



THE FUTURES FUND: EXPERIENCE

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 for athletes to compete in national and international competitions
- Extracurricular initiatives and opportunities
- Student-led initiatives
- Staff-led initiatives
- Group activity
- Public engagement with academic research

Multiple awards are available throughout the year.

SUPPORTS ✓	DOES NOT SUPPORT X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UG • PG • Home/EU • International* • Sunderland Campus • London Campus • Full Time and Part Time • Academic Staff • Professional Services Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compulsory course activity or PhD activity • Core business activity (or unapproved business activity via planning including equipment) • PG/PhD resources • Equipment for personal use including PC's • Student living costs • Retrospective activity • Personal Travel Insurance • Staff development/training opportunities without direct student benefit • Tuition fees

EXAMPLE AWARDS

- Hosting or attending a retreat or event/experience (including volunteering).

- Hosting a wellbeing event
- Supporting an on-campus activity
- Social mobility projects (visiting other campuses)
- Equipment to enhance student spaces.
- Taking groups of students on external world experiences
- Putting on a conference to showcase academic research.
- Entry fees for sports competitions,
- Travel and accommodation contributions for competitions.
- Small equipment (e.g., specialist footwear).
- Participation in national and international sporting events/competitions.

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 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.

Staff: Complete the online application.

Alumni: Complete the online application.

All 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.*