

Recognising your gift

Every donation is very important, especially to the students who benefit from them, and we are extremely grateful to all our donors for their support.

All our donors receive our annual donor newsletter. They are also recognised and thanked for their support through the Donor Honour Roll in the newsletter, unless they wish to remain anonymous. Please let us know if you would like to remain anonymous.

Gift Clubs

Gift Clubs are designed to recognise and thank donors who show particular commitment in their giving:

The Silver Arrow Circle – for donors who are able to make regular donations through standing order or payroll giving

The Firth Circle – for donors who are able to make a donation of £1,000 or more (or £1,000 in total, through monthly or quarterly instalments) within a fiscal year.

If you would like more details about either of our Gift Clubs, please contact us at the address below.

Contact us

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Why I give

“The three years I spent at Sheffield University were highly enjoyable and memorable. As my friends and I enter the ‘40th birthday season’ we also reflect on the strong and lasting friendships we established in our university years. The learning and qualifications which I gathered there were also the platform upon which my career has been built. So I am happy to support the University’s efforts to ensure that today’s students have an equally good chance to build for their futures.”

**Jonathan Bond
BA English Literature 1987**



Sir Peter Middleton, Chancellor of the University, conferring a degree



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Will you help
Someone to follow
In your footsteps?

The Alumni Fund: creating opportunities for the next generation

**“If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain.
If you want ten years of prosperity, grow trees.
If you want one hundred years of prosperity, grow people.”
-Chinese Proverb**

The Alumni Fund enables you to help current and future students benefit from the same great university experience as you did, by making a donation. Through the Alumni Fund, we can provide resources and opportunities for our students that would otherwise not be possible.

When you make a donation to the Alumni Fund, you are making an investment in education and learning – one of the most far-reaching and exciting investments you can ever make. Your gift to the Alumni Fund will help our students to learn, grow and make the most of their time here – so that when they graduate they will bring a wide variety of knowledge and skills to society.

Your gift will help three important areas:

Student scholarships

Since 2002, alumni donations have helped us to create more than 65 scholarships for talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Your donation will enable us to give practical financial help to even more bright students like Rosie, who might otherwise have to give up on their ambitions.



“The scholarship was the best Christmas present I could ever have hoped for. It meant that I could concentrate on studying instead of worrying about how I could earn enough income to carry on. Thank you so much”

Rosie Sapak, Geography/Sociology 2005.

Student resources

Do you remember having trouble getting hold of a core text book in the library? Or finding a spare space to study? Your donation to the Alumni Fund will help us to provide students with the most up-to-date study and welfare facilities such as IT and library facilities, and the refurbishment and redevelopment of student accommodation including the new student residences (pictured opposite).

Student life

As you probably remember, a University education is not just about getting a degree. Involvement with student societies and other extra-curricular activities can be just as important in students' personal development as their studies. Your gift will help us to provide grants for student sport, music, drama, community and welfare activities that develop both life skills, and life-long friendships.

More than 2,100 Sheffield graduates have made donations to the Alumni Fund since it began in 2003. We hope that you will join them.



Artist's impression of the new student residences at Endcliffe, to be completed in 2009.

How you can help

By making a donation to the Alumni Fund, you will help current and future Sheffield students to follow in your footsteps, and achieve their ambitions. You can make a gift of any size, and in several ways:

- Cheque
- Credit/debit card
- CAF card or voucher
- Monthly, quarterly or annual standing order – these gifts are particularly helpful, as they enable us to plan for future needs and opportunities. By making donations through this method, you will automatically become a member of our *Silver Arrow Circle* (see *Gift Clubs* overleaf)
- Payroll giving – tax-efficient monthly donations from your salary. Ask your employer's payroll department whether they are a registered payroll giving employer

No matter what size your gift, it will make a real difference to the lives of students at Sheffield. Here are just a few examples of what your gift could make possible:

- £10 will buy a weekly student bus pass
- £25 will buy a core text book
- £100 will buy 4 team shirts for a sports club
- £500 will fund the start up costs for a Sheffield Volunteering project

- **£1,000 will buy a PC for the new Information Commons**
- **£2,000 will fund an entire student scholarship**

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can also make your gift go even further by completing the Gift Aid section on the donation form – this will increase the value of your gift by 28p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you. Higher rate taxpayers may also reclaim c.18% of their gift in their end of year tax form.

To make your gift, please complete our Alumni Fund donation form and return it to us with your preferred payment method. Alternatively please contact us at the address overleaf.



An Alumni Foundation grant helped the Sheffield University branch of St John's Ambulance to buy a life-saving defibrillator