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# WE ARE ABERDEEN FUTURE FUND

THE ABERDEEN FUTURE FUND IS AN ANNUAL APPEAL TO UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN ALUMNI WORLDWIDE. THE ABERDEEN FUTURE FUND AIMS TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES TO FUND MODEST AND ACHIEVABLE PROJECTS WHICH WILL ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN STUDENTS.

Since its launch in 1998, the generosity of alumni and friends has shaped the Aberdeen Future Fund. Over the years Aberdeen Future Fund has raised more than £2.5m and last year alumni and friends pledged an amazing £655,000.

This generosity has helped to fund:

- Aberdeen Future Fund undergraduate scholarships
- Equipment for a wide range of clubs and societies
- Student welfare service Niteline
- Sports bursaries
- The alumni floor of the new University Library
- Medical research at the University

The Aberdeen Future Fund supports projects that will be realised within a year and in this way gifts of any size can make a genuine difference to the student experience.

The support of alumni and friends helps our University to make research breakthroughs and ensure that a new generation of students can enjoy a world class education regardless of personal circumstances. It is your participation that counts.

**Help us to make a difference and donate to this year's appeal.**

**The Aberdeen Future Fund Team**

**THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MORE EXCITING TIME TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, AND WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR STUDENTS ARE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL AND MAKE THE MOST OF ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED TO THEM.**



## THE ABERDEEN FUTURE FUND SUPPORTS:

# THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

University life is an opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people and try new things. Each year the Aberdeen Future Fund grants funds to the Students' Association to disburse amongst over one hundred clubs and societies. The support of the Aberdeen Future Fund has helped clubs and societies to achieve their aims and objectives and is used in a variety of ways from purchasing equipment to providing transport to competitive events – things that would have otherwise been impossible to fund through the groups' own limited budgets.

Funds have also been made available to support services like Niteline, the confidential student information and advice line run by student volunteers and Gaudie, the student run newspaper. Both services provide information and networks to the student community as well as valuable experience for volunteers running the service. Last year Niteline used the funding to promote the service more widely amongst the student population resulting in an increase in the number of calls to the line and a doubling in the number of volunteers.

*"The Aberdeen Future Fund was kind enough to award £10,000 to Aberdeen University Students' Association clubs and societies. This money was of great benefit and allowed us to do things that would not have been possible without the funding. Thank you."*

**Andrew Ryan, President for Societies and Student Activities 2010/11**

*"We would like to thank the Aberdeen Future Fund for their continued support as Niteline makes such a big difference to students."*

**Jenny Batty, President for Welfare and Equal Opportunities 2010/11**

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

**"BEING AN ABERDEEN FUTURE FUND SPORTS BURSAR HAS HELPED ME IMMENSELY. THE INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP OF ABERDEEN SPORTS VILLAGE HAS ALLOWED ME TO TRAIN CLOSE TO THE UNIVERSITY USING EXCELLENT EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES."**

**CATRIONA BAIN, ABERDEEN FUTURE FUND SPORTS BURSAR 2010/11**

**"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT MY EXPERIENCE WILL STAY WITH ME THROUGHOUT MY MEDICAL CAREER."**

**AMANDA RODGER, STUDENT STUDY SUPPORT RECIPIENT**

At the University of Aberdeen we believe that financial circumstances should never prevent gifted students from receiving a world class education. Undergraduate scholarship awards are made to students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need.

We also support sports bursaries. Bursaries are used to fund professional coaching, equipment and travel thus enabling talented students to reach their full athletic potential and compete at the highest level without compromising their academic studies.

Each year we are able to support up to ten undergraduate scholarships and 20 sports bursaries, but we are overwhelmed by the number of applications and increasing scholarship and bursary provision is our current priority.

*"Receiving £250 from the Aberdeen Future Fund really helped contribute towards my placement in Sotheby's. This experience will be extremely beneficial when applying for jobs as I gained a considerable amount of knowledge and skills. Thank you."*

**Lucy Little, Student Study Support Recipient**

*"I would like to thank the Aberdeen Future Fund for helping financially support my research. Without this grant I would have been unable to access research material for my dissertation. I am eternally grateful."*

**Sue Halwa, Student Study Support recipient**



# SUPPORTING MEDICAL RESEARCH

Supporting medical research at the University of Aberdeen invests in research to improve the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of a range of common diseases.

Integrated health services on the city's Foresterhill campus foster relationships between researchers, students and clinicians encouraging new discoveries and innovative approaches to diagnosis and treatment. Aberdeen has long been at the forefront of medical teaching and research and Foresterhill is recognised as one of the largest healthcare campuses in Europe.

The Aberdeen Future Fund supports medical research at the University in many ways, from the purchasing of equipment to improving facilities and training resources. The University's *Hotstart* programme is an example of this in practice.

The scheme gives young medical students summer placements in the University's laboratories to work alongside researchers.

Wherever the investment is made, the impact can be seen locally in the application of research to the treatment of a range of illnesses and diseases including:

- Neurodegenerative diseases including dementia and Alzheimer's disease
- Cancer
- Heart failure & related cardiac specialisms
- Osteoporosis and arthritis
- Autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders
- Diet and nutrition
- Blindness and eye diseases

## THE GREATEST NEED, THE GREATEST IMPACT

Regular giving raises vital funds year on year to add value and excellence to the University of Aberdeen student experience and education. Each year thousands of alumni and friends make donations ranging from five pounds to £10,000 and more to ensure that the next generation of students benefit from a university experience that will enable them to fulfil their potential.

By committing to a regular donation to the Aberdeen Future Fund, you help us to support urgent priorities and provide funds where needed - for departments that are in need of refurbishment and up-to-date online facilities, student societies needing new equipment, and for individual students through scholarships and bursaries. Unrestricted gifts provide the University with the flexibility to respond to its areas of greatest need.

**Thank you for taking the time to read our leaflet. We hope you will consider supporting the Aberdeen Future Fund by making a donation.**



**A GIFT TO THE AREA OF GREATEST NEED IS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE YOU CAN MAKE. BY DONATING TO THIS FUND YOU ALLOW US TO DIRECT YOUR DONATION TO WHERE IT WILL HAVE THE MOST IMPACT.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ABERDEEN  
FUTURE FUND IN ANY WAY, OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER  
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