



**Northumbria  
University**  
NEWCASTLE

**Alumni Benefits Edition**

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS BULLETIN



## University News



### Northumbria climbs into top 30 of UK university league table

Northumbria University is now ranked in the top 30 universities in the UK after a significant 20 place rise in The Guardian University Guide 2021. The guide focuses on the issues which matter most to young people considering studying at university including how well they will be taught, how highly courses are rated and which university provides the best chance of getting a good job. Northumbria has climbed to 27th place overall and has the best score in the UK in the value-added measure.

[Read more](#)

**Breath-taking new device to help disease diagnosis**

### Check out the latest edition of Northumbria University News

Northumbria University News is packed full of news and features covering everything from research projects and business partnerships to student and staff awards. The newspaper also includes interviews, listings, previews, health and lifestyle features and much more. Headline features in this edition include 'Breath taking new device to help disease diagnosis', 'To infinity and beyond' and 'On thin ice'.

[Read more](#)

## Alumni News



### Graduate awarded the Judge's Choice accolade at Santander Universities Emerging Entrepreneurs Awards

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Santander Universities Entrepreneurship Awards, a prestigious competition for student businesses and entrepreneurs from all of the 86 universities partnered with Santander Universities UK. Northumbria's Student & Graduate Enterprise Team chose graduate business, Pretty Mama, to represent the University in the programme and be in with a chance of being crowned the 2020 winner.

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### All hands to the sanitiser pump for young entrepreneur

Fraser Mair, who graduated in 2019 from the Business with Marketing Management course, has turned a free hand sanitiser project into a £100,000 per month business in just 12 weeks. With the lockdown causing a dip in sales at his family's small gin distillery, production was switched to making a World Health Organisation approved formula. He produced 15,000 bottles of free hand sanitiser for frontline workers and is now selling the product to companies that have placed large corporate orders.

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### Northumbria graduate designers tipped as rising stars

The skills and vision of Graphic Design graduates have been recognised during the UK's biggest annual celebration of up-and-coming design talent. Three final year students from Northumbria's class of 2020 were named as 'Ones to Watch' during this year's D&AD New Blood Festival, while a fourth was awarded a coveted Pencil Award. The festival provides an opportunity for final year graphic design and illustration students to showcase their work in front of leading agencies and talent spotters.

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### Northumbria graduates' award-winning designs to tackle global challenge

Two Design for Industry graduates are tackling tomorrow's most pressing social and environmental issues after being awarded prestigious prizes at the RSA Student Design Awards. Aditya Kujal and Jessica Williams are following in the footsteps of alumnus Sir Jonathan Ive, former Chief Design Officer of Apple, who won two RSA Student Design awards consecutively in 1988 and 1989. Aditya, for her low-cost incubator and Jessica, for her revention and chronic care management design 'Nip It In The Boob'.

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## Alumni Benefits Package



### Support for SMEs and students through Northumbria paid internship scheme

At a time when many creative businesses are looking for support through the COVID-19 crisis, additional help and free expertise could make a big difference. Northumbria University is working in partnership with Santander Universities Internships Scheme to boost the employability of current students and recent graduates by giving them the opportunity to gain real world paid experience. The scheme also benefits SMEs by providing access to skills and experiences with fully funded two-week internships.

[Find out more](#)



### Return to study a Masters

According to the Department for Education's Graduate Labour Market Statistics (2017), Postgraduate students earn on average £6,000 a year more than their Undergraduate counterparts. We have a wide range of full-time, part-time and distance learning Masters options to choose from. However, we know studying a Masters degree is a big financial commitment, which is why we wanted to remind you about our wide range of funding and scholarship opportunities available to help you, including the 20% Alumni tuition fee discount\*.

[Find out more](#)



### Graduate Outcomes & Support from Graduate Futures

As a Northumbria graduate, you will be contacted around 15 months after you graduate, to take part in the Graduate Outcomes survey, to find out what graduates are doing 15 months after leaving university. The results feature in national league tables and help current and prospective students plan their careers. The Careers & Employment service has become Northumbria Graduate Futures, as a graduate you can still get FREE support from the team for up to five years after graduation.

[Find out more](#)



### Santander Tech Scholarships | Emerging Technologies Programs by MIT Professional Education

No matter the sector you work in or want to work in, if you are aged between 20 and 35 as a Northumbria University graduate, you can apply for a Santander Tech Scholarships | Emerging Technologies Programs by MIT Professional Education #SantanderScholarship. There are 400 spaces available for those students and graduates looking to improve their professional outlook and adapt to the technological demands of the job market.

[\*\*Apply here\*\*](#)





### It's Your Future

If you are seeking a placement, internship, graduate job or just want to learn more about graduate opportunities; the It's Your Future event is something you won't want to miss! The Graduate Futures service has been working behind the scenes to secure multiple opportunities for students and alumni and this year's talks are all online! Hearing directly from employers and asking questions in a structured and supportive environment is vital at this time. The job market has altered in 2020 so these talks will give you a direct insight into these changes.

[Find out more](#)



*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.*

## Get Involved

*In addition to our COVID-19 Fundraising Campaign, there are a range of other opportunities to support the University and students. With your support we can continue to inspire our students to take on the challenges of tomorrow without financial barriers. Join our growing numbers of alumni supporters today!*

## Donate

*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).*

## Obituaries

[northumbria.ac.uk/alumni](http://northumbria.ac.uk/alumni)



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