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Welcome to Donor Impact 2022

To you, our donors and partners, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of Ulster University. Our annual Donor Impact offers an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate what we have achieved together.



Despite the many challenges, our donor and partner numbers continue to grow and by working together we are transforming Northern Ireland through people, place and partnerships and fulfilling our important role in sustainable regional economic and social development. Your contributions enhance our ability to do this.

This has been an exciting year for Ulster University, with the opening of our new Belfast campus, connecting social, artistic, residential, and business communities and transforming higher education in the city.

Our growing vision for the North-West has also seen capital investments at our Derry campus to accommodate over 1,000 additional students and improvements at our Coleraine campus, contributing to a reinvigorated student experience there.

Investment in our Schools of Medicine and Health Sciences is aiding recovery and regeneration by addressing the ongoing medical staff shortage. You can read more about how our donors and partners support this through providing scholarships and essential equipment for our students and with the establishment of the Randox Professor of Medicine.

A recent BBC report highlighted the financial struggle students are currently facing and the devastating effect that this can have on completing their education and thus on realising their potential. The success of our first Giving Day allowed us to come together to support potential and enable our students to thrive, contributing to our ability to increase the number of students supported by life-changing scholarships. At this challenging time, this is a real testament to the Ulster University giving community.

A growing number of companies are partnering with us to co-deliver on shared values, Sustainable Development Goals, and social impact objectives. Over the past 12 months, new, broader, and deeper corporate partnerships have helped us to support students and our teaching and research in a multitude of ways. These include scholarships, placements and internships, guest lectures, sponsorships, and research collaborations enabling us to build diverse talent pipelines and drive research and innovative solutions. We look forward to continuing to develop this crucial network of purpose-led business partnerships.

Your continued support is more important than ever. I hope that this edition of Donor Impact will demonstrate the truly positive difference your generosity is making in transforming lives.

Thank you.

Vice-Chancellor Professor, Paul Bartholomew

Supporting People, Place, Partnership.



4,476
donors and partners



£12,030,964
income generated



911
students supported with life-changing scholarships



£6,297,171
funds raised to support research



£4,256,492
raised from 34 corporate partners



£1,185,057
sponsorship secured

* Figures for 2017/18 - 2020/21

We believe in creating access to education for everyone.

Our scholarships are supporting the talent of today for a better tomorrow.

Through our scholarship programmes we aim to support a range of students. We aim to support students facing financial or other hardships and our most talented and committed students to reach their full potential. Your support is making this happen.

Ulster University Student Opportunity Fund

Your support transforms lives

Top achievement for Scholar

Congratulations to Serendipity Scholar Sinéad Ward who graduated in June with a First Class Honours in Occupational Therapy. This is a wonderful achievement for Sinéad who juggled her full-time study with parenthood and part-time jobs.



Sinéad Ward

Sinéad was selected as Serendipity Scholar early in her undergraduate degree, receiving financial support for each year of her study.

This Scholarship is possible due to the generosity of alumnus Mr Harry Cayton CBE, who wanted to support a dedicated student in a meaningful way to ensure they could make the most of their degree. This has certainly been the case with Sinéad, who was awarded a First.

Sinéad said: "I am extremely grateful to Mr Cayton for this generous Scholarship, and I hope to be in a position to be able to do the same for another student in the future. Currently I am awaiting an Occupational Therapist post, but I am also considering undertaking a Master's degree or a PhD in the future.

I very much enjoyed the academic side of university, and I am always keen to keep learning!"

Harry stated: "Sinéad Ward's considerable achievements are her own, and I congratulate her. As a graduate of Ulster University I have been pleased to fund several Serendipity Scholarships over the last five years. My career has been a succession of happy accidents and I'm pleased to help others to make their own luck."

Travel enhancing research

With support from a Travel Opportunity Scholarship, Mark was able to travel to a conference in Canada, to showcase his work.



Mark Dornan
PhD Researcher and Registered Nurse

Mark's research involves the development of an intervention to promote social eating for patients living with and beyond head and neck cancer. Up to 90% of patients have eating and drinking challenges after treatment: physical, psychological, emotional, and social.

However, the social dimension of eating and drinking is often overlooked and under-supported, placing patients at risk of isolation, loneliness, and mental health challenges.

"Receiving this Travel Scholarship enabled me to attend an international conference to present my research. I was able to meet researchers from around the world and share the innovative research being conducted at Ulster University. This was an unforgettable experience and one of the highlights of my PhD."



"Being awarded the Academic Excellence Award for placing 1st overall in my Faculty of Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment in first year, helped me gain extra resources to continue building my knowledge. It also acted as a springboard for my academic success - I recently met the criteria to transfer onto the MEng Course. This will offer the opportunity to study in Germany for a semester, allowing me to broaden my network and gain more skills.

Finally, I am honoured to have gained a placement at Spirit Aerosystems in Belfast, which I am currently really enjoying and learning so much."

Zoe Thompson, 3rd Year Mechanical Engineering Academic Excellence Award, 2021



Sporting Successes for Scholars

Congratulations to the Ulster University students who competed as part of Team NI at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in the summer.

We were delighted to see a number of the Student Opportunity Fund Scholars representing Northern Ireland and the University so well.

In particular Danielle Hill, Victoria Catterson and Jack McMillan excelled - Danielle making it through to three finals at the Games and Victoria through to two, breaking the 200m Irish Record that had stood for 25 years.

Away from the Commonwealth Games, our Sporting Talent Scholars have seen huge success also. Triathlete Erin McConnell won the silver medal in the African Cup Triathlon held in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt in May and competed in the recent World University Triathlon Championships in Brazil.

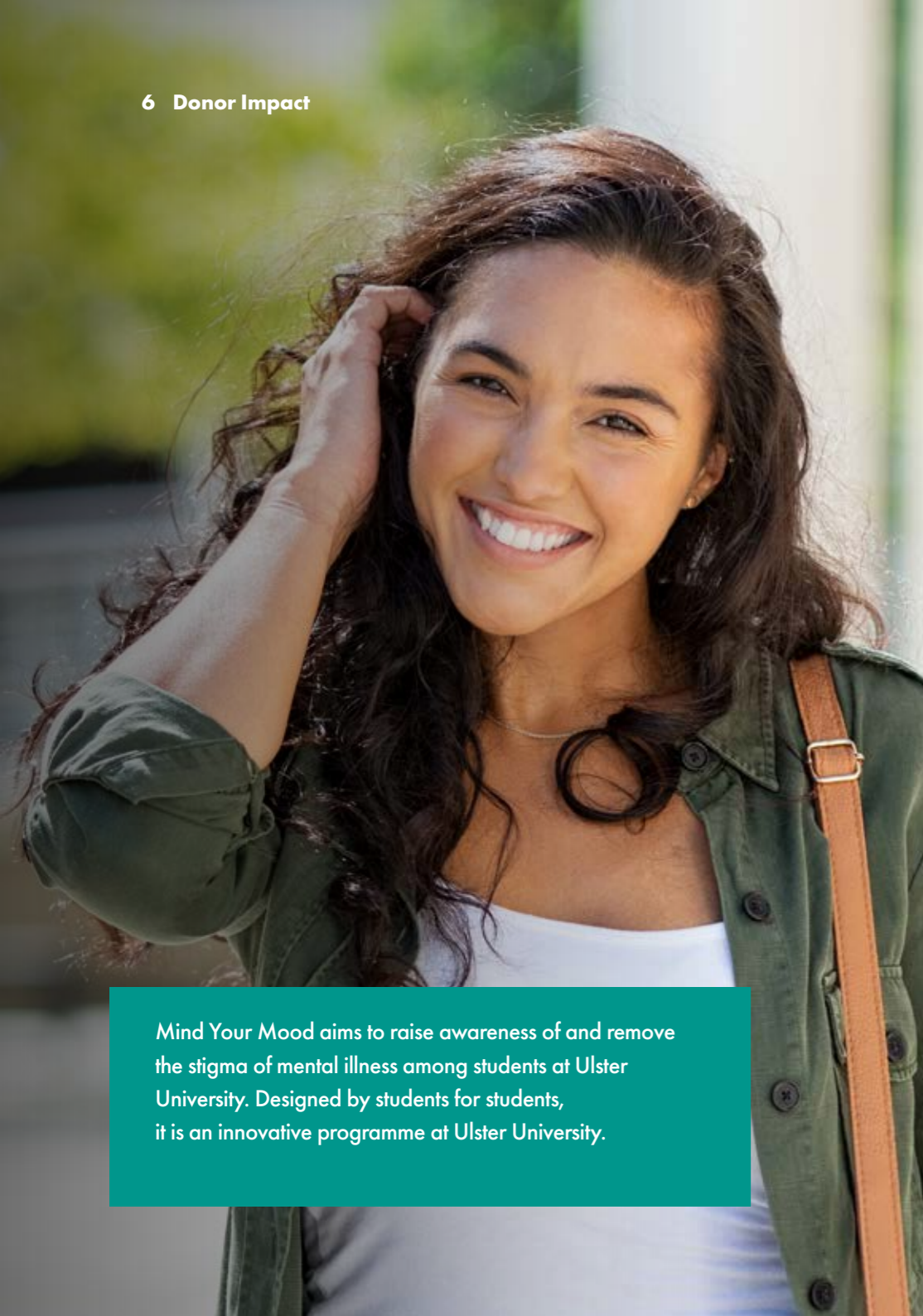
Adam Ward was selected on the Team Ireland cycling team. In the Rás Tailteann he finished 3rd overall having won stage 3. A fantastic achievement for an U23 rider.



Danielle Hill and Victoria Catterson with Lady Mary Peters



Adam Ward



Mind Your Mood aims to raise awareness of and remove the stigma of mental illness among students at Ulster University. Designed by students for students, it is an innovative programme at Ulster University.

Supporting student mental health through Mind Your Mood

Sea Swim (Dip!!) raises thousands for Mind Your Mood



A brave bunch of staff and students took to the freezing waters on a cold but bright March day, all in aid of Mind Your Mood. 40 staff and students ran into the sea at Lough Shore Jordanstown, Portstewart Strand and Lisfannon, Donegal, some seasoned sea swimmers and some first-time dippers.

Sea swimming has grown in popularity during the pandemic, with proven benefits to mental well-being. The Mind Your Mood Sea Swim created a wonderful sense of camaraderie and was great fun as well as raising nearly £3,000. Well done to all those who braved the elements to support our student mental well-being.

Academy Restaurant team at Belfast Marathon

Yet again we were delighted that teams of our staff took to the streets of Belfast for the Belfast City Marathon in support of Mind Your Mood. For the first time we had a team of staff from our Academy Restaurant - made up of Matthew Colgan, Lisa Kennedy, Callum Irwin, Darren Hull and Fergal Grannell.

All the running and walking participants for Mind Your Mood raised a fabulous £2,000 - fantastic achievement, congratulations!



Outstanding commitment to Mind Your Mood



Our Director of Campus Life at Ulster University, Amanda Castray, has gone above and beyond when it comes to Mind Your Mood challenges and fundraising.

Since 2019 Amanda has participated in a spin-a-thon, 2 abseils, 2 marathon relays, a half marathon, a full marathon and the annual Santa Runs, raising over £2,000 for Mind Your Mood through her incredible commitment. Amanda commented: "As a result of my own personal experience, I am extremely passionate about ensuring we do all we

can to support individuals' mental health.

We want to ensure our students stay physically and mentally well throughout their time at Ulster University and our Mind Your Mood programme aims to provide opportunities, education, activities and networks for our students to do just that in a supportive environment."

How your gifts support student well-being

In the 2021/22 academic year, Mind Your Mood held almost 100 events and campaigns across all four of our campuses. Our Co-ordinators on each campus are always placement students, meaning they can relate to our students and ensure the events are appropriate and impactful.

The wide range of events included yoga classes, walks and talks, mindful colouring and productivity calendar development as well as the distribution of stress awareness packs - something for everyone! We are delighted to report that last year alone Mind Your Mood trained 60 students in 'Look after your mate', an invaluable course helping students to know the key signs to look out for and how to help a friend or peer. In addition, over 100 students stepped up to the role of Mind Your Mood Ambassador, representing Mind Your Mood across all the campuses.

Mind Your Mood continues to grow year on year, and we are so proud to be able to continue to fund this valuable work thanks to donations from our alumni, staff and students. This funding offers the flexibility to students to create innovative and fun ways of approaching mental well-being. Thank you!

Sam Quinn is the Mind your Mood co-ordinator for the 2022/23 academic year.

"Throughout my journey at Ulster University, I have benefited from the Student Well-being services multiple times, and so I was keen to help students learn more about their mental well-being and how

to manage it. I believe this will lead to a better atmosphere across all campuses and a more positive university experience for all.

Everyone experiences struggles both mentally and physically throughout their day-to-day life but with the effects of Covid and the cost-of-living crisis these struggles have been exacerbated.

Students are under so much stress and pressure from all aspects of life, and Mind Your Mood has been able to provide a calm and safe space to allow students to destress. Mind Your Mood helps facilitate students to improve their mental well-being and make new friends, it helps to encourage students to become more aware of their mental well-being and to support those around them, in a healthy and practical way. Through Mind Your Mood, we will be offering training on a variety of aspects of well-being to help develop a student's ability to cope with struggles they or a friend may encounter.

This year we are excited to have events back on campus which will allow us to better engage students face-to-face and develop a stronger connection with the student body.

Support from Ulster University staff and graduates is increasingly important to help fund this. Mind Your Mood gives students a safe environment in which to discuss mental well-being, helping to build resilience and awareness and therefore break the stigma around mental health."

Sam Quinn, Mind Your Mood co-ordinator 2022/23 (Student placement)



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We believe in creating access to education for everyone.

Our scholarships are supporting the talent of today for a better tomorrow.

Want to help more students like Jodie and Andrew to access an education which can transform their lives?

Please contact
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US Unions supporting transformational experience



International student Hannah Brooks came to Ulster University from the USA to complete a Master's in Transitional Justice and Human Rights.

She was delighted to be selected for the John J Sweeney Scholarship, supported by the AFL-CIO based in Washington, and thoroughly enjoyed her time in Northern Ireland, noting her appreciation for the beautiful landscapes and the friendliness of the people. Hannah said:

"I decided to come and study in Northern Ireland because of the historical and political context; it holds

an essential place in critical-thinking in relation to transitional justice. Living and studying here has already given me so much perspective into how to shape-shift old versions of peace processes into new cultural contexts."

"The financial support of the John J Sweeney Scholarship has provided me with a life-changing opportunity. Through my studies I investigated how grassroots social advocacy and international human rights mechanisms can work together to implement change."

Hannah is now looking forward to working for the global law firm Allen & Overy in Belfast.

"That I have come this far from such humble beginnings on the southside of Chicago is still a dream. Thank you once again for your faith and support that have made this dream come true."

Over 40% of Ulster's 27,000 students present with widening access indicators such as financial hardship, background of care, health issues, or other barriers that complicate and compromise successful study.

Ulster University is in the top 5 UK universities for widening participation and 1st in Northern Ireland.

Garfield Weston Foundation Support Widening Access

Last year, thanks to the support from a range of donors including Ulster Garden Villages, SHS Group, Aflac NI and the Northern Ireland Office, we launched the Belfast Community Scholarships, supporting 42 school and college leavers from disadvantaged backgrounds with a life-changing scholarship of between £2,000-£3,000 a year for each year of their degree.

Thanks to ongoing support, including a £100,000 donation from the Garfield Weston Foundation and support from Allen and Overy, Belfast Harbour and the Irish American Partnership, we were able to offer more scholarships this year, supporting 46 students, from across Northern Ireland, entering Ulster University in September 2022.

The Ulster University Community Scholarships programme aims to widen access to higher education by removing the financial barriers for those with potential from disadvantaged backgrounds who might be deterred from progressing to university due to lack of finance and/or the need to contribute to household income. Support like this is needed more than ever given the increasing living costs.

The programme aims to help students who face barriers to education to realise their ambitions and reach their full potential. Students like Jodie and Andrew.

We want to ensure that pupils not only achieve their ambition of studying at university, but also that they have the opportunity to make the most of their university experience.

Philippa Charles, Director of the Garfield Weston Foundation commented: "Education plays a critical role in breaking cycles of disadvantage. We are delighted to partner with Ulster University for the first time to support more young people with potential, but who have faced educational and other barriers to access a higher education. These scholarships remove the financial barriers which may otherwise prevent talented students from progressing to university, helping to level the field for them and create equity of opportunity."

We are so grateful to our donors for providing this support. Support like this really does transform lives.

What scholarships mean to our students



Andrew Black,
BSc Hons Business Studies, Belfast campus

"In primary school I was never able to do well regardless of how hard I tried. I was in the bottom classes for every subject and I was told that I had no hope of doing the AQE. Until the middle of secondary school, I was the girl with no confidence.

In Year 11, I started to receive tutoring, and with this, I slowly started to make my way up from the bottom of my classes. I was determined to prove everyone wrong. Now I am studying to become a teacher. I want to help children in the way I would have liked to have been helped myself.

Without this scholarship, I would not have been able to progress to university. It has made the world of difference to me.

Thank you very much for this life-changing opportunity and for supporting my goal to become the best teacher I can be, helping future generations on their often-challenging educational journeys."

Jodie McCord,
BA Hons English and Education, Coleraine campus



As an unpaid carer for my siblings, education was never a priority, I struggled with the workload and couldn't achieve good grades. After years of falling behind due to personal reasons I decided to take a step back. Eventually I made the choice to fully motivate myself and turn things around. Although it wasn't easy, I worked harder, was able to achieve an HND, and now I'm completing my BSc. I am so grateful to be awarded this scholarship and I want to thank you so much for recognising me and what I have come through to get here. It has made me more productive and I feel more confident about completing my course."

We hear directly from students like Jodie and Andrew every day about the impact scholarships have on creating access to education. We will continue to work with our donors to ensure those students from our most disadvantaged communities can access a higher education, which impacts on social mobility.

We believe together we can shape the future of Northern Ireland.

Business Partnerships with Purpose

Dedicated to Improving Outcomes

Shaping clinical and translational research

Ulster University has announced the appointment of leading obesity authority Professor Alex Miras as the first Randox Professor of Medicine.

Professor Miras is a Clinician Scientist with a proven track record in the mechanisms through which lifestyle interventions, pharmacotherapy, bariatric surgery and medical devices improve weight, metabolic control and diabetes-related microvascular complications.

The Randox Professor of Medicine is a Clinical Academic post providing educational leadership and teaching at the School of Medicine alongside research, inspiring the next generation of doctors and researchers in the area. Professor Miras will work clinically at the Western Health and Social Care Trust, based at Altnagelvin hospital, where he will be an important contributor to the Department of Endocrinology.

Professor Miras will develop his research portfolio in line with the research strategy



Professor Alex Miras

of the School of Medicine and ambitions included in the Health Research Institute-THRIVE (HRI-THRIVE) Project as part of the Derry and Strabane City Deal. His research will focus on the translation of discoveries made by researchers at Ulster University to new treatments for obesity and diabetes, and the identification of markers that help personalise treatments to individual patient characteristics.

Obesity is one of the biggest health challenges we face across Northern Ireland and Professor Miras will bring a breadth of specialist knowledge, clinical skills and research skills which will benefit patients of this area. The Randox Professor of Medicine role is supported by £1.2million in funding for medical education and research from Randox Laboratories Ltd.



Go Elks!

Randox are the long-term primary sponsor of student sport at Ulster University and recently gifted an additional £10,000 to help 24 of our Ulster University Elks women's field hockey club travel to Boston to play a series of matches against five universities within the area, including two Ivy League institutions: Boston University, Brown, Harvard, University of Connecticut, and Worcester State.

During the Tour the team also provided a coaching clinic for local children, and

attended a reception for Boston dignitaries, business supporters and Ulster Alumni to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Elks hockey club.

This was an exceptional personal and sporting development experience for the players, and showcased the high-quality club hockey, student experience and education at Ulster University to an international audience.

Ulster University plays a special role in the cultural, societal and economic advancement of Northern Ireland. Our regional model is deeply rooted in local communities, making a sustained impact on the global stage.

Reaching out from our centres of excellence in Derry, Coleraine, Belfast and Jordanstown we are partnering with business to make a difference and have a lasting impact on individuals and communities alike.



Funding the future through local energy

We are extremely proud of our long-term partnership with the SSE Renewables Scholarships. SSE Renewables is one of Ulster University's most generous donors, having offered financial support over the past seven years to 100 students from regional communities local to their wind parks.

Demonstrating the company's continued commitment to working in partnership with and investing in local communities, the SSE Renewables Scholarships enable students from the West and North-West to access higher education and the longer-term opportunities it can deliver, broadening their opportunities, enhancing career prospects and making a real difference to the lives of local people.

The Scholarships are building a local talent pool to ensure that these areas are at the forefront of delivering the sustainable jobs of the future. From engineering and environmental science to management and medical related topics, the areas of study open up a world of career opportunities and help a broad range of students to maximise their potential.



Alan McSeveney

"As a mature student I have a lot of responsibilities, with a young family to support whilst studying. The SSE Renewables Scholarship has helped to mitigate financial stress and allowed me to focus my efforts fully on my studies." Alan McSeveney BSc Hons Computer Science, SSE Scholar 2022

"We are passionate about inspiring people for a working life in a net-zero world and are proud of our long-term partnership with Ulster University to support the development of skills for the future of green energy. Our Scholarships help local students achieve their ambitions whilst creating a pool of well-trained and experienced professionals, transforming career prospects in regional communities and positively impacting future generations." Mark Ennis CBE, Non-Executive Chairman Ireland SSE Airtricity.





Business Partnerships with Purpose

12 students on the Fast Track to accountancy



Since 2016, the KPMG Fast Track Scholarships have opened high-value accountancy career pipelines for students from non-finance backgrounds.

Understanding the importance of diversity in the workforce, KPMG so far have committed to support twelve post-graduate students from a range of undergraduate disciplines who made the conscious decision to return to study and qualify as an accountant. Looking to develop the next generation of local business leaders, the global firm continues to champion dedicated students who are ambitious to make their mark in the world of commerce.

A recent graduate of Spanish and Sociology, Catherine O'Neill was undecided on her future career path and wanted to pursue a vocational degree that would allow her to focus on a particular field and progress professionally.

"The area of accountancy was entirely new to me, and I felt quite nervous about beginning the degree. I had the good



Catherine O'Neill

fortune to receive a KPMG Fast Track Scholarship which offered full tuition fees and work experience within the firm.

I really enjoyed the work experience and was overjoyed to receive the offer of a three-year training contract, after which I would be fully qualified as a Chartered Accountant with the cost of exams covered by KPMG.

The year after I graduated from the Postgraduate Diploma, they offered to fund my studies in the Masters in Advanced Accounting at Ulster University which I have completed. I am extremely grateful for the scholarship which has helped my career to take off since making the decision to return to study."

Championing excellence in legal-tech innovation



Future-thinking legal firms are increasingly seeking lawyers and legal professionals with computing skills, or technologists with corporate legal skills.

Co-designed by our School of Law and School of Computing, Engineering and Intelligent Systems, and delivered through our Legal Innovation Centre, the LLM/MSc Corporate Law, Computing and Innovation degree allows for the development of a truly multidisciplinary graduate with the skills that are attractive to employers and that stand out from other job applicants.

Global investment bank Citi generously provided a prize fund of £7,000 for Best Overall Performing Student on the course. Prizes such as these are both positive motivators and rewards for success, which in turn contribute to building the strong talent pipeline and community needed for the legal tech sector to continue to flourish in Northern Ireland.

Damien McCann said "Being awarded the Citi Best Overall Performing Student prize was the pinnacle of my career to date. Not only was it a fantastic

benefit financially as I came to the end of my studies and looked to start my professional working life, but it was also a boost to my self-confidence, and a well appreciated reward for all the hours I spent studying for the degree. It certainly is a shining accolade to have on my CV and definitely made me a more attractive recruit for potential employers."

This postgraduate degree gives our students many opportunities to engage with and learn from practitioners at leading international legal and technology firms who guest lecture on the course, award competitive prizes and offer paid work placements.

Corporate partners who contribute to the degree include Allen & Overy, Baker McKenzie, Herbert Smith Freehills, A&L Goodbody, Factor Law, Linklaters, iManage RAVN, Thomson Reuters, HNH, Davidson McDonnell, Grant Thornton, KPMG, PWC and Diaceutics PLC.

The Legal Innovation Centre is an innovative research and education resource for the evolving legal services

sectors, funded by Allen & Overy. It creates innovation towards greater legal process efficiencies and access to justice, and it provides students and existing legal professionals with the knowledge and skills needed by 21st Century lawyers.



Lauren Belle McCoy, Citi and Damien McCann



Explore ways to partner with us

Our aim is to build purpose-led business partnerships that support our students, teaching and research, while delivering on your company's needs and objectives.

Partner with us and you will find our staff, students, graduates and researchers to be enthusiastic collaborators for companies large and small, global and local, and across every sector.

Many organisations partner with us to co-deliver on shared values, social impact objectives, and Sustainable Development Goals as we reach across the whole University to develop ideas, strategies and programmes that help shape a better future for everyone.

LET'S TALK
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We believe in improving health for all via cutting-edge research and interventions.

Our fundraising is revolutionising treatments, programmes and technologies. At Ulster, we believe in improving healthcare for all. Our donors are helping achieve this through supporting our innovative medical research.

Introducing the Paul Kavanagh Award

Alumna Mrs Anne Kavanagh pledged to support diabetes research in the name of her late husband, Paul. In 2019 Mrs Kavanagh set up The Paul Kavanagh Award which supports early-stage researchers working in the field of diabetes. Anne's own brother suffered from diabetes, and she knows too well the difficulties which arise from living with the disease.

Through The Paul Kavanagh Award, Research Director of Biomedical Sciences Professor Peter Flatt, has assigned the donations to ensure early-stage researchers can attend conferences, travel and spend time working with

colleagues engaged on similar research around the world. This shared learning and collaboration is vital in developing research and improving skillsets of our researchers at Ulster University.

Of particular note, has been the cementing of close collaborations with Dr P-O Berggren at Karolinksa Institutet (Sweden) on exciting new approaches to islet transplantation which promise to benefit people living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

We are so grateful to Anne and her family for setting up this generous award.

Anne Kavanagh with her children, Julie and Sean



Pancreatic Cancer Research Update



Professor John Callan

The micro-bubble treatment for pancreatic cancer treatment under Professor John Callan's team at our Coleraine campus has hit an exciting milestone, and donations from graduates and friends have played a key role in this achievement. The micro-bubble treatment is now in manufacturing stage and working towards significant approvals in order to allow for the in-human trials to commence.

Professor Callan commented: "Unfortunately the COVID pandemic affected the timeline of the development to this stage, but we are delighted that the manufacturing phase is now underway, a very positive development.

There are many milestones to reach in the development of new treatments and manufacturing is perhaps the most significant- so we are delighted that we are one step closer to testing this new treatment in pancreatic cancer patients."

Prestigious Professor leading data analytics research

In October 2018, with a transformational gift of £5,000,000, Mrs Angela Moore established the Dr George Moore Chair in Data Analytics in memory of her husband who was one of the founding fathers of data analytics.

The Dr George Moore Chair in Data Analytics, Professor Nik Kasabov has been leading a research team based at the Cognitive Analytics Research Laboratory at our Derry campus which will build on Ulster University's twenty-year track record of research excellence in intelligent systems and contribute to cementing Ulster University's reputation as a global leader in revolutionising artificial intelligence and data analytics with real-time, real-life impact.

Professor Kasabov's contribution to the computational intelligence research environment and research culture has been significant. He has extensive academic experience at various academic and research organisations internationally and has received numerous awards in recognition of his work.

He has pioneered ground-breaking information theories, methods and technologies for adaptive machine learning and intelligent information processing with his work having a significant international impact on the advancement of methods and systems for computational intelligence internationally.

Professor Kasabov says: "I was delighted to join Ulster University in this prestigious role and am very proud to be associated with Dr George Moore and his outstanding legacy in the area of data analytics. Ulster University is already recognised as a world-leader in data analytics research and the global potential to revolutionise such research, enabled through a legacy of this scale and associated to Dr Moore, a trailblazer, is vast. I look forward, along with my colleagues at Ulster University, to growing and strengthening our impact and further cementing our global reputation."



Professor Nik Kasabov

Philanthropy investing in tomorrow's leaders

Onyedikachi Aliyu Erete
Dr George Moore Data Science
International Student



Mrs Moore also generously supports students like Onyedikachi Aliya Erete.

"I am deeply honoured to have been selected as a beneficiary of the Dr George Moore Data Science Scholarship. The Scholarship has really helped to maximise my study experience at Ulster University. Not only has it eased the financial burden of tuition fees, but also strengthened my desire to study hard and develop my knowledge and skills.

I studied Environmental Engineering/ Technology at undergraduate level in Nigeria. Subsequently, I understand the need to deploy sustainable solutions to environmental issues. I aspire to work in the field of Business Intelligence, resolving real-world challenges and help organisations achieve sustainable technology and business goals."

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10 more School of Medicine students supported in 2022

Following the success of last year, when we supported 10 students from the inaugural cohort of the School of Medicine, we were delighted to be able to support a further 10 students entering their medical education in September 2022.

These scholarships are only made possible by the support of a range of donors, including graduates and friends. 21 Training is one of the donors supporting the 2022/23 cohort and its Chair, Kieran Kennedy, explains why they are supporting our future medical workforce:

"We believe in creating a supportive friendly learning environment allowing individuals to aspire to be the person they want to become.

Our company ethos therefore resonated with the objectives of the School of Medicine to create a learning environment which will nurture students on their journey to becoming a doctor.

21 Training is pleased to have played a role in removing financial barriers for those students with potential but whose medical education may not have been possible due to lack of finance. We are proud to invest in our future medical workforce."

Kieran Kennedy, Chair, 21 Training

"Such scholarships mean a great deal as, without this financial support, I would have been unable to progress onto the MBBS programme. The feeling of being on a path I thought was inaccessible to me is indescribable.

Working within the health service both before and during the Covid-19 pandemic has cemented further my drive to acquire the knowledge and skills required of a physician to best serve my local community, providing the health care they rightfully deserve.

I am delighted to have successfully completed my first year and am looking forward to second year and to continuing to build my clinical skills and medical knowledge."

Rua Feehan,
2nd Year
MBBS, Heron
Bros Medical
Education
Scholar 2021



Seamus MacFlynn



£6,787 raised for Stethoscope and Arclight Appeal

Thank you to our Ulster University giving community who again rallied around to raise an amazing £6,787 to support our Stethoscope and Arclight Appeal 2022, meaning we can gift all 77 of our new medical students with essential equipment which they will use throughout their medical career.

2nd Year MBBS student Seamus MacFlynn said:

"When we received our stethoscopes in the first few weeks of starting the course, it really reaffirmed our right to be here. Graduate Entry Medicine at Ulster University is quite unique.

We are sent out on GP placements within the first month, and receiving the stethoscopes in time for our placements gave us a feeling of confidence, knowing that the University community was rooting for us and believed in us.

This stethoscope is something I will have with me throughout my medical career, and so on behalf of myself and my fellow students, thank you to everyone who has supported us in this personal and special way."

Support from The Dawson Family Medical Education Scholarship

Carl Dawson, Co-Founder of Construct Education, decided to support a Medical Education Scholarship for a student entering the MBBS in the academic year 2022/23.

Carl has worked serving the education and workforce development sector for over 20 years. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in British Politics and Legislative Studies from the University of Hull, whilst working for the former Member of Parliament for Hull North and Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Kevin McNamara MP.

As the co-founder of Construct, Carl has been embedded directly with partners to ensure the delivery of high-quality learning content. His professional career outside education in the government, energy, and cloud networks sectors has still largely been focused on bridging the gap between higher education and employment. Hence his interest in supporting the Ulster University School of Medicine.

Carl was excited to hear about the new Derry-based School of Medicine and given his strong family heritage in Derry City and Donegal as well as his passion for education and its transformative power, wanted to invest in building a stronger medical workforce for the North-West. Carl says

"Although I'm not a graduate of Ulster University and had no connection prior to establishing this scholarship, I was keen to support something in the North-West, an area close to my heart due to family connections. Building on my support for students at the University of Hull and Oxford University, this support for Ulster demonstrates my belief in the impact of a higher education in changing lives.

I respected the goals of the graduate entry MBBS at Ulster which aims to create a more diverse workforce and give those from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to fulfil their dream of a career in medicine, without finance as a barrier.

This investment will also impact beyond the student, as that student will have an impact on many, many lives during their medical career."





Graduates enjoy calls from current students

Our annual Telephone Engagement Campaign took place over May and June, with 30 current students taking to the phones to catch up with our graduates all over the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with graduates and seek career advice and guidance on life after Ulster. Over the three weeks our students spoke to almost 900 graduates and also raised much needed funds for both our Student Opportunity Fund and Mind Your Mood at Ulster University. Thank you to everyone for your incredible support.

Alison Borland, a student caller this year said: "This telephone campaign has honestly been one of the highlights of my time at Ulster - I really loved the experience. As a final year student, I wanted to give back to the important projects within the University before graduating this summer and it's been such a pleasure chatting with the alumni, hearing their stories and getting such good advice regarding my own career path. I used to put myself in a box relating to my specific degree, but these conversations have made me a lot more open-minded and excited for my future!"

Mr George McKeague spoke to Alison during the campaign: "I first took part in the alumni chat with students several years ago, and as a result decided to make a small donation every year to the Student Opportunity Fund.

This year I had a lovely chat with Alison who is looking forward to her graduation this summer and it brought me back to my own graduation many years ago on the same campus. Although my primary degree was in Physics, I have worked in many different disciplines since then, and I always like to encourage the future alumni to not limit themselves in their career choices. After chatting with Alison, I have decided to make a small increase to my donation as I feel it is so important to try to help everyone to achieve their potential."



Alison Borland

Free Will Writing service for UU graduates



We are delighted to be working along with Kennedy Burchill, specialists in Will Writing, to offer our graduates a free Will writing service. Three in five UK adults have not written a Will. Having one is uniquely important and offers a life changing solution before difficulties arise.

Availing of this complimentary service by Kennedy Burchill could save you up to £700 and could mean a huge difference both financially and emotionally later on. Through this offer of support, your loved ones will benefit at a time when it matters most.

To register scan the QR code or visit kennedyburchill.co.uk/ulsteruniversityalumni.

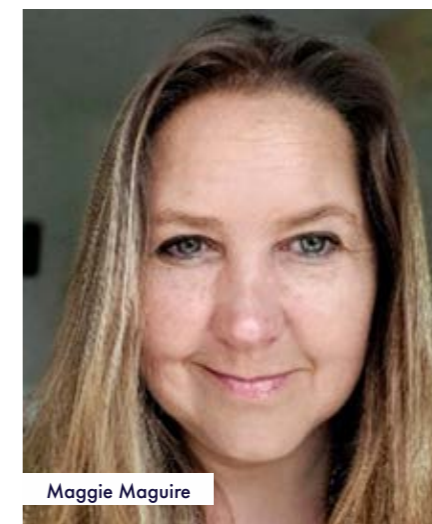


Once registered a phone meeting will be arranged with a Kennedy Burchill Will Advisor who will assist throughout the process.

Student caller leaves gift in Will

We were delighted to hear that one of our student callers on this year's Telephone Engagement Campaign was so impressed by the impact of the Student Opportunity Fund scholarships provided to current students, that she decided to amend her Will and include a gift to Ulster University.

Maggie Maguire said: "As I came to the end of my Master's course, which was such a positive, engaging and enjoyable experience, I had been considering leaving something in my Will to Ulster University. Finding out more about the projects while working on the telephone campaign confirmed my decision. I hope for students of the future it will help with their, and the University's plans and projects."



Maggie Maguire

UU Giving Day a great success

The support for our first Ulster University Giving Day in March was absolutely overwhelming.

In total the Giving Day raised over £138,000 from 400 donors, smashing all of our expectations.

Thank you to everyone who supported this inaugural Giving Day, we are really delighted to have raised so much for scholarships for students, medical research, including pancreatic cancer and childhood leukemia and Mind Your Mood.

You can read more about how this support will help the medical research on page 14. Thank you!

Some comments left on the Giving Day Donor Wall

Education is a very precious and special gift. Congratulations to all the organisers of this wonderful idea of having a Giving Day!

Aileen Browne, Belfast (Graduate)

It's a privilege to give for the noble causes of this great institution. UU is shaping leaders of tomorrow and adding significant value at a global stage.

Tersoo Gwaza, Doha (Graduate)

Good luck to all who study at Ulster University. I had a great time studying and living in Coleraine. It made a great difference to my career in optometry.

Seamus Gorman, Middlesbrough (Graduate)

Thank you!



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