THE FUTURES FUND: EMPLOYABILITY

The University receives generous donations from alumni, friends, and supporters to fund The Futures Fund Scholarship programme.

The programme offers three scholarships focused on **Experience, Excellence,** and **Employability.**

These scholarships are not means-tested and do not require repayment. *

Available to Undergraduate, Postgraduate (Taught and Research), Home, EU, International**, Academic and Professional Services Staff, at Sunderland and London campuses.

CRITERIA

- Unpaid internships/shadowing*
- Opportunity to support 1st steps on career ladder
- Startup funding **

Multiple awards are available throughout the year.

SUPPORTS ✓	DOES NOT SUPPORT X
- UG (Penultimate and Final Year only) - PGT - Home/EU - International** - Sunderland Campus - London Campus - Full Time and Part Time - Alumni (up to 3 years from graduation)	*Applicants' responsibility to ensure employment rights adhered to. Support not given to mitigate an opportunity that should provide National Minimum/Living Wage and doesn't. - Internships only for UG students - Career ladder opportunities (only for 2nd and 3rd year) - Start-up funding for Final Year or alumni only. - Retrospective activity - Tuition fees

EXAMPLE AWARDS

- Support for living costs during internship
- Support to undertake internships and/or work shadowing.
- Specialist training/conference attendance (not CPD required for career)
- Costs to set up business.

- Small equipment (entrepreneurial activity only)
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APPLICATION DETAILS AND DEADLINES

- The application should clearly set out how the scholarship will support your studies and career aspirations.
- A supporting academic reference is required to support the merit of each applicant.
- If successful, Start up awardees will be required to work with the Centre for Graduate Prospects

Applications are considered by the Development and Alumni Office (with authority from the University of Sunderland Development Trust). Priority will be given to applications which cover the programme criteria and demonstrate clarity of proposal and benefit to the student. Awards are limited and submitted applications are not guaranteed to be funded.

Applications for awards can be considered throughout the year.

Current students: Completed applications to be submitted via Fund Manager as part of the e:vision system and must include a signed academic reference.

Alumni: Complete the online application form.

All successful candidates will be expected to provide and impact report and participate in promotional activity and stewardship events as a condition of the award.

HINTS AND TIPS

- Check the eligibility criteria
- Remember to include all supporting documents where required
- Include a financial breakdown to show how you will spend an award
- Don't be tempted to submit an application that comes across too generic. Demonstrate clearly how you meet the eligibility criteria and explain how it'll help you financially, offering some good examples to make your application stand out.
- Ask someone to proofread it for you (we can help with this!)
- There is a limited pot of funding which has been generously donated via philanthropy. Funding cannot be guaranteed so please don't rely on an award.
- Only apply to one fund

GET IN TOUCH

Get in touch at development.office@sunderland.ac.uk for help with your application and/or any questions. We'd love to hear from you!

* In the event that a scholarship is unspent or spent on purposes other than those for which it was given, then the University reserves the right to ask for the funds to be repaid in order to help other students. All successful applicants will be required to complete a project report to let us know how the award has helped you and take part in University communications and publicity as and when required.

**International students are responsible for ensuring any funding adheres to their personal visa specifications.