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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS BULLETIN



University News



Northumbria researchers tackling the challenges of Covid-19

Northumbria academics have secured Government funding worth almost £1.2 million to conduct research in support of the UK's response to Covid-19. The funding is part of the UK Research and Innovation Covid-19 rapid response funding and is for three projects to be delivered over the next 18 months, with Northumbria as a consortium lead. Northumbria has also been named as a co-investigator on a fourth project led by the University of Stirling.

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Degree apprenticeship partners recognised amongst the best

Northumbria University is delivering degree apprenticeship courses for more than one in ten of the organisations recently ranked in a new national league table for top apprenticeship employers. Recognised as a leading degree apprenticeship training provider, Northumbria was one of the first in the UK to offer the government-supported programmes. The University now works with around 300 different companies annually.

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Alumni News



NU Ideas Fund supports graduate & student start-up businesses

The Agile Business Consortium is delighted to announce an excellent turnout of applications for the NU Ideas fund. As part of its campaign to create Generation Agile, the Consortium committed to support Northumbria University Enterprise Fund through a £5,000 a year donation for the next three years. This Enterprise Fund was split into 10 grant opportunities worth £500 each, to provide vital funding to help develop student ideas and start-ups.

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Support from the Graduate Futures Service

The end of a year is usually a time for reflecting on what you've achieved and what direction you want to take in the future. In a year that has brought exceptional challenges, you may find your graduate career journey has stalled or it hasn't got started yet. As a Northumbria graduate* you can still get **FREE** support from the Graduate Futures team. You can also get personalised one-to-one support with your career plans and help with starting your own business.

[Find out more](#)

Alumni Giving & Philanthropy



Thank you to all our supporters of the Tough Times appeal

In the run up to Giving Tuesday we are reflecting on the impact of our Tough Times appeal, which was launched in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The challenges of the last year have been hard for all of us, but for the many Northumbria students that work to support themselves while they study, being furloughed or without their usual income is particularly worrying. Fortunately, thanks to kind supporters of our appeal, we have so far been able to raise £91,679 to ease some of these worries.

[Find out more](#)



Share your expertise and support our current students

Are you a Northumbria University graduate who benefited from the guidance, support and resources from the Careers and Employment Service? Are you interested in giving back your time to support current students as they embark on their own employability journey? Graduate Futures and the Alumni Association offer a range of events for current students and are delighted to welcome contributions from our talented alumni network. Giving your time has never been easier.

[Find out more](#)



Northumbria academic leaves lasting legacy to support students

Members of our alumni community from the late 1980's and early 1990's may recall Dr Robert McCrone Laird, a researcher and teacher of physical chemistry. Sadly Robert passed away in December 2019, however he enjoyed his time so much at "the Poly", and later Northumbria University, that he made plans during his lifetime to make a gift in his will. This transformational gift will now enable talented students irrespective of background to study at Northumbria.

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Northumbria staff and students raise funds for North East Hospices

In these challenging times, especially for providers of nursing and healthcare services, Northumbria's Nursing, Midwifery & Health department decided to raise funds on behalf of five North East hospices. Staff and students raised funds in through a variety of activities. Sasha Ban, Senior Lecturer in Children's Nursing, even opted to shave her head as her way of contributing to the fundraising efforts! The department are proud to have raised £2,769, smashing their target of £2,500.

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Alumni from the UK can now apply for a range of Masters programmes via the Alumni Application Short Form in under a minute.

We also offer a generous **20% tuition fee discount*** to Alumni, regardless of where you are in the world.

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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.

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.

Obituaries

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