.ac.uk/app/space/early-careers-network/view/apply



Volunteering

This is a fantastic way to improve your professional skills and pass on everything you've learnt to the next generation. It can help you demonstrate leadership and mentoring skills - vital if you want to move up the career ladder.

Plus, it's a great way to network, stay connected with your department and the University, whilst inspiring and guiding current students.

Here are just some of the ways you can get involved:

- ▶ mentor a student
- ▶ give a talk about your career
- ▶ provide a career profile
- ▶ feedback on student projects
- ▶ attend a networking event



You can choose to volunteer as a new graduate, or wait until you've been out in the workplace for a couple of years - it's up to you. Whatever stage you're at, you've got something valuable to contribute as a volunteer.

We have a variety of virtual and in person activities you can support. Visit our volunteering webpages to find out more: sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/volunteer

Why volunteer?

“ Coach Cafe is a great way to build your network and get fantastic advice. Even if you're not sure what to do as a career, the coaches have valuable tips on just about everything: how to succeed in applications, interviews, networking, LinkedIn, and so much more. For me, Coach Cafe was a great space for me to hear about first-hand experiences in the media sector which I hope to go into, but I really enjoyed having the opportunity to speak to people from a variety of backgrounds and listen to the advice they had.”

Rebecca Symns-Rowley
(3rd year English Language and Literature student)

“ Being involved with City Connections in 2024 has been such an honour, and feels like a real full circle moment; I took part in the programme myself in 2017. Being the 'professional' that students wanted to talk to has been a career highlight, especially as this programme helped me get my first job in my dream profession”

Rebecca Raven
(BA History and Sociology 2018)
Curator at the Museums of the Order of St. John



“ I always find the project mentoring sessions a really rewarding experience. The enthusiasm of the students energises me as much as the experience benefits the students.”

Stéphane English
(BEng Electronic and Electrical Engineering 1989)
EICA Specialist at Stantec

Alumni events

Once you've graduated, we know you'll miss Sheffield. We organise a variety of events to help you get back together with your friends and reconnect with your coursemates. From enlightening talks and networking receptions to lively quizzes, we've got something for every taste! And the best part? Our events aren't limited to Sheffield—they span across the UK, around the globe, and even online. Here's a glimpse of some recent events - stay tuned to your inbox for upcoming invites!

House of Lords reception

Ever wanted to visit the Palace of Westminster? Every year we host a very special reception to let our alumni do just that. Keep an eye out for an email to enter the ballot to secure your tickets.

Bright Minds

Join us throughout the year for a series of online talks presented by some of Sheffield's most accomplished PhD students, covering a diverse range of research topics.

International receptions

In collaboration with our alumni groups around the world, we arrange special overseas events and bring Sheffield to you.

Check our Events Calendar for upcoming alumni events: sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/events

As well as the events we arrange just for you, the University also runs a full calendar of public events throughout the year that are worth a trip back to Sheffield for.

Take a look at what's coming up on the University's What's On pages: sheffield.ac.uk/whatson

If you're planning to organise your own reunion and need our support, check out this page to get started: sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/events/planning-reunion-were-here-help



Giving back

If Sheffield made you, help Sheffield be the making of more bright futures.

By giving a small monthly gift, you'll become a member of the Sheffield Made community. You'll join forces with like-minded graduates to give bright minds a chance at a university education and advance vital medical research.



Join today: sheffield.ac.uk/giving/sheffield-made

Are you a keen runner?

Join the University team and secure a free spot in events like the Sheffield 10k or Sheffield Half Marathon, all while fundraising for crucial research into diseases like motor neurone disease. Find out more: sheffield.ac.uk/giving/fundraise



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The fact that I was awarded a scholarship was an enormous relief, as I finally had the freedom to live a normal student life. The scholarship has allowed me to have more free time away from work, and disposable income to spend on things like joining societies. If you consider donating to scholarships, thank you so much, it's not an exaggeration to say that my scholarship changed my life.”

Caitlin Hardy
(BA Politics & International Relations)

Merchandise

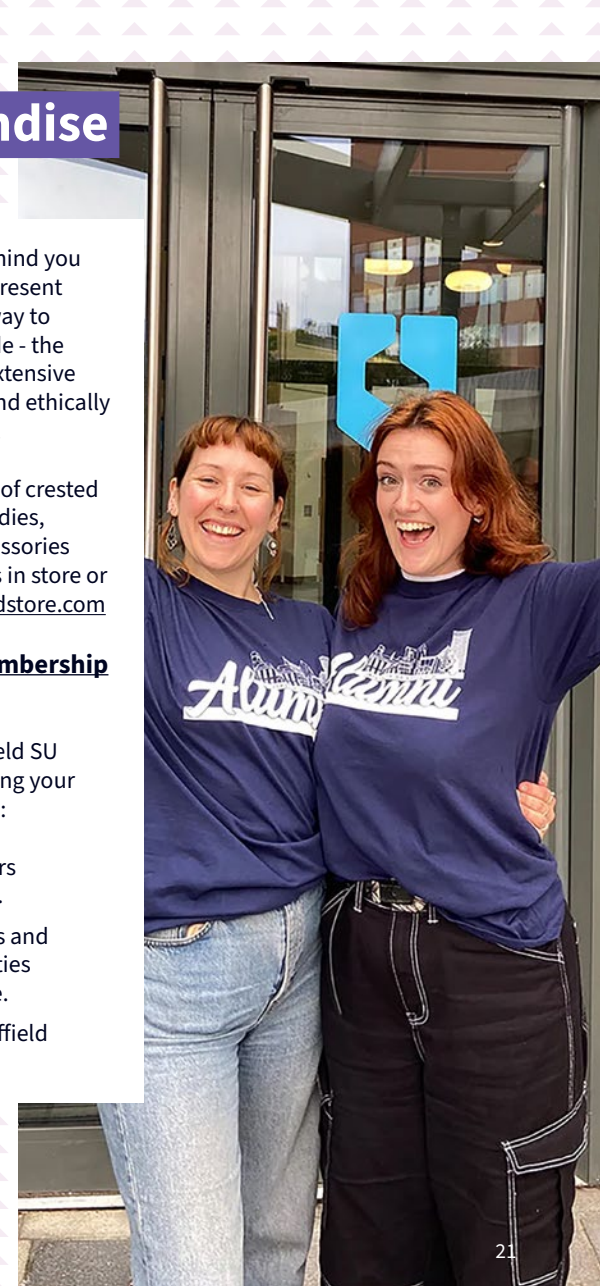
A memento to remind you of great times, a present for a friend, or a way to show off your pride - the SU Store has an extensive range of quality and ethically sourced products.

Explore the range of crested and essential hoodies, t-shirts, hats, accessories and other goodies in store or online at: sheffieldstore.com

SU Lifetime Membership

Become a lifetime member of Sheffield SU to continue showing your support as well as:

- ▶ accessing su bars and club nights.
- ▶ joining societies and using the activities and sports zone.
- ▶ take part in sheffield volunteering.

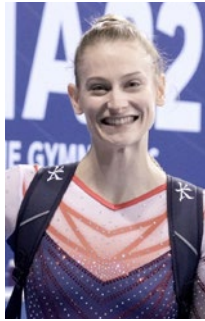


Outstanding alumni

Just like you, many graduates have made Sheffield their home before going onto even greater things. Here are just a few you may recognise.

Bryony Page

(BSc Biology 2015, Hon LittD 2023)
Olympic trampolinist



Dan Walker

(BA History 1998, MA Journalism Studies 1999, Hon LittD 2019)
Broadcaster



Helen Sharman, CMG, OBE

(BSc Chemistry 1984, Hon DSc 2017)
Scientist and astronaut

Lord David Blunkett

(BA Politics 1972, Hon LittD 2016)
Politician



The Rt Hon Lady Justice Rafferty

(LLB Law 1971, Hon LLD 2005)
Lawyer

Munya Chawawa

(BSc Psychology 2014)
Comedian and actor

Her Excellency Dr Amal Al-Qubaisi

(PhD Architecture 2001, Hon LittD 2016)
Architect and politician



Douglas Young

(BA Architectural Studies 1986, Hon LittD 2019)
Entrepreneur

Dr Nike Folayan MBE

(PhD Electronics Engineering 2007, Hon DEng 2023)
Engineer and campaigner



Stephen Daldry

(BA English Literature 1982, Hon LittD 2001)
Director and producer

Ade Solanke

(BA English Literature 1984)
Award-winning playwright



Lucy Prebble

(BA English Literature 2002)
Playwright and screenwriter

University of Sheffield by numbers

1p

In 1904, over £50,000 was raised by penny donations from local steel factory workers and residents to help found the University – that's over £15 million in today's money.

1905

The University was founded, with just 114 students. King Edward VII opened Firth Court the same year.

1908

The first graduation took place, with 81 students attending the ceremony in Firth Court.

1.3million

Books and periodicals in the University libraries.

1,000

More than 1,000 graduates have given their time to support over 8,000 students as Alumni Volunteers.

6 Nobel Laureates

In 2016, former lecturer, Professor Sir J Fraser Stoddart was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry, making him the University's sixth Nobel Prize winner.

10 years +

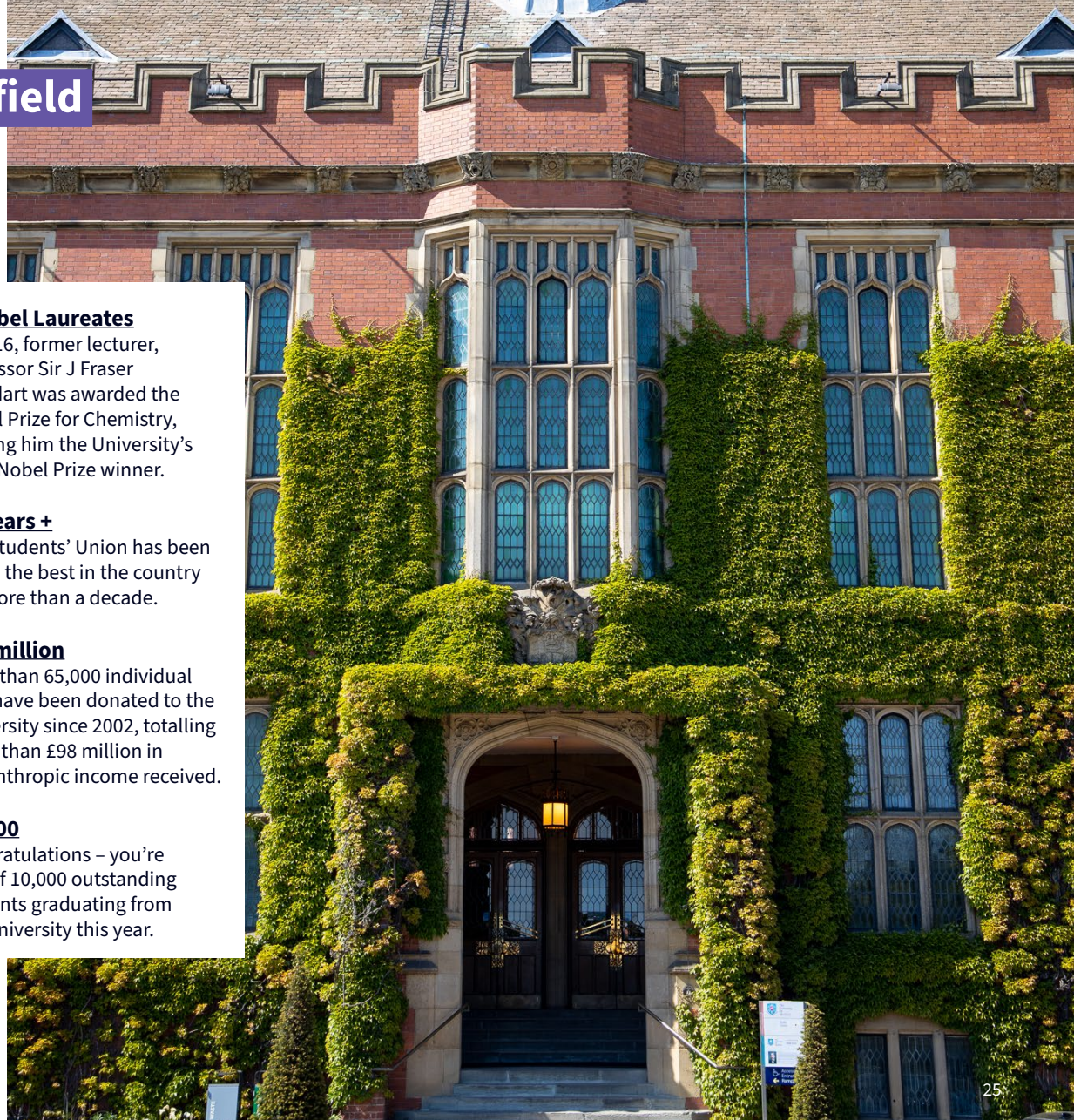
Our Students' Union has been voted the best in the country for more than a decade.

£98 million

More than 65,000 individual gifts have been donated to the University since 2002, totalling more than £98 million in philanthropic income received.

10,000

Congratulations – you're one of 10,000 outstanding students graduating from the University this year.



Keep in touch

Got some exciting news about work you want to share with everyone? How about photos from your latest Sheffield friends reunion? Drop us an email, give us a call, or tag us in your post, and we'll make sure the Sheffield alumni community hears all about it.

Don't forget to check our website and follow our social media channels to stay in the loop on how your University is changing the world we live in.

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