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UNIVERSITY NEWS



Northumbria University announces £50m space skills, research and development centre

Northumbria University has secured £50 million in funding to create a world-leading space skills, research and technology centre in the North East of England. Major funding awards from the UK Space Agency and global aerospace giant, Lockheed Martin has been match-funded by the University to create the North East Space Skills and Technology Centre (NESST). This important Centre will be a “game-changer” for the UK space economy.

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Autumn 2023 edition of Northumbria University News

Packed with the latest news, features and interviews, the newspaper is the perfect way to keep up to date with the exciting developments taking place across the University. In this issue we highlight Northumbria's excellence and expertise in space research and Northumbria's role as a new Centre for Doctoral Training in Artificial Intelligence.

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GIVING BACK TO NORTHUMBRIA



Support student hardship today!

Our 'Many Hands Make Light Work Appeal' has brought our global alumni community together to support student hardship. On average, there's a monthly shortfall of over £500 between the student maintenance loan and living costs. Since 2020, we've seen a 60% increase in requests for support by Northumbria students, and we expect this trend to continue. We know that when we work together, we can achieve great things and if every member of our Alumni Association donated just £5 to this appeal, we'd be able to create a hardship fund of over £1m. Make a difference today.

[Support future students today](#)



Northumbria hosts NU Amplify on Giving Tuesday

Professor Andy Long, Vice-Chancellor & Chief Executive hosted the first NU Amplify event to thank donors who generously give funds or their time to support our students. Attendees were able to hear from a panel of donors who shared their own personal story about why they have decided to give back to Northumbria. Students who have benefitted from support were also there to meet their donors and highlight the positive impact this has had on their studies and their future.

[View event photos](#)



The Late John Connelly Award winner announced

Former University Governor Patricia Hodgson OBE provides an annual award in honour of her late father John Connelly. The John Connelly Award contributes towards supporting a once in a lifetime opportunity for a student to undertake a study and volunteering trip to a health development situated outside of the UK. This year's award winner, Coral Bisson, met Patricia to thank her and share her story about her elective placement experience overseas.

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Northumbria entrepreneurs receive funding to support the North East economy

Female graduate entrepreneurs from Northumbria have been awarded funding worth up to £63,000 from a new accelerator programme set up to support successful start-ups. The Susan Dobson Memorial Fund, recognises and supports women's entrepreneurial achievements in the North East, and the benefit this brings to the regional economy. Students and graduates who have launched a business with help from Northumbria, can benefit from taking part in this three-month programme.

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Join our Volunteer Programme and share your experience and expertise!

Have you ever benefited from a service run with volunteers? Volunteering can make a real difference to your own life and the lives of those around you. There are many ways to get involved and plenty of organisations that can help you find the right role for you. Not all opportunities are paid, but they can be an invaluable learning experience. Volunteering is a great way to give back, using the time and skills you already have, whilst tapping into new skills and networks. Sign up today.

[Benefits of volunteering](#)



Support future generations of students by completing your Graduate Outcomes survey

Around 15 months after your graduation you'll be emailed by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) to complete the Graduate Outcomes Survey. This national survey captures the diverse paths graduates like you have taken since leaving higher education. Your voice can help shape the future of education and your experiences are invaluable to helping prospective students make informed choices and assisting us in developing our courses and services.

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Research Degree Opportunities at Northumbria University

Do you want to do a PhD with us starting in October 2024? Northumbria has over 100 fully funded studentships on offer. Opportunities are available across our four Faculties, and a variety of different disciplines, covering the cost of tuition fees, as well as contributing to overall living costs. The deadline for applications is Friday, 26 January 2024, so don't miss out! Take a look at the projects we have available today.

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Take part in Foresight Creators Academy funded Creative Digital Skills Bootcamps

The Foresight Creators Academy Skills Bootcamps present a unique opportunity for creators from micro businesses, freelancers, or those currently seeking employment to develop their skills and boost their career or business prospects. Foresight offers fully funded places on their Creators Academy courses, giving participants access to in depth knowledge in the Adobe Creative Cloud suite including Premier Pro, Photoshop and After Effects software packages.

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Join the Study UK Preparing for Work MOOC

What's next after your UK education? Prepare for the global employment market with Study UK's free online course. Preparing for Work will give you access to advice on choosing the right job for you, and how to build relationships in a professional setting. You'll learn how you can communicate the skills you've gained from your UK education through covering letters, CVs and interviews. The course is free and by signing up before 31 December 2023, you can access the resources at your own pace you'll receive a digital certificate.

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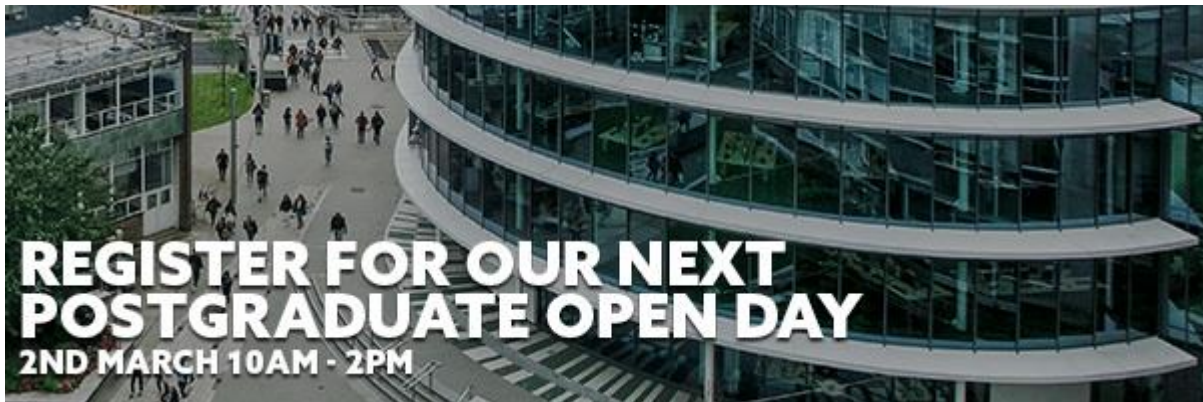


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Northumbria University Alumni Association encourages our graduates to get involved in the work of the University as one of our Alumni Ambassadors. From providing an alumni profile to providing a lecture, talk or workshop, there are lots of ways to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



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