

# University of Aberdeen Graduation 2025 30 June - 4 July



# Welcome

## to this graduation ceremony

For more than 525 years, our graduates have provided the world with excellence and innovation. Today you, our graduands, become part of that story.

Our University was founded in 1495 to be 'open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others' and this purpose has successfully guided us throughout the centuries. Our record of excellence and innovation in teaching and research, and our international outlook and dedication to ensuring our students realise their full potential, has produced countless numbers of highly skilled graduates who have gone on to make a real impact on the world.

With Aberdeen being placed 12th in The Guardian University Guide 2025, 15th in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025, and consistently in the UK top 15 for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 you can take pride in the knowledge that you have graduated from an institution acknowledged as being one of the best in the UK.

Throughout your time studying with us, I hope you have experienced a learning environment which nurtures intellectual curiosity, where all members of our wonderful community have developed and grown. You will have been taught by researchers at the forefront of their field. You sit here having achieved success in what is unquestionably a challenging curriculum, designed to bring out the best in everyone.

Today you join our worldwide alumni family and the strong sense of sense of belonging you will have felt on campus extends beyond graduation and beyond borders. With more than 150,000 alumni in 170 countries, you will always find a member of our University community nearby, and we work hard to keep you connected wherever you go in the future. Higher education transforms lives and our alumni stay connected because of the excellent and memorable education they have received here at Aberdeen; I sincerely hope this will also be true for all of you.

Today isn't only about our fantastic graduands, it's about the family, partners and friends who are here to celebrate alongside them. This is a special day for every single person here, whether you are in a gown or not.

On behalf of everyone at the University, I offer my congratulations to you all. The entire University community takes great pride in each and every one of you and wishes you every success in your future life and career.



**Professor George Boyne** MA, MLitt, PhD,AcSS Principal and Vice-Chancellor



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As the very proud Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen, I am delighted to send my best wishes to all those graduating today and to take this opportunity to congratulate you on everything you have achieved.

I am sure the time you have spent here will have provided you not only with a thorough knowledge of your subject, but also with the skills that you will need as you prepare for your chosen career. I hope that it has been an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for each one of you and that you leave with a fund of memories that you will look back on fondly for many years to come.

May I also welcome your families and friends who have supported and encouraged you every step of the way. I hope that they too will enjoy this <u>very</u> special day.







# **Order of Ceremony**

## The Graduands' Procession

Before the ceremony formally begins, a Sacrist, bearing the gold casket containing the University's Freedom Scroll, awarded as part of the Freedom of the City of Aberdeen in 1995, leads the graduands into the ceremony. The role of the Sacrist dates back to the early days of the founding of the University in 1495.

The title "Sacrist" is a diminutive of "Sacristan" who was the officer of the church in charge of the sacristy which was the room where the sacred utensils, vestments and other movables were kept. The modern word in Scotland for the sacristy is the vestry. Next are the promoters, senior members of the academic staff who will call the individual graduands for the conferral of their degree. The audience should remain seated while the graduands enter the hall and take their seats.

### Civic and Academic Processions

The audience will be asked to stand as the civic and academic processions enter. The civic procession has representatives of the civic community, which may include the Lord Provost of the City of Aberdeen, representatives of the City Council and of such other bodies as the Guildry, the Seven Incorporated Trades, the Chamber of Commerce and the Judiciary

As the academic procession enters, the audience will sing Gaudeamus Igitur. Music has always been an essential feature of the University's cultural life. Gaudeamus Igitur, a medieval student song from Germany, is sung at every Aberdeen graduation ceremony. The presiding officer is last in the procession, and is either the Chancellor, as ceremonial head of the University, the Pro-Chancellor, or the Vice-Chancellor.

The Chancellor, Her Majesty Queen Camilla, is the nominal head of the University and confers degrees on graduates.

This duty is often shared with her deputy, the Pro-Chancellor, Professor Sir Iain Torrance KCVO.

Vice-Chancellor is generally known in Scotland as the Principal, and is executive head of the University. The Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor wear gowns decorated with gold, and the Principal's gown is decorated with silver. When the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor are present, the Principal usually wears a purple ceremonial gown.

#### Gaudeamus igitur

(The first and last lines of each verse are sung twice.)

Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus. Post jucundam juventutem, post molestam senectutem, nos habebit humus. Vivat Academia, vivant Professores. Vivat membrum quodlibet, vivat membra quaelibet: semper sint in flore! Alma Mater floreat, quae nos educavit; caros et commilitones, dissitas in regiones sparsos congregavit

#### **Translation**

Let us therefore rejoice, while we are young. After the joys of youth, after the troubles of old age, the earth will have us.

Long live Academe, long live those who teach.Long live each member, long live all the members: may they always flourish.

Let our Alma Mater flourish, which has taught us; dear ones and comrades, scattered in remote places, she gathered.

# The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The audience will remain standing until the processions have reached their places, and while the Chaplain to the University says the opening prayer.

# Conferral of Degrees

All degrees are conferred in Latin, consistent with the traditions of a 500 year old university. Though the precise formula for each degree varies, the promoter seeks permission from the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor, and from all the doctors and masters of the University, to present the various candidates for the conferral of their degree.

Permission is granted on behalf of the Senatus and the names of the individual graduands are called. To signify the conferral, the head of each graduand is touched with a small ornate cap and a Sacrist then places over their head the academic hood, or helps to gown a doctoral graduate. The hoods, lined in different colours to identify the various degrees, lend the ceremony its distinctive colour, and are worn with the gown only after graduating. Graduands receiving a Doctorate Award are robed in a scarlet gown whilst they are on the platform; all other graduands wear a black gown and are 'hooded' in their degree colour when they are on the platform.

## Address to Graduates

After all the degrees have been conferred, the presiding officer will either deliver an address to the graduates or will call upon another senior member of the University or an honorary graduate to do so.

# Benediction and Processions

The audience will remain standing while the Chaplain to the University pronounces the benediction and the academic, civic and graduate processions leave the hall. The inclusion of the new graduates in these processions symbolises their membership of the global University of Aberdeen community.



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500+ year old university

# **Graduation Ceremony**

# Thursday 3 July 2025 at 3.00pm

#### **Higher Degrees and Awards**

By Research

#### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Ashraq Ahmed A A F Alfaraj Geology and Geophysics Salim Malik Anas Computing Science Tracy Asamoah-Boateng Geography Rishi Vachaspathy Astakala Chemistry

Jyothi Basapathi Raghavendra *Planetary Science* 

Stevie Brown Chemistry

Simona Caruso Geography; Geology and Geophysics

Daniel Thomas Coathup Geography; Geology and Geophysics

Emmanuel Udo Dan Chemistry

Eleanor Alexandra Heptinstall Geology and Geophysics

Shaan Melissa Heydenrych Geology and Geophysics

Lucy Janna Koster Archaeology

Lucinda Kate Layfield Geology and Geophysics

Oluwaseun Franklin Olabode Engineering; Geography

Martyn Thomas Roberts Geography

Irmine Charlotte Nelly Roshem Archaeology

Gytis Stepanafas Chemistry

Opeyemi Mary Taiwo Geology and Geophysics

Alexandra Tatayo Muzo Geology and Geophysics

Naila Tufaha Chemistry

#### **Arts & Social Sciences**

#### **Higher Degrees and Awards**

Taught Programmes
Master of Science
Archaeology
John Robert Strachan with Distinction

#### Sustainability Transitions

Manal Mohammed A Ghalib with Commendation Patricia Grace Hensley with Commendation Samana Tiwari with Distinction

#### **Undergraduate Degrees and Awards**

Master of Arts Honours Degrees Applied Mathematics Poppy Kruse with First Class Honours

#### Archaeology Lily Keela Burrows Matthew Coats

Charlotte Doig with First Class Honours

Craig John Paget

Connor Sherrard

#### Archaeology-History Gavin Ka Chung Ortiz Chan Jacob Murphy Vada Sinclair Sessions

#### Computing

Ryosuke Nagata Rhys Euan David Speers

#### Computing and Music

Jonathan Samuel Fordyce Love with First Class Honours

#### Geography

Callum Mark Gray Lucy Jones Holly Kealey Amy Kate Kewley Lauren Lee Loxley Keira Isobel Percival Finn Rodger Euan Wond

#### Geography-International Relations

Maggie Claire Coulston Oliver Trafford Matthews Emily Anne Robertson Beth Annie Smith

#### **Mathematics**

Jakub Hampl with First Class Honours
Alix Elizabeth Stephen with First Class Honours

#### Science

#### **Higher Degrees and Awards**

**Taught Programmes** 

#### Master of Science

Artificial Intelligence

Rashiydah Oluwatomi Abdulrazaq Adio with Commendation

Karol Jaroslaw Hetman with Distinction

Goutham Varma Indukuri with Distinction

Rahul Manoj Kanchan

Ahmad Isa Muhammad with Commendation

Ahmad Sadauki Mustapha with Commendation

Roshani Nitin Pawar with Distinction

Liang Yan

#### **Cultural Heritage**

Talia Elizabeth Williams-Altun with Distinction

#### Cybersecurity

Annuary Issah Lyimo with Commendation
Abderrezzaq Messedad with Commendation
Stefan Shkenderov

#### Data Science

Nana Budu Anguah with Distinction
Tareq Abdulqader Asaad Asaad with Commendation
Shelley Buchan with Distinction
Michael Edem Deblui with Commendation
Samantha Mensima Erskine with Commendation
Alizah Erum
Aftab Hamid with Distinction
Balkrishna Mallikarjun Mottannavar with Commendation

Harsha Mullakere Kantharaju
Priya Murmu with Commendation
Anthony Owora Ofei with Commendation
Elizabeth Ifedayo Owolabi with Distinction
Aryan Rajput with Commendation
Souham Sengupta
Akuoma Amanda Uche-Olowu

#### **Geographical Information Systems**

Aidan Fletcher Bagley with Commendation
Sharlet Kurian with Commendation
Eunice Wanjira Ngunu with Distinction
Syed Mohammad Mohsin Zaidi with Commendation

#### Information Technology

Muhammad Hussnain Arshad
Darryl Mathew Arun
Jia Cao with Commendation
Lu Chen
Chizara Oriaku Ikelua
Aryan Jakhmola
Nan Liu
Fatima Balkore Mohammed
Siddhi Padmakshan
Kaishi Wang
Chenxiang Xu with Commendation

#### Oil & Gas Enterprise Management

Samuel James Egbe with Commendation
Olive Chisom Ezike with Commendation
Presheta Namasevaya with Distinction
Donato Deng Ngeny Wol with Commendation

#### **Planetary Sciences**

Hitankshi Mohanty with Commendation Abirami Muthusamy Reddy Varun Vunnam

#### **Undergraduate Degrees and Awards**

#### Master in Science

Computing Science with Industrial Placement
Ludovico Ilmari Chiavelli with First Class Honours
Hariss Ali Gills with First Class Honours
Zsolt Kébel with First Class Honours
Klara Krämer with First Class Honours
Euan Murphy
Gergana Ivaylova Paskova
Joshua Tumaini Shayo
Wiktoria Szitenhelm with First Class Honours

#### **Master of Chemistry**

Thomas James Browning
Dolores Czarnecka
Domonkos Endreffy
Kalina Maria Fornal with First Class Honours
James Gartshore
Gregor James Jackson
Patryk A Kudrel
Jasmin Liebsch with First Class Honours

#### Master of Engineering

Computing Science

Jakub Cyprian Pitula with First Class Honours

Margarita Hristova Radeva with First Class Honours

Alberto Rodriguez

Doroteya Evgenieva Stoyanova

Thomas Patrick Utting with First Class Honours

#### **Bachelor of Science**

**Designated Degrees** 

**Business Management and Information Systems** 

Saeed Massad

#### Chemistry

Nathan Morrison

Louise Turnbull

#### Geoscience

**David Conquer** 

#### **Physical Sciences**

Finlay Morrison

#### **Physics**

Eilidh Morrison

#### **Honours Degrees**

#### **Applied Mathematics**

Lluis Cobos Roca

Rebecca Davies

Henrietta Kiss

Shannah May Slessor

#### **Business Management and Information systems**

Xinran Huang with First Class Honours

#### Chemistry

Josh Brandon Christie

Jago George Love-Jennings

Andrew Paton with First Class Honours

Harriet Stenning

Pui Yu Wong

#### **Computing Science**

Faizan Abbas with First Class Honours

Yinan Chen

Zhaoxin Chu

Clementine Cornillon--Chen with First Class Honours

Jules Desre-Crouch

Mattia Di Profio

Calvin Earnshaw with First Class Honours

Hareeshan Elankeeran

Felipe Escribano Correro

Favour Moben Jam

Ying Xuan Loke

Niklas David Lough with First Class Honours

Shaun MacDonald

Dylan Alexander Moeller with First Class Honours

Phillip Ngo with First Class Honours

Akin Omisakin

Thomas William Dawson Parkinson

Franziska Petermann

Yusuf Qureshi

Muhammad Haseeb Shakir

Warren Francis Spalding

Julia Telus Dominic Uri with First Class Honours Wanjie Zhong with First Class Honours

#### **Computing Science and Physics**

Matthew Brett Robertson with First Class Honours

#### Computing Science-Mathematics

Charles Swanney Braidwood

Daniel Chiagozie Oghenemaro Eze with First Class Honours

#### Geography

Annabel Galt
Abby McAllister
Rory David Ruston
Natalie Zoe Spalding
Amy Elizabeth Szalajko

#### Geography-Geoscience

Thomas David Ubhi

#### Geology

Rhona Margaret Duncan with First Class Honours
Findlay Thomas Francis
Rowan Duncan Macdonald with First Class Honours
Fraser Marshall
Lowenna Eve Radcliffe
Karan Sharma
Nicoleta Sima
Josh Dean Stirton with First Class Honours
Joshua White
Mark Williams

#### Geology-Petroleum Geology

Michael Glenwright Ethan Henderson Hepburn

#### Geoscience

Blair James Fowlie with First Class Honours Sophia Janisse James Uphill Fay Vincent with First Class Honours

#### **Mathematics**

Daniel Adams with First Class Honours
Pacifico Macari
Nathan Andrew Marshall with First Class Honours
Ben Schelbert
Zerin Tasnim
Daniel Ziegler

#### Mathematics-Physics

Caoimhe Bloomer Robyn Burnett Sasha Louise Fowlie Ghulam Yaseen with First Class Honours

#### **Physical Sciences**

Lisa Sophie Ilgenstein

#### **Physics**

Fraser Gauld Cailean John Mackay Aidan Tarras William Uings with First Class Honours





# **Graduation Ceremony**

# Thursday 3 July 2025 at 3.00pm

## **Before Ceremony**

A selection of organ music will be played before the ceremony, concluding with *Trumpet Voluntary* by Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

#### Interlude

Here comes the sun.

George Harrison (1943-2001)

## **After Ceremony**

Pipe Major Julie Brinklow will pipe out the procession

Grand Choeur - William R Spence (1859-1946) will be played by the organist.

Stuart Muir Director of Chapel and Ceremonial Music *Organist*Matthew Reilly *Guitar* 



# **Graduation Ceremonies**

# **Honorary Degrees**

The words used by the Chancellor (or Pro/Vice-Chancellor) are:

"I make and constitute you, declare and proclaim you, Doctor and Master of Sacred Theology\*, as a sign of which I place this cap upon your head, and pray to God, supreme in goodness and power, that this act may be blessed and of good augury".

\*The above words are used for the Degree of DD: differing words are used for other degrees (see below).

# Higher degrees

Before presenting graduands, the Promoter seeks the permission of the Chancellor (or Pro/Vice-Chancellor) to do so, saying:

"My Lord Chancellor (or Mr Pro/Vice-Chancellor), Doctors and Masters, and the whole University, I present to you this candidate (these candidates), who has (have) been approved on examination, to be promoted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy\*".

If the same Promoter goes on to promote candidates for other degrees, the promoter omits the opening words, saying "I also present to you..."

The Chancellor (or Pro/Vice-Chancellor) replies: "The Senatus assenting, let him (them) be promoted".

The Promoter then says "Let (name) come up".

To the first graduand in each degree the Chancellor (or Pro/Vice-Chancellor) says:

"By the authority which the most high and mighty Princes have in the fullest measure bestowed on this beneficent University I make you Doctor and Master of Philosophy\*, as a sign of which I place this cap upon your head and pray to God, supreme in goodness and power, that this act may be blessed and of good augury".

To graduands after the first the Chancellor (or Pro/Vice-Chancellor) says: "I make you also".

\*The above words are used for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy: differing words are used for other degrees (see below). In conferring degrees of Master, the words "Doctor and" are omitted.

# **Undergraduate Degrees**

The same words are used for the presentation of the recipients of Undergraduate as for Higher degrees except that "Master" or "Bachelor" is used in place of "Doctor" and "Master".

When both non-Honours and Honours graduands in the same degree are being presented, the Promoter, before calling the first graduand with Honours says, "Those who have earned Honours".

If both Honours and Pass degree graduands in the same degree are being presented, the Promoter, before calling the first graduand with a Pass degree says "Those who have satisfied the examiners".

The degrees of MA and BSc may, in certain circumstances, be conferred on members of the University staff, in recognition of long service and/or exceptional merit. When asking permission to present such graduands, the Promoter says

"...I present to you this man/woman who has distinguished him/herself over many years in the service of the University, to be promoted to the degree of Master of Arts [or Bachelor of Science]". The same procedure is then followed and the same formulae used as in other cases in which the degree of MA [or BSc] is conferred.

# **Professional Diplomas**

Following the model above, the same words are used for the presentation of the recipients for a Diploma as for Degrees, except that Diploma is used in place of Doctor, Master, Bachelor.

Note: The Latin words used by Promoters may vary slightly, according to the numbers of graduands presented, and whether they are male or female.

# **Degrees**

Below are the degrees currently awarded by the University in the form (accusative case) in which they appear in the formula of conferral: in each case, an English translation is given.

DD

Sacrosanctae Theologiae Doctorem (Doctor of Sacred Theology)

DPT

In Theologia Practica (Doctor in Practical Theology)

LLD

Utriusque Iuris, tam Canonici quam Civilis, Doctorem (Doctor of both the Laws - Canon and Civil)

DHC

Doctorem Honoris Causa (Doctor by Reason of Honour)

DLitt, MLitt

In Litteris Doctorem/Magistrum (Doctor/Master in Letters)

EdD, MEd, BEd

In Arte Mentis Disciplinae Doctorem/ Magistrum Baccalaureum (Doctor/Master/Bachelor in Art of Mental Training)

DMus, MMus, BMus

In Musica Doctorem/Magistrum/
Baccalaureum
(Doctor/Master/Bachelor in Music)

DSc, MSc, BSc

In Scientia Doctorem/Magistrum/ Baccalaureum

(Doctor/Master/Bachelor in Science)

EngD, MEng, BEng In Studiis Fabrilibus Doctorem/ Magistrum/Baccalaureum (Doctor/Master/Bachelor in Engineering Studies)

MD

In Medicina Doctorem (Doctor in Medicine)

DCE

Doctor Communitatis Europeae (Doctor of the European Community)

PhD. MPhil

In Philosophia Doctorem/Magistrum (Doctor/Master in Philosophy)

DUniv/MUniv

Universitatis Doctorem/Magistrum (Doctor/Master of the University)

MRes

In Arte Investigationis Magistrum (Master in the skill of research)

MBA

In Negotiis Administrandis Magistrum (Master in Administering Businesses)

MLF

In Oeconomia Agraria Magistrum/ Baccalaureum

(Master in Agrarian Economics)

**MScEcon** 

In Scientia Oeconomiae Magistrum (Master in the Science of Economics)

MTh

In Sacrosancta Theologica Magistrum (Master in Sacred Theology)

LLM, LLB

In Utroque lure Magistrum/

Baccalaureum

(Master/Bachelor in both Laws)

MPH

In Valetudine Commune Magistrum (Master in Common Health)

ChM

In Chirurgia Magistrum (Master in Surgery)

MMedSci, BScMedSci

In Scientia Medica Magistrum/

Baccalaureum

(Master/Bachelor in Medical Sciences)

MA, BA

In Artibus Liberalibus Magistrum/ Baccalaureum

(Master/Bachelor in Liberal Arts)

MBus

In Negotiis Magistrum (Master in Business)

**MChem** 

In Scientia Chymica Magistrum (Master in Chemical Science)

MGeol

In Scientia Geologica (Master in Geology)

**MPhys** 

In Scientia Physica Magistrum (Master in Physical Science)

**MSci** 

In Arte Scientia Magistrum (Master in the skill of Science)

**BScBioMedSci** 

In Scientiis ad Medicinam et Vitam Physicam Pertinentibus Baccalaureum (Bachelor in the Sciences pertaining to Medicine and Natural Life)

**BScEng** 

In Scientia Fabrili Baccalaureum (Bachelor in Engineering Science)

BD

In Sacrosancta Theologia

Baccalaureum

(Bachelor in Sacred Theology)

BTh

In Theologia Baccalaureum (Bachelor in Thelogy)

**MBChB** 

In Medicina et Chirurgia

Baccalaureum

(Bachelor in Medicine and Surgery)

**BMedSci** 

In Scientia Medicinae Baccalaureum (Bachelor in the Science of Medicine)

BDS

In Dentium Chirurgia Baccalaureum (Bachelor in the surgery of teeth)

BDentSci

In Scientia Odontologiae

Baccalaureum

(Bachelor in the Science of Dentistry)

PGDE

Diplomae Graduatae et Professionalis

in Educatione

(Professional Graduate Diploma in

Education)

**DPLP** 

Diplomae in Regulis Consuetudinis

Professionalis de Lege

(Diploma in Professional Legal

Practice)

**PgDip** 

Diplomae Graduatae in Consilio Privato (In Person Centred

Counselling)

# Old Aberdeen Campus

Some of you will have studied in Old Aberdeen, the historic heart of our University, where our traditional buildings combine with state of the art facilities for learning, research and recreation.

Old Aberdeen is home to our revolutionary new Science Teaching Hub which has been designed to inspire collaboration between the Chemistry, Medical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Geosciences students who study there. Nearby is the state of the art Sir Duncan Rice Library which opened in 2012. Over eight floors the library houses the largest of the University's modern collections – including Arts, Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences, and historic collections of rare books, manuscripts and archives in the Special Collections Centre.

Just across the road is the Aberdeen Sports Village, the premier sports facility in the North-East of Scotland. It is open to students, staff and the public with facilities for athletics, football, swimming, hockey, squash, martial arts and boxing.





# Foresterhill Campus

Many of our graduates will have spent the majority of their time at our Foresterhill Campus, the largest healthcare campus in Europe.

The Foresterhill campus provides for the provision of high-quality health services, education and research and is owned jointly by the University and NHS Grampian.

The Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS) is a unique, cross-school institution that supports and coordinates research within the School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition.

Foresterhill is also home to the state of the art Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health, which aims to address the big issues of our time, including food inequalities, food security and obesity, as well as the sustainable development of Scotland's food industry.

# The AFG College with the University of Aberdeen

Opened in 2017, the AFG College with the University of Aberdeen is a multi-million pound facility in Doha that is a partnership between the University and the Al-Faleh Group for Educational Services (AFG).

Since its launch, the College has attracted hundreds of students each year to study a range of University of Aberdeen programmes at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. Among its state-of-the-art facilities are a fully equipped learning resources centre, IT suites, and teaching and learning space equipped with interactive screen technology.

As part of our Aberdeen 2040 International commitments – our vision to guide the University through the coming decades – we teach and research across borders and in Qatar provide the same academic experience as that afforded our students in Scotland.

The University continues to expand its networks and partnerships, seeking new opportunities for international and intercultural exchange and to offer more transnational education, enabling learning across the globe with key partners.



## Our Education

The University of Aberdeen has a distinctive, flexible curriculum that encourages students to grow as independent learners. True to our roots as an ancient Scottish university, our degree programmes combine breadth and depth and draw their strength from the quality of our research.

We believe in the interconnectedness of research and teaching as we address global challenges, ensuring that our curriculum and our student experience are among the very best in the world.

We prepare our graduates to thrive in the diverse workplaces of the future by working with external partners and alumni, providing work-based learning, making innovative use of digital technology and fostering intellectual development, creative thinking, innovation and entrepreneurship. Our students grow in confidence and understanding so that they can be change-makers across the globe.

## Our Alumni family

Many of our Alumni have gone on to great success after studying with us. A member of the Aberdeen family even made it on to a banknote! Nan Shepherd, one of the first women to graduate from the University and recognised as one of the finest writers on nature and landscape, features on the Royal Bank of Scotland £5 note.

JJR Macleod led the team which discovered life-saving insulin just over a century ago and history student Kenneth Onwuka Dike came to be known as 'the father of modern African historiography'.

More recently Dame Sue Black has established a reputation as one of the world's leading forensic scientists, Joanna Gill has won awards for her composition with her music performed by prestigious ensembles at venues including the Royal Albert Hall and Hampton Court Palace, and Jon S Baird directed the 2018 hit film Stan and Ollie.

Members of our Alumni can be found across the world – in 170 countries in fact!

## Our Research

Throughout the centuries, researchers at the University of Aberdeen have generated new insights in medicine, science and engineering, law, social sciences, arts and humanities. Our work has earned many honours and awards and has contributed to five Nobel prizes.

Today, interdisciplinary approaches generate new methods of inquiry, knowledge and ideas to address the key issues facing society from the environment to the energy transition; health, nutrition and wellbeing; data and artificial intelligence; and social inclusion and cultural diversity.

The University is training and supporting the next generation of researchers, equipping them with the skills they need to develop their expertise and to engage with the challenges of the future.

Making an impact on the world requires putting research into action and the University has an enviable record in producing spin out companies based on cuttingedge research, including TauRx which is focused on the development of novel treatments and diagnostics for Alzheimer's Disease and other neurodegenerative diseases. Meanwhile Elasmogen Ltd is developing innovative, noninvasive medical technology with the potential to transform the treatment of inflammatory diseases and cancer.

Stay up to date with our latest research, league table results and other successes at www.abdn.ac.uk/news

A message from our Alumni team

# Congratulations

on your graduation day!

For many of us, the years we spend as students are the best years of our lives. New friendships are formed, a new independence gained, and probably quite a few life-changing experiences along the way too. Your graduation day is a special day and marks the achievement of what it has all been for, however, your university experience doesn't end here.

Now that you have graduated you join a community of over 150,000 Aberdeen graduates living in 170 countries. Our aim is to add continual value to your experience of being a graduate of the University of Aberdeen. We want to hear your success stories and are here to help you stay in touch with fellow alumni and to keep you informed about what's happening here at the University.

As an Aberdeen graduate you are part of a warm and supportive global community of successful individuals. By staying in touch with the University you can benefit from networking with your fellow alumni around the world, take inspiration from their career journeys, exchange ideas in your chosen field, catch up with old friends and receive invitations for exclusive events and opportunities for lifelong learning.

You'll find that the benefits of studying at Aberdeen extend well beyond your graduation. Wherever your life takes you, you will always be an Aberdeen graduate. We have some very active regional and interest-based alumni Chapters and Clubs around the world and we host a variety of events to help you stay connected with the University and one another.

You can stay in touch by visiting abdn.ac.uk/alumni or facebook.com/AberdeenUniversityAlumni

There are also lots of other ways you can get involved once you have graduated, like becoming an alumni volunteer or donor. Generous donations have supported student activities and developments that add extra value to student experience.

There are many exciting projects on the horizon for the University and its students. We would like to invite you to support these now or in the future and help students following in your footsteps to enjoy and take full advantage of the Aberdeen experience.

For more information, please visit abdn.ac.uk/giving







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