



THE FUTURES FUND: EXCELLENCE

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

- Financial support to allow students to excel and achieve their academic potential in their final year of study.
- Financial prizes for those showing excellence or outstanding effort.

Multiple awards are available. Sports/Athletes awards are available throughout the year, awards for academic potential and excellence are awarded in May of your penultimate year of study.

SUPPORTS ✓	DOES NOT SUPPORT X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UG • Home/EU • London Campus • Sunderland Campus • Full Time • Part Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International students • Postgraduate students • Students working more than 12 hours a week. • Awards are available in your penultimate year of study for your final year only. • Tuition Fees

EXAMPLE AWARDS

- Funding for childcare to allow study time.
- Funding towards living costs to enable fewer working hours and more study time.

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.

Applications are considered at Committee Level once per year in May. 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.

Excellence applications are only considered between March and May each academic year. Please submit your excellence application between March and May 2025.

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

Successful candidates will be expected to provide an 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.*