



GIVE YOURSELF A PAT ON THE BACK



Alumni contributions in response to telephone campaigns, letters and e-mails over the past year have been fantastic.

Thousands of students have benefitted from your support and would like to say thank you!



Here are just a few people that would like to thank you personally.

Malcolm Parsons received a Student Study Support Grant to participate in a research trip to the Arctic.



“I have always been interested in the Arctic regions, in particular Svalbard. Getting the opportunity to participate in a research trip there as part of my degree was like a dream come true. Without the Student Study Support Grant I would have struggled to obtain enough information for my honours research project and I would not have gained first-hand experience in carrying out field work in Arctic areas which will strengthen my position when I graduate.”

Malcolm Parsons, Ecology student

Sally Cormack received Hotstart funding to undertake an eight week laboratory placement.

“This lab project gave me an invaluable insight into the workings of a lab environment, further than I have been able to experience during university courses. It was an ideal opportunity to prepare me for my honours project. Thank you for your generous support as without it, it would have been impossible for me to have undertaken this project.”

Sally Cormack, Biochemistry student

The University’s Student Support department receives funding from the University of Aberdeen Development Trust to run a Transition Programme for students on the Autistic Spectrum.

“The Transition Programme helped me grasp a better understanding towards the difficult changes that would unfold by moving from school to university. But more importantly, moving to an unknown area is hard. The Programme helped me make new friends with similar difficulties which has made it easier to adapt to this heavy change. It was a lot of fun to participate in also. Myself and the friends I made through the Programme still look back at this with a smile.”

*Samantha**

**name changed for confidentiality*



The Au Science Magazine is an internationally-renowned student publication which received funding to cover the costs of publishing.

“The funding was very important as it meant we could devote more of our time generating ideas and producing the magazine rather than focussing our efforts on raising money. The grant allowed us to develop continuity, remain motivated and run some small science writing training sessions for students. Thank you very much for your support on behalf of the Au Science Magazine team.”

Samir Miyah, Treasurer, Au Science Magazine

BeCyCle is an environmentally friendly community project which recycles old, unused bicycles and lends them out for free. Funding from the Development Trust enabled the essential relocation of their workshop to suitable premises and its refurbishment.

“The relocation to our new premises and the process of making it operational had significant costs attached. We are a voluntary operation run by students and without your support, we would not have been able to afford the redevelopment ourselves. Thanks to the funding we are fully operational again with new premises which are better equipped, thus improving our ability to fix more bicycles and enabling us to provide a service that is open to anyone.”

Graeme Hope, AUSA Membership Engagement Manager



Reuben Sagar received a scholarship thanks to your support.

“I will be graduating this Summer and would like to say thanks for your kindness. Your support transformed my experience at the University and enabled me to succeed. I feel privileged to be graduating and wanted to let you know just how life-changing your donations can be. Many thanks.”

Reuben Sagar, Economics student



A special thank you goes out to our alumni and friends who participated in our Valentine’s Day appeal. You contributed almost £3,000 towards life-saving advancements in cardiac research at the University of Aberdeen. Thank you.

Your support over the past year has been so important to our students.

Whether you have given a one-off donation or a regular gift we would like to thank you.

We have an ongoing need for funding so that we can continue to improve the student experience. If you are able to make a further single donation, create a regular gift or increase your regular support we would love to hear from you.

Collectively we can provide a student experience that is second to none and your gift of any amount will take us one step closer.

To find out more or to discuss a donation please contact Cara Baird at c.baird@abdn.ac.uk or call +44(0)1224 273278. Or, to donate online go to www.abdn.ac.uk/giving.

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