

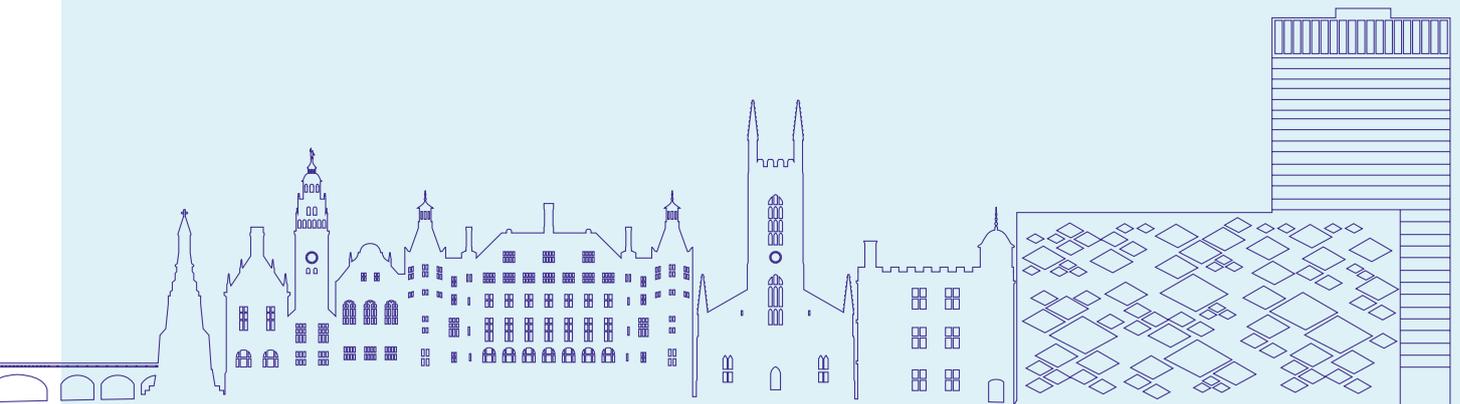


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Sheffield scholarships – discover the difference you've made

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Thank you for supporting Sheffield students

Thanks to generous donors like you, the University of Sheffield has been able to award more scholarships to students from widening participation backgrounds than ever before. Last academic year, over 400 new scholarships were awarded to talented students who face financial barriers to their education.

Your support has never been more vital, as the ongoing cost of living crisis means many families are facing greater financial difficulties. A Sheffield scholarship provides encouragement and support to talented students from non-traditional higher education backgrounds to apply to university. And helps to enhance their experiences while they're here, allowing them to take full advantage of all that Sheffield has to offer.



“This scholarship has opened up so many opportunities for me and my future. When I told my mum that I had been awarded a scholarship she cried – she was so happy! Your generosity means so much to me and my family. Thank you.”

**Christopher Cullen,
Foundation year History student**

Read on to see the tangible impact your kindness has on a student's life. Not only during their time at university, but also for years to come.

Your belief in my potential means the world to me

Dear supporter,

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your generous support. Your belief in my potential and your commitment to helping me achieve my educational goals means the world to me.

Receiving this scholarship is not just a financial relief; it is a source of inspiration and motivation. Your investment in my education has lifted a significant burden from my shoulders, allowing me to focus wholeheartedly on my studies and pursue my dreams without the constant worry of financial constraints.

Coming from a low income, single parent household, having the money to take part in activities and buy resources has always been difficult for me. My scholarship has taken this weight off my shoulders. It has allowed me to fund travel to a local law clinic, which I would have unlikely taken part in otherwise. This has enabled me to gain practical experience in my chosen field which will be really helpful when applying for training contracts next year.

Your support has not only made a difference in my life but will also have a lasting impact on the lives of others I hope to help in the future. Thank you once again from the bottom of my heart for making this scholarship possible. Your generosity has truly changed my life and I am deeply grateful for your kindness.

With best regards,

Mohammad Al-Nashi

Year 2 Law student



“Made in Sheffield” – Danica’s story

Dear supporter,

As I reflect upon the past year, I find myself compelled to share the significant impact your generosity has had on my journey since graduating in 2022. My name is Danica Moore, a University of Sheffield graduate and Mechanical Engineer.

Choosing to pursue Mechanical Engineering at Sheffield was an easy decision after visiting during an open day. It was clear that not only the course was suited to me but also Sheffield itself – a place I would call home for the next 4 years. Little did I know that this decision would open doors to so many amazing experiences.

After applying to Sheffield in the summer and starting in September, it quickly became clear that the financial burden of living away from home (I’m originally from Kent) would be even more of a strain than expected. However, these worries were soon quashed when I learned I had been awarded a scholarship. This recognition not only alleviated financial burdens but also served as a motivating force to strive for excellence in my academic pursuits.

Throughout my time at Sheffield, the scholarship afforded me opportunities that went beyond the classroom – such as participating in sporting competitions across the UK and representing the University at national competitions, something that would



not have been financially viable for me otherwise. The scholarship became a catalyst for personal and professional growth. Your support enabled me to immerse myself fully in the University community, fostering invaluable connections and friendships.

Fast forward to the present, and I am proud to share that the foundation laid at Sheffield has propelled me into a dynamic career in mechanical engineering. I am now living in London working as a Mechanical Engineer at Hydrock. It’s a role which I greatly enjoy with a focus on sustainability in the building services industry. The knowledge gained and skills honed during my time at university serve as the bedrock of my current professional endeavours. My scholarship not only opened doors during my academic journey but continues to be a source of empowerment in the real-world application of my skills.

Looking ahead, my aspirations are guided by the belief that every opportunity comes with the responsibility to give back. I am currently working towards becoming a chartered engineer and with major global engineering challenges evolving, I hope to be able to contribute to solving these with further professional development. The values instilled at Sheffield, coupled with the opportunities afforded by my scholarship, have set the stage for a trajectory of continuous growth and contribution.

At my graduation ceremony the Presiding Officer Pro-Chancellor Anthony Pedder, OBE rounded up the ceremony by highlighting how each of us had come from all over the world to study at the University, but we were “Made in Sheffield” paying homage to the famous stamp of authenticity on Sheffield Steel products all over the world. This saying could not have been a more accurate and fitting way to finish my time at University, but



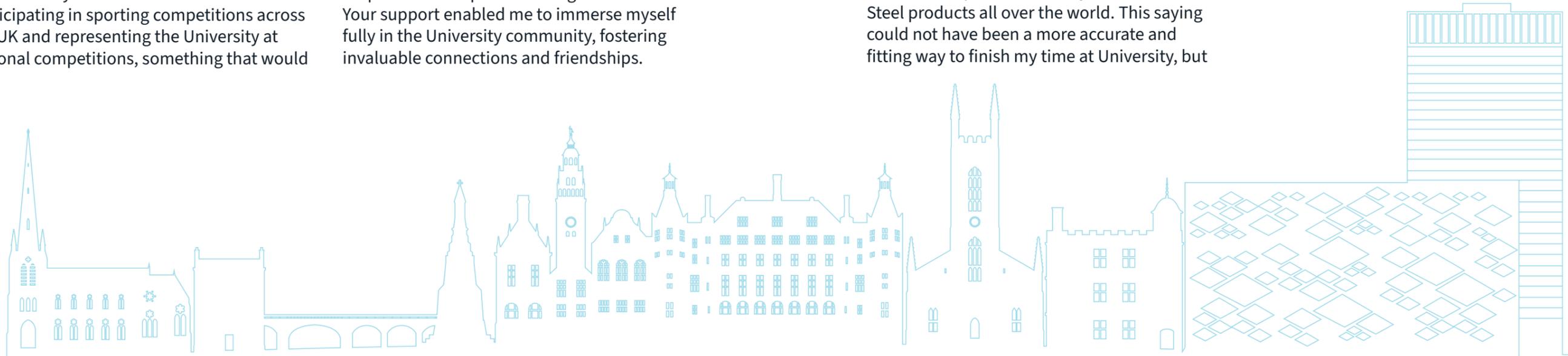
one that was absolutely not possible without your support and something that I will be forever grateful for.

I extend my gratitude to each of you for making a lasting impact on the educational journey of so many students like myself. Your support not only shapes students’ time at university, but will continue to influence the present and future as I have come to experience. As I navigate the path ahead, I do so with the knowledge that your investment in education is a catalyst for positive change.

With Best Wishes,

Danica

Danica Moore
2022 Mechanical Engineering with
Biomechanics graduate



Messages from new scholars in their first year

My name is Megan and I am a first year undergraduate studying BA History at the University of Sheffield. I wanted to take the opportunity to say a massive thank you for your generosity for your funding, as I am a recipient of a £3600 scholarship for the duration of my degree.

Due to being from a low-income household and having a chronic illness, there were financial concerns regarding university life before I got this scholarship.

Due to your generosity, I can afford to ensure accommodation to facilitate my condition, and can fully engage in the university experience, such as student societies and widening opportunities.

Now I can fully enjoy the university experience, work hard to get good marks and to consolidate skills, alongside developing social skills and opportunities.

Thank you so much once again.
Kind regards,
Megan Beavers (BA History)



My name is Majar and I would like to thank you for your generous donations to allow me to pursue my dreams as a doctor dedicated to improving people's lives. Your donations have allowed me to settle into university life, join societies like Hockey and Wilderness medicine and cope well with the cost of living crisis. I hope that when I graduate I will be able to make the same contributions you have made to benefit students at the University of Sheffield.

Thank you and best wishes
Majar EL Sayed 😊

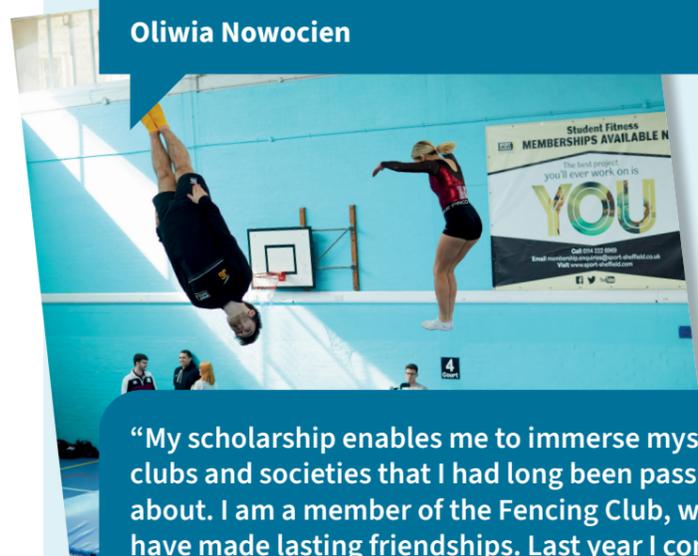


Scholarships – empowering sporting potential



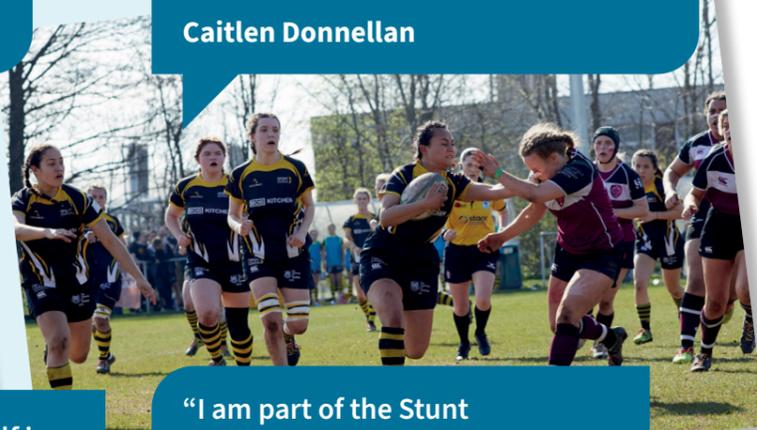
"Knowing I had the funds thanks to my scholarship meant I was able to take up Trampolining last year. It was completely new to me but I thought it would be good fun and a great chance to get out of my comfort zone. Trampolining has grown my independence and helped me branch out to different groups of people that I would have never come across otherwise."

Oliwia Nowocien



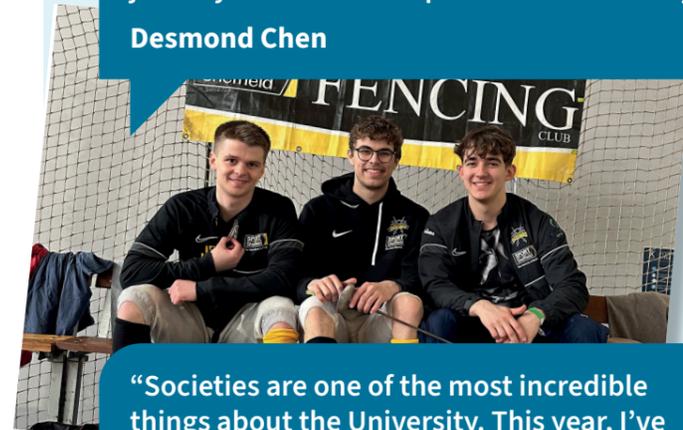
"Sheffield University Women's Rugby Football Club is a big part of my university life. I actively enjoy weekly training, games, and strength and conditioning sessions. The Club itself is an amazing environment to be in and I have made friends for life. Playing a sport at uni has increased my fitness levels and aids my mental wellness."

Caitlen Donnellan



"My scholarship enables me to immerse myself in clubs and societies that I had long been passionate about. I am a member of the Fencing Club, where I have made lasting friendships. Last year I competed nationally and I'm excited to continue my fencing journey as Vice Club Captain this academic year."

Desmond Chen



"I am part of the Stunt Cheerleading Sports Club and it's helped me to make so many new friends. And training has helped to establish a routine which in turn has helped my studies. This year I have the role of Kit Secretary where I have helped to design a new uniform which is cost friendly for the whole team. This is really important to me as joining any club or society comes with extra costs that not everyone can afford."

Chloe Fogg



"Societies are one of the most incredible things about the University. This year, I've joined the Boxing Club to take care of my health, both physical and mental. I like how equally challenging and enjoyable it is."

Bohdan Viktorov



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“Thank you so much for your generous support of Scholarships at the University of Sheffield. Thanks to you, more students than ever have been able to experience everything Sheffield has to offer. We can’t wait to share further updates about the impact your kindness has made throughout the year.”

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