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As a University, we are grateful for every donation we receive at any level, and I hope that our donors feel assured that their donations are truly making a difference.

Professor Karen O'Brien, Vice-Chancellor and Warden



In Celebration of your Generous Support

Having joined the University last January, I am pleased to be part of such a welcoming and warm community. I have been inspired by the affinity that our alumni share for Durham, but it is no surprise that student life at Durham is remembered so fondly and that it binds our graduates to the University years or even decades after graduating. Our unique collegiate system, our excellent teaching standards and the beautiful city in which we reside are a few factors that contribute to the transformative environment that defines Durham University.

As a World Top 100 university, we produce world-leading research, provide a challenging yet enabling education and create a unique and lively wider student experience. We have built our University Strategy around the three pillars of research, education and wider student experience, with an underlying focus on inspiring others to achieve their potential and build upon our keen sense of community. As part of this Strategy, we have set out a number of objectives which will enhance opportunities across these three pillars in an effort to enrich our current standards and boost the University's global reputation. Your donations make these goals more achievable and inspire us continuously to improve our University.

This report showcases just some of the ways in which our community of donors has supported the University, but this report is by no means exhaustive. Over the past academic year, we have received thousands of gifts, which have made a truly transformative impact on our students, researchers and the wider community. The projects highlighted in this report demonstrate the range of activities at Durham that you have made possible, and the impact of your generosity is keenly felt not least by our current students. Your support makes a vital difference in enabling students from many different backgrounds to not only study here but also to enjoy the enriching and varied opportunities on offer, ensuring that Durham provides life-changing opportunities for our students, no matter where they began their journey.

As a university, we are grateful for every donation we receive at any level, and I hope that our donors feel assured that their donations are truly making a difference. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the University in some way over the past year. It is through your efforts that our University has remained an internationally acclaimed centre of education and research.

Karen O'Brien
Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham University

Sir Thomas Allen at Congregation



Sir Thomas Allen speaking at the annual Chancellor's Circle Dinner



Sir Thomas Allen at Congregation

Farewell to Sir Thomas Allen

Sir Thomas Allen was appointed Chancellor of Durham University in 2011 and was the founder of our Chancellor's Circle. Under his inspirational leadership, philanthropy at Durham went from strength to strength.

During Sir Thomas' Chancellorship, the number of scholarships at Durham increased hugely, with the launch of our *Durham Inspired* scholarship model. This is particularly true in music - we now have more music scholarships than any other comparable UK institution.

Sir Thomas' leadership also played a significant role in Durham University becoming an All Steinway School. Durham is the first UK university to guarantee that all pianos in the institution will be Steinway-designed, making outstanding instruments accessible to all players of any ability and subject.

Sir Thomas inspired a number of Chancellor's Appeals. The most recent, the Covid-19 Recovery Fund, resulted in a fund of almost £300,000 being established using existing philanthropic funds and new donations to support those struggling with the impact of the pandemic. In 2016, Sir Thomas' Action on Natural Disasters Appeal attracted donations from over 700 people and funded four scholars to undertake ground-breaking interdisciplinary PhD projects in the Institute of Hazard Risk and Resilience, with the shared theme of earthquake-induced landslides in Nepal.

In addition to this, Sir Thomas established the Chancellor's Circle in 2016 with 45 members. This group of particularly engaged benefactors has grown rapidly, now boasting well over 100 members. Our members span both individuals and a variety of organisations giving to causes across the Durham University community.

In July 2022, we bid farewell to Sir Thomas as our Chancellor after 10 years of dedicated service to the University, for which we are hugely grateful.

In honour of this exceptional legacy, the Sir Thomas Allen Appeal Fund has been established to provide support for Durham's All Steinway Initiative and associated music and choral bursaries, broadening access to some of the best instruments, tuition, and scholarships to students of all backgrounds and disciplines from around the world.

To find out more about the Sir Thomas Allen Appeal Fund, please contact Rosie Morris at rosie.morris@durham.ac.uk



Dr Fiona Hill, Chancellor-elect of Durham University

Welcome to Dr Fiona Hill

Dr Fiona Hill, an acclaimed foreign affairs specialist and authority on Russian and European Geopolitics, is our new Chancellor.

Fiona has a hugely successful career in foreign affairs, having advised US Presidents George W. Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump.

Fiona grew up in Bishop Auckland, County Durham, as the daughter of a coal miner. She pursued degree studies at St Andrew's University, Scotland, graduating with a Master's in Russian and Modern History. She holds a Master's in Soviet Studies and a doctorate in History from Harvard University, USA, where she was a Frank Knox Fellow. She became a US citizen in 2002 and is married with one daughter.

Fiona's appointment as Chancellor of Durham University concludes an inclusive selection process which involved our global community: staff, students, alumni, retired staff, and members of University Council and Senate. Community members were invited to submit nominations for the successor of Sir Thomas Allen. The nomination was overwhelmingly supported by Council and Senate sitting in joint session and a specially convened meeting of Convocation on 28 November.

Fiona will be officially installed as Chancellor in a ceremony at Durham Cathedral in summer 2023. Having, in her words, moved "literally from the coalhouse to the White House", she is passionate about social mobility. She visited her former school in June 2022 to give a talk to pupils, inspiring them to grasp "every educational opportunity" they are given and spoke of her desire to "give back" to the area where she grew up.

Joe Docherty, Chair of Durham University Council, said: "As Chancellor, Fiona will serve as a living embodiment of the transformative powers of education and research and help to inspire our University community, especially our students, to achieve extraordinary things at Durham and beyond."

Fiona commented: "It is an immense privilege, surprise and honour to be selected as the next Chancellor of Durham University in the county where generations of my family have deep roots and where I spent my formative years."

We hope that you will join us in extending a warm welcome to Fiona as she joins our University community.

Beth, Student Caller 2022



What was your favourite part?

I found a new love for the University as I not only had my own experiences but also heard from hundreds of alumni how much this place meant to them, whether they'd graduated 10 or 50 years ago. Of course, it was incredible when donations were made as I knew this was a really worthwhile cause, it was just the cherry on top.

What was it like to make connections with different generations of Durham alumni?

It was so interesting. I had never really realised how much Durham had grown and changed until speaking to alumni. There were also many alumni who offered me some great advice, not just for my time at Durham but for the rest of my life.

What message would you leave for Durham alumni?

Stay in touch! Current students absolutely love to hear from you and Durham would not be the same without you. I would also really recommend looking into the Student Opportunities Fund as I cannot stress how much of a difference this makes to the lives of students, ensuring that they are able to have the same incredible experiences as you did.



Student Callers 2022

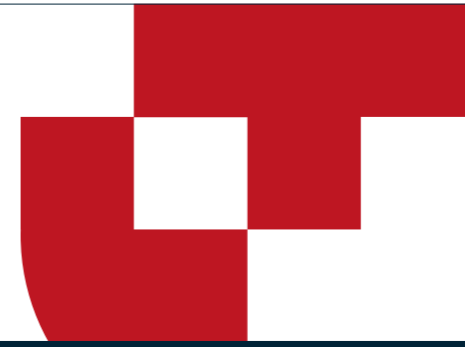
Telephone Campaign Success

In February 2022, we relaunched our telephone campaign with the aim to re-engage with our alumni and encourage those able to donate after a pause was put on the campaign during the pandemic. We want to express our thanks to so many of you who helped make our telephone campaign a huge success. Beth (pictured above) tells us what working on the campaign meant to her.

Why did you want to work on the telephone campaign?

I am very passionate about the Student Opportunities Fund, having seen friends benefit from the support and knowing first-hand how difficult financing university can be. For me, this was the perfect opportunity to gain some experience within fundraising and learn more about Durham University, whilst being able to earn myself.

To request a call from our student callers during our next telephone campaign, please email annual.fund@durham.ac.uk



Celebrating 30 Years of Giving

This year, we are celebrating our first three 30-Year Continuous Donors, whose dedication to supporting the University and our current students spans three decades.

We will be recognising their generous support by planting a tree in a dedicated plot in the Botanic Garden here in Durham and sending an accompanying print to them. The trees will flourish and grow in the years to come to signify the lasting impact of their giving.

We were also delighted to be able to thank all of our continuous year donors who celebrate a 25, 20, 15, 10 or 5 year anniversary this year and whose generosity and commitment make a huge difference to our University community.

The Student Opportunities Fund

The Student Opportunities Fund was created to support students when they need it the most so that no student is held back by financial worries. Thanks to the collective support of our valued alumni community, the fund has raised more than £2.5m since its launch.

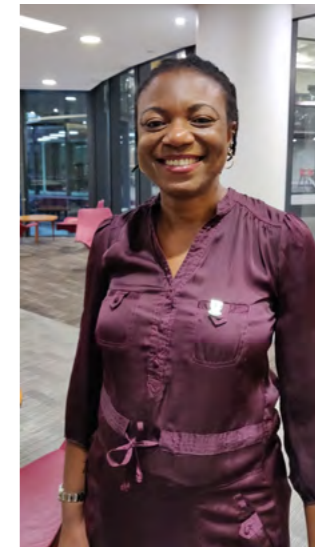
One of the initiatives it supports is the Student Employability Fund, which offers small awards at speed to help students access employment-related opportunities and funding.

“Thanks to the generosity of the Student Employability Fund, I have been able to secure a dream teaching position abroad, which I hope will be only the first step in the development of a career in teaching.”

Student Employability Fund recipient 2021/22



The Rowan tree that was planted in the Botanic Garden in recognition of our first three 30-Year Continuous Donors



“I received my pin for five years of continuous giving, which was a big surprise as I had no idea that much time had passed. It has been a pleasure to be part of this community.”

Five-year Donor, Mo Akinboboye

Mo Akinboboye (Business Administration, Van Mildert College, 2013)

Edward Howlett, (Chemistry then PGCE, Grey College, 1976)



“My four years at Durham were so enjoyable and rewarding, so it's good to be able to help someone else benefit from University life.”

25-Year Donor, Edward Howlett

The Power of Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to offer more donor-funded scholarships than ever before. The words of our current scholars below demonstrate the transformative nature of receiving a scholarship. Donors establish scholarships for many reasons. Some of our donors have kindly shared their personal motivations for making these important gifts on the following page.



Aaliyah Samuels-Campbell



Grace Purnell

Receiving the Weldon-le Huray Scholarship for Sports has meant that I can pursue both of my passions – basketball and business. Thanks to my Scholarship, I am able to make the most of the opportunities that I have been presented with here at Durham University, and I hope that one day I will be able to help and support others just as my donors have helped me.

Aaliyah Samuels-Campbell,
Weldon-le Huray Sports Scholar

Applying to Durham University and for the Brian Cooper Scholarship was one of the best choices that I have ever made. The Scholarship has allowed me to explore academically in order to find an area that I'm really passionate about, in a university that is on the cutting edge of research and in a great location close to home.

Grace Purnell, Brian Cooper Scholar

Why Donors Support Scholarships



Joel Donovan KC,
(Law, St Aidan's College, 1986)

Joel Donovan KC,
founder of the Joel Donovan
KC Law Scholarships

The lack of class, gender and racial diversity at senior levels in the legal profession – notably the Bar, the judiciary and the City law firms – has long been a matter of concern. The pace of change seems agonisingly slow at times. That said, the law does not lack inspirational figures who want to move things

on. One such is Lord Neuberger, former President of the Supreme Court and founder of some Lincoln's Inn scholarships for non-Russell Group graduates. Having been struck by the under-representation of black and minority ethnic students in the Faculty, particularly at first degree level, that became my focus. It sounds clichéd but it really is a great privilege to have been able to bring these Scholarships to fruition.



Helen Potts,
(French and Spanish, Trevelyan College, 1981)

Helen Potts,
founder of the Helen Sharp Undergraduate Scholarship for Modern Languages

My time studying Modern Languages at Durham opened the way for a direct grant scholarship girl from Bradford to begin a career in international finance, and eventually find herself in the fortunate position of being able to give that opportunity to others. I had always thought I would need to donate a huge

“wodge of cash” up front but giving annual sums makes providing the funds for a scholarship manageable, as well as tax efficient! I am looking forward to meeting my first scholar this year. My most sincere hope is that studying and succeeding at Durham opens up his or her world, and that of successive scholars, in a way that they could not have imagined before. It will be fascinating to watch their journey if they choose to share it with me.



left to right: Dr Rodney Stubbs, (Physics, Van Mildert College, 1971) Professor Nigel Glover and Dr Frances Stubbs, (Physics, St Mary's College, 1971)

Dr Rodney and Dr Frances Stubbs,
founders of the Stubbs Scholarships for PhD Scholars in the Physics Department

We met as postgraduate students in the Durham Physics Department. Frances was an undergraduate there and Rodney came from Leicester University. We married in 1971 having finished our PhD research. Throughout our working

careers we have been involved with and taken a keen interest in Physics. Consequently, when we retired we wished to carry on supporting progress in the subject, and as Durham was where we met, we thought it would be nice to make a donation to the Department to support research students.



left to right: Professor Gordon Love, Graham Odds (Computer Science, Collingwood College, 2006), Chief Strategy Officer at Scott Logic, Professor Matthew Johnson and Stephen Foreshew-Cain, Chief Executive Officer at Scott Logic

Scott Logic,
founders of the Durham Inspired Computer Science Scholarship and the Global Masters Scholarship

At Scott Logic, we are committed to creating opportunities and sustainable prosperity, both directly through the technology work we do and indirectly by supporting the communities we are part of. Many of our employees have personally experienced the lasting impact of studying at Durham and the doors it opens. We believe those opportunities should

exist for all students, regardless of their background, and the scholarships are just one of the contributions we are making to demonstrably back that belief.



Durham University's Women's Rugby players



Hollow Drift Redevelopment

Donors in Support of a New Rugby Pitch at Durham

Thanks to a growing team of generous donors, we are getting closer to achieving our vision for upgrading rugby facilities at Hollow Drift. The redevelopment will include a latest generation artificial grass pitch and a 500-seater stand and become a hub for men's and women's rugby at Durham University and in the wider local community. With year-round use, the new pitch will provide more and better training and playing opportunities, while the stand will include state-of-the-art changing rooms and accessible facilities for all.

Thanks to a few generous donors who share a love for rugby and share our vision for sporting excellence at Durham, we have raised £500,000 in just 18 months. Their support has been an inspiration as we focus on securing the next wave of support to reach the £1.5m needed for the project. Their generosity will remain core to the story of sporting excellence at Durham.



**£500,000
raised so far**

If you would like to know more about the Hollow Drift Appeal, please contact emmanuelle.chambon@durham.ac.uk

A Centre of Rugby Excellence in the North-East

By trebling the ground capacity, the new pitch will release more training time and provide a rugby-specific, high-quality, dependable surface for junior and senior athletes to improve their skills and grow their game. The new facilities at Hollow Drift will transform rugby at Durham, enabling players to reach their full potential and become the best they can be.

Our plan will provide our community of over 1,300 players with the capacity they need for training and home games and will allow Durham University RFC and Durham City RFC to capitalise fully on the many young and talented athletes who are keen on playing rugby.

Women's Rugby

Women's rugby has experienced unprecedented growth worldwide, and Durham University has become home to the largest women's rugby programme in the UK. The planned facilities at Hollow Drift will transform the opportunities for women's teams to build upon their growing success and take their ambitions to the next level.

Sports University of the Year 2023

Sport is core to the student experience at Durham. We have one of the world's largest student participation programmes, and our sports programmes continue to harness and nurture the sporting abilities of our student community.

Last October, we were announced as the Sports University of the Year in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023. This would not have been possible without the determination of Team Durham, the commitment of our astounding student athletes and the £47 million worth of investment in sporting facilities in the past 10 years.



Students studying in Trevelyan College Library

College Bursaries

Our colleges are the heart of life at Durham and provide a home-from-home for many of our students. Each of our seventeen colleges is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment, with dedicated student support staff and student welfare volunteers who ensure the college is a safe space to try new things and challenge oneself.

Our colleges bring together students from all subjects and backgrounds, creating an environment in which students can connect with one another and expand their learning. In some instances, college life has been remembered so fondly by our alumni that they have been inspired to donate to their college to support students of today. Many of Durham's colleges offer scholarships, development opportunities and hardship support to their students, generously funded by our wider community.

The Trevelyan College Bursaries have made a significant impact on the college community since they were established by an alumna of the college. Trevelyan College Bursaries are awarded automatically to new full-time home undergraduate students at Trevelyan College with a household income of less than £25,000. In 2021/22, 24 awards were made. This bursary has been instrumental in allowing new students to integrate fully into life at Trevelyan by covering the Junior Common Room (JCR)

levy and the cost of an academic gown. It has made it possible for all students to experience college life to its fullest, regardless of financial circumstances.

The Hatfield Bursary Scheme helps students from low-income households to cover the costs of the Junior Common Room levy, so that they can immerse themselves fully in college life, regardless of their financial circumstances. This scheme has been in operation for three years, during which time a total of 145 bursaries have been awarded to help cover core college costs. This scheme was founded by a gift from generous alumni, which has since inspired further gifts from fellow Hatfielders and expanded the reach of the bursary.

This type of support is not restricted to Hatfield College and Trevelyan College. The Widening Student Experience (WSE) Bursaries offer similar support to students throughout the University, generously funded by alumnus Chris French (Geography, Collingwood College, 1978) for north-east students and by central university funds for some students from other regions. The generous bursaries at Hatfield and Trevelyan Colleges form a link with past alumni, making them an especially meaningful welcome to the college community, and allow the WSE bursaries to help more students at other colleges at the start of university life.



Donor Support Enables Crucial Dementia Trial

A generous donation has allowed scientists at Durham to initiate the first UK trial of a game-changing treatment for Alzheimer's disease. Following a very successful US pilot study, it is hoped that this donor-funded UK trial will pave the way for a larger trial in the UK and beyond and encourage adoption by health services, including the NHS.

Dr Paul Chazot, Associate Professor in the Department of Biosciences, has been working over the last 20 years on identifying and validating the use of novel, effective and safe therapies for Alzheimer's disease. As Dr Chazot explains "despite being relatively common, knowledge of the cause of, and the availability of effective treatments for, Alzheimer's disease are still very limited".

The result of our generous donor's support combined with Dr Chazot's commitment and innovative research is a

Our recent clinical trial in the US indicates that this treatment could be helpful, but more research is needed for it to be used in the clinic. This kind donation has crucially allowed us rapidly to initiate the first UK trial.

Dr Paul Chazot, Associate Professor in the Department of Biosciences

Watch **Dr Paul Chazot** at the Bright Ideas Gathering here [youtube.com/watch?v=qtv4UAKRzUA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtv4UAKRzUA)

Pilot study participant wearing the infrared helmet



clinical study which aims to confirm whether a particular wavelength of infrared light can help slow down damage to brain tissue and, as a result, slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease. The results from the US pilot study are incredibly positive.

The trial is to begin shortly with up to 100 participants, with reports that there has been a high degree of interest from those keen to take part in this potentially ground-breaking research, which, as Dr Chazot describes, will assess the impact of treatment on changes in "brain tissue, physiological responses and memory performance in mild-moderate Alzheimer's disease".

This trial could be the decisive step needed to assess this treatment's suitability for clinical use and pave the way for it to become available to patients in the UK and beyond.



55 million people suffer from Dementia World Wide with Alzheimer's disease the most common form.



£500,000 donated



100 participants in this trial



Partnership between Durham University and Newcastle and Exeter NHS Trusts as Clinical Partners.

The sculpture, *Journey*, by John Robinson, was unveiled as part of the Ogden at 20 celebrations by Vice-Chancellor Professor Karen O'Brien (centre). The sculpture was donated by Ogden Centre supporter Damon de Laszlo and Robert Heffner III



This has been a tremendously productive year for Willem. I am cautiously optimistic that we might achieve a breakthrough in the measurement of the neutrino mass in the near future.

Willem's Supervisor, Professor **Carlos Frenk**

Celebrating Ogden@20

The Ogden Centre for Fundamental Physics recently celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a series of talks and events. The Centre, founded by a donation from alumnus Sir Peter Ogden (Physics, University College, 1968 and 1971), proudly hosts two world-leading research groups, the Institute for Computational Cosmology and the Institute for Particle Physics Phenomenology. The work of these groups lies at the cutting edge of basic Physics research, addressing key questions about the universe, from the very small to the very large.

The generous support of donors has made an important contribution to the Centre's ground-breaking research since the beginning with Sir Peter Ogden's founding donation. The Centre has been fortunate to receive gifts to support many areas of its work, from its impressive buildings to individual research students.

The Centre continues to attract support which has the potential to impact not only the research field but also the individual careers of talented researchers. Willem Elbers holds a scholarship in Astroparticle Physics, generously funded by a donor who graduated in the early 1960s from Grey College with a degree in Physics and stayed on in Durham to complete a PhD.

Willem's work includes modelling the cosmological signatures of massive neutrinos and his supervisor, Carlos Frenk, Ogden Professor of Fundamental Physics, believes he is well positioned to achieve a breakthrough in the measurement of the neutrino mass - a major outstanding open question in Physics. Although neutrinos are amongst the most numerous particles in the universe there is much about them that is not yet understood, and it is clear that a better understanding of their properties will unlock the answer to fundamental problems such as why the universe is made of matter and not of equal amounts of matter and antimatter.

Willem, who has been able to collaborate with a number of research groups across the world and travel during his studies, feels fortunate to receive his donor's support and is excited about the potential of his research: "Combined with some of the new techniques that I am proposing, I hope that we can set the best constraint on the neutrino mass scale yet."

The benefits of the scholarship have not been restricted to discoveries in fundamental Physics. A previous holder used algorithmic and data management skills developed during his research to analyse Covid-19 infection data to help the understanding of its spread. He has since left Durham to work for a pharmaceutical company. 'Big data set' mathematical skills can be applied to many public service issues and such expertise is in high demand. The scholarship's donor remarked: "Helping students financially is rewarding, but the greater pleasure comes from getting to know the students and having a window onto cutting edge science". His generosity extends also to a legacy gift which will support undergraduate students, encouraging and enabling physicists of the future to embark on a degree in Physics at Durham.

We'd be delighted to invite alumni and supporters to visit the Ogden Centre. Please contact grace.norman@durham.ac.uk to learn more.

Durham has a world-class resource in its unique libraries and collections and it is both a privilege and the source of real joy to enable scholars from all over the world to come and explore them in person, and to share in the excitement of their discoveries

Chris (Economic History & Economics, St Cuthbert's Society, 1968) and **Margaret Lendrum** (Geography, St Aidan's College, 1968)



Donor Funded Research on our Historical Collections

At Durham, we are fortunate to hold extensive historic collections, comprising library archives, visual and material media, and architectural assets, located across Durham Cathedral, Ushaw College and the University. The Durham Residential Research Library (DRRL) is a project that is grounded in our collections and their scholarly exploration by hosting researchers from all over the world to work on a particular collection or subject area.

In 2018, the DRRL launched the Research Fellowship Programme, which invites visiting fellows from across the world to conduct research here on our collections. This programme, unfortunately, had to be put on pause in March 2020 as the country entered a national lockdown, rendering two cohorts of fellows unable to come to

Cosin's Library

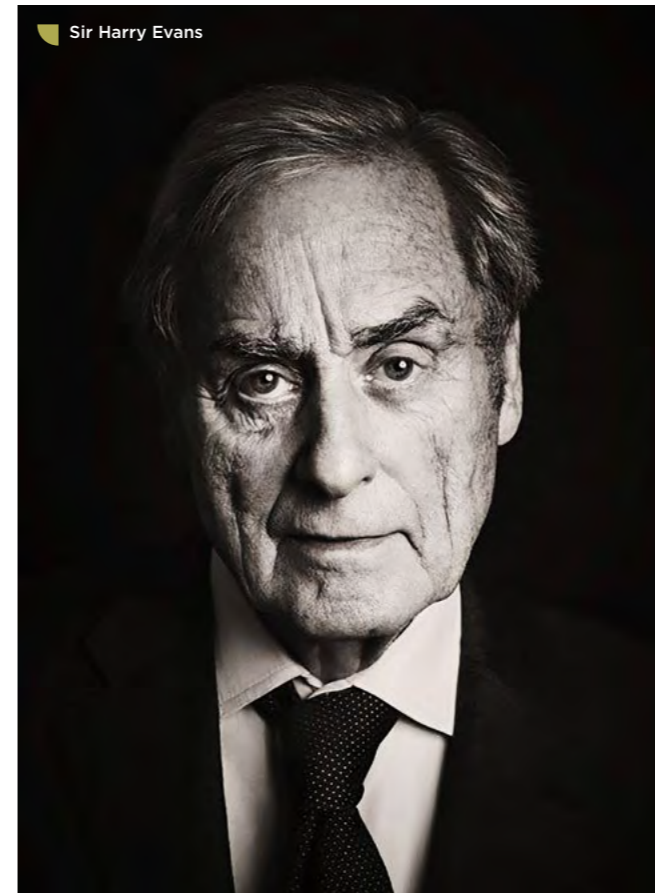


Durham to complete their research. Since then, the programme has been reinstated and is thriving.

Over the past year, we have successfully welcomed nearly 40 fellows, of which 28 have been philanthropically funded. Our philanthropically-funded fellows have come from all over the world to work here on our collections, truly highlighting their international significance and raising the international profile of the University.

We would like to thank those who have donated to this fellowship scheme. Their support has been instrumental in shaping the activities and achievements of the DRRL whilst simultaneously enhancing the profile and reputation of Durham's cultural and intellectual heritage.

To learn more about the DRRL, please visit our website at durham-rrl.org.uk



It's an honour to be selected for this phenomenal opportunity. Reuters' data-driven investigations are unmatched, and Durham University offers world-class expertise and resources. I'm eager to learn as much as I can

Waylon Cunningham, the first Sir Harry Evans Global Fellow in Investigative Journalism

Inspiring the Great Journalistic Minds and Leaders of Tomorrow

The Sir Harry Evans Memorial Fund was established in honour of the celebrated former editor of the UK's *Sunday Times*, Reuters editor-at-large and Durham University alumnus, Sir Harold Evans. Sir Harry joined us at Durham University in 1949, where he became a contributor to and later editor of *Palatinate*, the University's independent student newspaper. Here, he developed his journalistic skills and passions before starting his lifelong career at the helm of global journalism.

Voted the Greatest British Newspaper Editor of all time by his media peers, Sir Harry was dedicated to uncovering and championing overlooked causes. One of his greatest triumphs was an arduous decade-long campaign which won compensation for victims of the morning sickness drug Thalidomide, which had inflicted thousands of birth deformities. In addition to Sir Harry's career in journalism, he was also an influential publisher and best-selling author.

Durham University has partnered with Sir Harry's widow, legendary magazine editor Tina Brown CBE, the Evans

family and Reuters to establish a landmark global initiative to nurture journalistic leadership and help shape the future of investigative reporting. The Sir Harry Evans Memorial Fund provides the foundation for two complementary programmes: a prestigious Fellowship in investigative journalism and a global Summit for leading figures across media and investigative journalism.

The Fellowship allows an aspiring journalist to develop rigorous, fact-based research and reporting skills within the Reuters newsroom. The successful applicant is mentored by top Reuters editors whilst being overseen by Durham University and having access to University academics and research resources.

The inaugural Fellow, Waylon Cunningham, joined Durham University in January 2023 at the Institute of Advanced Study before beginning work with Reuters in London in February. Waylon, 29, was previously a reporter at the *San Antonio Report* and has published his work in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Austin Chronicle*, the *Texas Observer*, the *Liberty Hill Independent* and the *Maryville Daily Times*.

The inaugural Sir Harry Evans Global Summit in Investigative Journalism took place at The Royal Institute of British Architects in London on 10 May 2023. Latest details can be found at sirharrysummit.org.

To date, the fund has received over \$7.1m in pledges, including a \$2m donation from Thomson Reuters. We are very grateful to them and all of the generous donors who have given in Sir Harry's memory.

Dr Katie Harling-Lee, Trevelyan College, Class of 2022



I continue to be immensely grateful to be a recipient of The Wolfson Foundation's Postgraduate Scholarship, as it has enabled me to use the past four years to the full with regard to my academic research and professional development.

Dr Katie Harling-Lee, recently graduated Wolfson Postgraduate Scholar in the Humanities

The Norman Chapel, Durham Castle



The Norman Chapel

Durham's Norman Chapel is a stunningly beautiful place. Built around 1080, it is the earliest standing building on the Durham peninsula and is central to Durham's UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

As well as its historical significance, the Chapel is a much-loved part of University College. Still used for its original purpose as a place of worship, the Chapel is also home to many university and community activities and events. It has around 30,000 visitors each year.

The Wolfson Foundation is generously supporting the restoration and new interpretation of the Chapel, which is currently underway. Work includes conservation and restoration of the fabric, installation of sympathetic lighting, improved access, interpretation, and engagement activities. Wolfson's support will ensure this historic jewel can be enjoyed by all for generations to come.

The Wolfson Foundation 50 years of friendship and support

This year, we will be delighted to celebrate 50 years of partnership with The Wolfson Foundation, one of the UK's most generous supporters of higher education. We are immensely proud of a friendship that has had such a positive impact on the whole university community. The following pages include a selection of the projects that have resulted from our partnership.

Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarships in the Humanities

Durham University shares The Wolfson Foundation's vision for excellence in the Humanities. We have been delighted to be part of a prestigious programme, that includes eight other partner universities, to host Wolfson-funded Postgraduate Scholars in the Humanities here in Durham.

We have 15 talented scholars currently studying or recently completing their studies. The scholars promote excellence in the faculty and enliven our research community, thanks to the Foundation's generous support.

Silk Road Gallery, Oriental Museum

Durham's Oriental Museum is home to collections of national and international importance. The recent transformation of the museum's floor, creating the new Silk Roads Gallery, was generously supported by the DCMS/Wolfson Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund. The introductory gallery for the whole museum, Silk Roads brings together works from across the collections to explore the trade, travel and exchange that has taken place across the continent of Asia and into Europe, all the way to Durham.

The Ogden Centre for Fundamental Physics

In 2017, we were very pleased to welcome The Wolfson Foundation to Durham to celebrate the opening of the Ogden Centre, a stunning new building designed by Studio Libeskind, housing leading research in fundamental Physics. This important project was made possible with a generous grant of £1.5m from The Wolfson Foundation, which as well as providing essential funding for the project, allowed Durham to unlock additional match funding from the project's principal donor, The Ogden Trust.

The Ogden Centre for Fundamental Physics



Palace Green Library

Having provided the founding award to the £13m Palace Green Library redevelopment programme to create the outstanding Wolfson Gallery, The Wolfson Foundation generously supported the final initiative of the overall project - the complete restoration of the Grade I listed 15th-century Exchequer Building.

A grant from the Foundation funded the creation of interpretation materials and media that explain the building's history, purpose and stored collections, and the nature of libraries and books in the early modern period. Guided tours take visitors on an imaginative walk back to the times of the Bishops Palatine, using 3D animations, handleable objects, audio-visual materials and text panels, to illustrate how the look and use of the Exchequer Building have changed over the last 500 or so years.

Wolfson Research Institute of Health and Wellbeing

The Wolfson Research Institute of Health and Wellbeing is Durham's flagship interdisciplinary institute, which aims to encourage and support high-quality research to understand and address human health challenges. The Institute was established in 2001 thanks to a £4m grant from The Wolfson Foundation towards the Institute's original home in Stockton-on-Tees. The Institute has now relocated to Durham City Campus. It continues to be noted for the quality and scale of the research it delivers and is central to Durham's new Health@Durham Strategy. The original Wolfson Building in Stockton now houses Durham's International Study Centre, our dedicated centre to help international students at the start of their Durham journey.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to The Wolfson Foundation for the contribution it has made to Durham. From the support of our talented researchers to the enrichment of our heritage assets, our partnership has had an enduring impact. We look forward to another 50 years of fruitful collaboration and friendship.

Professor Karen O'Brien, Vice-Chancellor and Warden

The Wolfson Foundation has supported many of our visitor attractions. Go to durham.ac.uk/things-to-do to plan a visit.

Students in the Venture Lab



My years at Durham gave me a solid foundation on which to build my career, and I'm delighted that I'm now able to give something back to the University. My donation will help to equip students with the skills they need to start and grow their own businesses.

Jonathan Hazan (Computing, Hatfield College, 1991)



successful businessman, who generously gifted £500,000 to support the development of the Venture Lab. This gift has facilitated the development of a unique space, which will encourage innovative thinking and develop the entrepreneurial spirit of our student community.

This space has provided much needed co-working space for aspiring entrepreneurs, where students and graduates can benefit from working alongside each other. The Venture Lab team is now able to provide much more informal support as a result of working in the same space.

The Venture School

The Venture Lab Team has used the Hazan Venture Lab as a site to deliver its Durham Venture School Programme, a flagship start-up creator programme which is the first of its kind in the Higher Education sector. Last September, 26 graduates were welcomed onto the Programme, selected for having the right mindset, skills and experience to launch high-potential start-ups.

This innovative Lab has provided an enriching environment in which students and graduates have the support and freedom to develop their skills and become the best they can be now, and for the future.

Donor Funded Facilities to Nurture Entrepreneurship

2021/22 was a year of great progress for student and graduate enterprise at Durham. The opening of the Hazan Venture Lab and launch of the Durham Venture School marked two significant developments in our offering to aspiring entrepreneurs. Five of our start-ups from the last four years have now raised over £1m in external funding and we were delighted to have our Game Changer programme awarded 'SDG Best Practice' status by the UN.

Venture Lab

In 2021 we opened the doors to the Hazan Venture Lab to students and graduates for the first time. This space is named after Jonathan Hazan (Computing, Hatfield College, 1991), a Durham University graduate and

If you would like to learn more about the **Hazan Venture Lab** and the **Venture School**, please contact **Grace Norman** at grace.norman@durham.ac.uk



Jeremiah Thoronka, (Sustainability, Energy and Development, University College, 2022), speaking at the UN General Assembly in New York

Thanks to our Alumni Community

Various members of our Alumni Community have kindly donated their time to provide wide-ranging support for the Venture School Programme. In 2021/22, more alumni engaged with our programme than ever before, providing mentor services, inspirational talks and more. We are incredibly grateful that so many of our talented and successful alumni members have volunteered their time to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Durham Graduate Wins Global Award

Our Venture School participants hold so much potential to find solutions to real-world problems and have a positive impact on our society. By nurturing the skills of our talented Venture School participants, we hope to give these students the essential tools to make globally significant innovations.

Jeremiah Thoronka, an MSc Sustainability Graduate at Durham University and Venture School participant, won the Chegg.org Global Student Prize for his efforts in trying to combat energy poverty in his native Sierra Leone. At 17, Jeremiah founded Optim Energy, which transforms vibrations from vehicles and pedestrian footfall on roads into an electric current, generating power without relying



34 start-ups created with Venture Lab support 2021-22



£15.1m combined external investment raised of active firms 2019-22



£2.1m combined annual turnover of active firms



106 jobs created by active firms

Co-Founders of 'Hey! Food is Ready' **Frankie Docker** and **Yuru Guo**, (Entrepreneurship, Trevelyan College, 2021) at the Celebration of Enterprise Dinner



on changeable weather nor requiring connection to an external power source. The start-up provided free electricity to 150 households comprising around 1,500 citizens, as well as 15 schools where more than 9,000 students attend. Jeremiah recently spoke at the UN General Assembly in New York as a keynote speaker for youth interventions.

Blueprint Startup Challenge

The final of the annual Blueprint Startup Challenge, generously supported by Santander Universities, took place in June. Six start-ups competed for the top prize of £10,000. One judge commented that the standard of pitches was the highest quality she had seen at an early-stage start-up competition. The winning team was 'Hey! Food is Ready', an online platform that connects home cooks from all across the world with customers. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of Blueprint and we hope to make it an even more special occasion.

Legacy Gift to Support Inspiring Research

The Dunelm Circle is a community of donors to Durham who choose to leave gifts in their will, making a profound gesture of support with a far-reaching impact. Legacy gifts strengthen our university community and generate wide-ranging opportunities. A wonderful example of this is the Janet Stevens Studentship in Biosciences.

Janet Stevens, (Botany, St Mary's College, 1956), pledged a legacy gift to Durham University with the aim of leaving a meaningful impact on causes that she cared about. Janet studied Botany at Durham and dedicated her career to microbiology, having worked at Rothamsted Research and Thames Water Authority. The impact of her gift will be felt by many and has formed the ultimate expression of her lifetime of support.

Janet was a trailblazer, passionate about the sciences and took a particular interest in medical science and public health. Janet's legacy has been used to establish a postgraduate scholarship in the Department for



Biosciences for lab-based microbiological research of medical or public health significance. This scholarship will inspire and empower budding researchers to find new solutions to some of the major challenges that society faces today, meaning that the Janet Stevens Studentship in Biosciences will help build a brighter future for all.

As a proud St Mary's College alumna, a portion of Janet's legacy also went to her former college and those who are awarded the Studentship will be linked St Mary's College alumna.

It is always a pleasure to see the wishes of our alumni be fulfilled, especially when they have such a positive impact on our students and our wider community. We are extremely grateful to all of those who choose to pledge a legacy to the University, no matter its shape or size, as it enables us to provide outstanding opportunities for research which benefit our academic staff, current students and future generations to come.

Students using our lab facilities



From left to right: Louise McLaren, Professor Martin Ward, Arthur Browne and Professor Paula Chadwick during one of Arthur's visits to Durham



A Tribute to Arthur Browne

Last autumn, highly valued alumnus and talented physicist, Arthur Browne sadly passed away. Arthur (University College, 1953) studied Physics at Durham and remembered his time here very fondly. He spent his second year living in Lumley Castle, which at the time had joined Durham Castle as part of the residence for University College.

After graduating, he joined the National Service between 1953 and 1955 and then led a successful career in applied Physics, which included measuring equipment for an observatory at Narrabri, Australia and developing a reading aid for the partially sighted. After retiring, Arthur remained an active board member on a number of charities and committees, and an engaged member of our alumni community.

Arthur was a much respected supporter of the University. He was not only valued for his generosity but for the spirit in which he approached his giving, with a down-to-earth, kind-hearted attitude that made looking after him and his donations a pleasure for my colleagues and me.

Louise McLaren, Senior Development Manager (Legacies & Planned Giving)

“I am excited to be diving into the world of cosmological simulations. This is an area in which Durham excels, with many leaders in the field working here, not to mention the COSMA supercomputers that the department hosts running many cutting-edge simulations for research groups up and down the country.”

Alexander Brook, Arthur Browne Scholarship for Physics Recipient

Throughout the decades, Arthur maintained a good relationship with the University which led to him pledging a legacy gift for the benefit of future students. Arthur's aim was to support talented Physics students to excel in their studies and establish promising careers.

Having initially planned to make a gift through his will, circumstances allowed Arthur to bring part of his gift forward into his lifetime to establish the Arthur Browne Scholarship for Physics. He therefore had the opportunity to meet his first two scholars virtually and learn more about their research and the impact of his gift on their personal development, which gave him a great deal of pleasure.

Sadly, Arthur was unable to meet the two current Arthur Browne Scholars who are now benefitting from his generosity just as his previous scholars did. His gift will continue to benefit scholars in years to come and will leave a lasting legacy in the field he was so passionate about.

If you want to learn more about leaving a gift in your will, please email louise.mclaren@durham.ac.uk

It is extremely heartening to see the transformational impact generated by our donors' generosity in the pages of this report. Philanthropic gifts have made a huge difference and have never been more important for the Durham University community.

Stephen Willis, Chief Financial Officer at Durham University



A note from Durham University's Chief Financial Officer, Stephen Willis

Durham University faced significant financial challenges in the 2021/22 academic year. These were reflective of those experienced in wider society and related to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and uncertainty in the national and international political environment. Despite this, we were pleased to see our annual income increase by 19% (to a total of £469m) compared to the previous year and we remain financially resilient.

As you can see from the inspiring case studies contained in this report, the contribution of donations and endowments to the university community was substantial. In 2021/22, this represented 4% of the University's income £18,613,000, including the value of a donated building; see fig.1), up from 2% in 2020/21 (£7,595,000; see fig.2). Although there were increases across the board, it was the category of unrestricted donations in which the year's figures greatly exceeded the previous year.

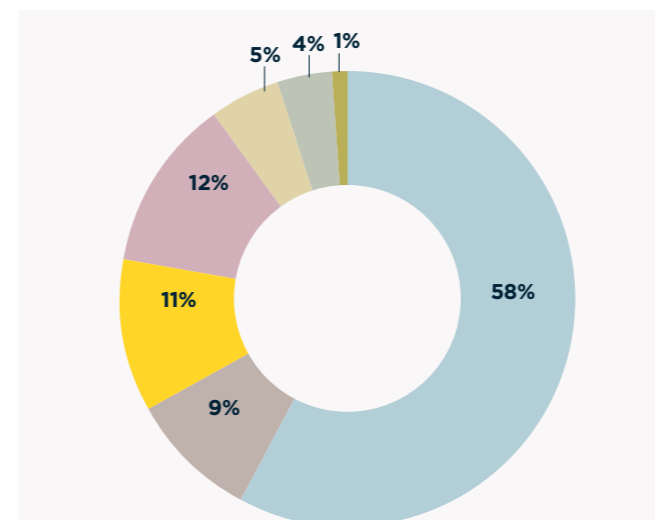
In some cases, it makes sense for our donors' gifts to be held in permanent endowment funds. For the year 2021/22, the total comprehensive endowment income from restricted permanent endowment funds was £1,188,000 (£300,000 for unrestricted permanent funds). We target and expect to achieve an annual gross return on our permanent endowment funds of over 7% per annum over the next five to seven years, with an expected 'real' return of over 4%.

The financial contribution made to Durham University by its donors is substantial, and we will continue to ensure that those gratefully received funds are managed effectively. Thank you for your support.

The Durham University Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2021/22 can be viewed here: durham.ac.uk/about-us/professional-services/finance-service/about-us/financial-reports



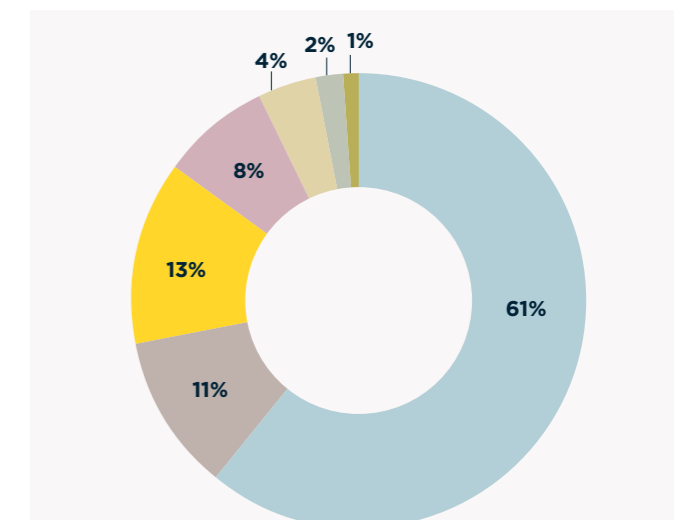
Figure 1



Total income 2021/22 £468.5m

- Tuition Fees and Education Contracts
- Funding Body Grants
- Research Income
- Residences, Catering
- and Conferences
- Other Income
- Donations and Endowments
- Investment Income

Figure 2



Total income 2020/21 £393.5m

- Tuition Fees and Education Contracts
- Funding Body Grants
- Research Income
- Residences, Catering
- and Conferences
- Other Income
- Donations and Endowments
- Investment Income

Donations and endowments

	Year ended 31 July 2022		Year ended 31 July 2021	
	Consolidated	University	Consolidated	University
Capital grants and donations	248	248	2,216	2,216
New endowments	3,314	3,314	2,124	2,124
Donations with restrictions	2,687	2,687	1,603	1,603
Unrestricted donations	12,364	12,364	1,652	1,652
	18,613	18,613	7,595	7,595

With Thanks

Durham University expresses its sincere appreciation to all of its friends, partners, benefactors and grant-makers for the support that has been provided during the past year.

If you are interested to learn more about any of the projects featured in this report, please find the contact details of our fundraising team below.

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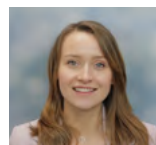
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