



**University of
Sunderland**

Development Trust

The Futures Fund Mary & Brian Archer Opportunity Awards

The University is the recipient of a generous donation in memory of Mary & Brian Archer, who both taught at the Technical College and then Sunderland Polytechnic.

Brian Archer was the first Warden of Wearmouth Hall when it opened in 1963 and went on to become Head of the Civil Engineering Department. Mary Archer taught in the Pharmacy Department before having a family. They were both true advocates of the University of Sunderland and these scholarships have been set up to continue their passion for helping students receive the greatest opportunities through education.

Funded over five years, this programme will award up to four annual scholarships of £750 per student.

Criteria:

Opportunity scholarships provide additional support for students looking to develop their skills, knowledge and experience around their chosen course. There are 4 awards available annually to the value of £750 each.

Applications are welcome from students at all levels. *

Opportunities which enhance studies and experiences of real-life working environments will be considered.

* Full time/Part time Home/EU/OS students studying at Sunderland or London Campus. This programme does not support PhD study.

- The application should clearly set out how your chosen opportunity will support your studies.
- Proposals should define the opportunity giving clear outputs, discuss benefit to the student and include a timeline of activity.
- Include details of associated costs and itemise each element within the financial breakdown.
- A supporting academic reference is required to support the merit of each applicant.

Applications are considered at Committee Level throughout the year between October and June. 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 are to be submitted via the university's evision portal and must include a signed academic reference.

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