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# NEWS BULLETIN

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

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### **Government backs new centre for writing in the North East**

The Department for Culture, Media & Sport has awarded £5m of its Cultural Development Fund to a new centre for writing and publishing in Newcastle. The Centre will support the next generation of northern writers and become a hub for the publishing industry in the North. The campaign for the new Centre was led by the charity New Writing North and Northumbria University, backed by local government and the North East Mayor with support from publishers.

[Read more](#)

### **Northumbria ranked one of 10 most sustainable universities in the UK**

Northumbria has been ranked as 10th in the UK for environmental and ethical performance in the People & Planet's University League for 2024/25. Published annually, the **People & Planet's University League** is the only comprehensive and independent league table of universities ranked by environmental and ethical performance. For the fourth year running Northumbria has been rated as First-Class and the highest ranked university in the North East.

[Read now](#)



# GIVING BACK TO NORTHUMBRIA

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## **Thank you for supporting our Mental Health First Aid Appeal**

Your generous donations to mental health and wellbeing initiatives have helped us raise almost £80,000 to support our students. Through our Giving Tuesday appeal we are funding vital resources and training more students in Mental Health First Aid. If you'd like to make a difference, it's not too late and every donation, big or small, will help us build a more supportive and resilient community at Northumbria. Together, we can make a real impact.

[Donate today](#)



## **Enterprise Mobility funding support students**

The Enterprise Mobility Foundation, linked to a global vehicle rental company, has committed a further funding to Northumbria which will support the IntoUniversity Centre which helps young people from under-represented backgrounds overcome barriers and progress into higher education and the current Mental Health First Aid Appeal. Recently named Graduate Employer of the Year at the 2024 TargetJobs National Graduate Recruitment Awards, Enterprise Mobility shares Northumbria's focus on social mobility and offering life-changing opportunities to all students.

[Find out more](#)



## **The Castle Peak Group supports new postgraduate scholarship**

A new partnership with The Castle Peak Group will provide support for postgraduate scholarships at Northumbria. The Castle Peak Group is committed to the importance of diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Founder and Chief Executive James Carss shared, "We are delighted to partner with Northumbria University which supports access to higher education, but also life changing experiences that will both enrich young people's lives and the communities around us".

[Find out more](#)



### **Wubbleyou supports scholarships for Computing and Data Sciences students**

Graduate and Co-Founder of Wubbleyou, Mark Renney, has announced his support for students through Wubbleyou's postgraduate scholarships for students studying Computing, AI or Data Sciences at Northumbria University. Mark said, "Wubbleyou started at Northumbria in 2009 - what better way for us to live our values than creating a tech focused scholarship in partnership with Northumbria".

[Find out more](#)



### **Jim Jackson Foundation provides hardship scholarships for talented students**

Northumbria University and the **Jim Jackson Educational and Enabling Foundation** has announced a partnership that will support hardship scholarships for students from traditionally under-represented groups to help them progress and succeed. Approximately 40% of Northumbria's students are from under-represented groups and hardship scholarships help ensure financial barriers are not the deciding factor for their education choices.

[Read more](#)



### **New HORIBA Foundation UK scholarship for under-represented students**

A pioneering new scholarship will enable motivated students from under-represented backgrounds to access higher education at Northumbria. Scholarship recipients will also be offered mentoring, site visits and networking opportunities which play an important developmental role in their student journey and opportunities after graduation. Dr Simon FitzGerald at HORIBA UK said, "We hope this scholarship will inspire students, who may not otherwise attend university, to follow their dreams in science and engineering".

[Find out more](#)

# BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## **Spend a month abroad!**

Northumbria University offers an International Short Programme with 21 opportunities across 17 countries for graduates up to 12 months post-graduation. The partially funded programme provides volunteering or internship opportunities abroad. Students who qualify can also access additional funding grants. Current opportunities include placements in St Lucia, Spain, Fiji, and Indonesia.

[Find out more](#)



## **Join our Female Founders Programme**

Are you a female business owner or are you ready to start your business? This 12-week programme provides dynamic workshops led by our expert mentors. You will have the opportunity to hear top tips for success as well as creating valuable networks that will benefit your business. If you are looking to set up a business, you could also pitch for funding from the Susan Dobson Memorial Fund to help get your business off the ground. The Female Founders programme has previously supported 16 business owners, with £30,000 in total awarded.

[Find out more](#)



## **Sponsor an award at the Northumbria University Sports Ball 2025**

The annual Northumbria University Sports Ball celebrates outstanding student participants, athletes, interns, volunteers, coaches, clubs and teams. You can sponsor an award for £750 plus VAT, receiving a generous package of benefits to promote your brand. For more details or to discuss sponsoring an award, contact Emma Davey, Sport Experience Manager, by Friday 4 April 2025.

[Register your interest now](#)



### Get ready for success: Attend a Mock Assessment Centre

Graduate Futures is offering Mock Assessment Centre Practice sessions for graduates and students with hands-on experience in group activities. These will help you prepare for job applications and give you the edge to stand out in interviews. The workshop will help you to build your confidence and provide insights into navigating the recruitment process, help you have a successful interview and get the job you really want, sign up today!

[Find out more](#)



### Graduate Futures Careers Drop-In

You can attend a weekly drop-in for recent graduates and students every Wednesday during term-time from 12pm - 1pm at Newcastle City Campus. The drop-in provides expert career advice with finding job vacancies, improving CV's and applications, preparing for interviews, assessment centres, and exploring business ideas. This is a great opportunity to get personalised support to help you progress with your post-university career plans.

[Find out more](#)



### Newcastle Legacy applications now open

Do you want to make a real impact? To better understand what is happening in Newcastle right now, how priorities get set and things get done? Newcastle Legacy provides an opportunity to share your voice. Join others to think bigger, get new perspectives, be challenged to think differently and understand the power of unexpected connections with people you might never normally meet. Get involved and be inspired to have more confidence and belief in the power of your ideas.

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12, 26 FEBRUARY 2025



**GET INVOLVED**

Northumbria University Alumni Association encourages our graduates to get involved in the work of the University as one of our Alumni Ambassadors. From providing an alumni profile to providing a lecture, talk or workshop, there are lots of ways to volunteer.



**DONATE**

There are a range of opportunities to support the University and our students. With your support we can continue to inspire students to take on the challenges of tomorrow without financial barriers. Join our growing numbers of alumni supporters today!



**OBITUARIES**

We commemorate and celebrate the lives of alumni and friends of the University who are no longer with us. If you would like to submit an obituary for an alumnus or former member of staff for inclusion, please email [alumni@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@northumbria.ac.uk).



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