

Teesside Transformation Fund Impact Report

2026



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Teesside
University

Impact Report

2026



Welcome from
the Vice-Chancellor

Teesside University: Transforming lives and economies

At Teesside University our mission is to transform lives and economies. This year, that purpose has been recognised on the national stage. Being named the Times Higher Education University of the Year and the Daily Mail University Guide Modern University of the Year* are moments of celebration and reflection, affirming our collective commitment to delivering excellence, empowering individuals, and creating opportunity through education.

To every one of you who has contributed to scholarships, prizes, and other vital initiatives, thank you. Your generosity changes lives. It opens doors for students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue higher education, recognising talent, rewarding ambition, and nurturing potential. Through your support, you are helping to shape the leaders, innovators, and changemakers of tomorrow.

Philanthropy has the power to transform. We see it every day in the stories of our students – stories of resilience, aspiration and achievement.

Your contributions help us to nurture potential, foster inclusion and create opportunities that extend far beyond the university’s boundaries.

Your support enables us to provide an outstanding student and learning experience, underpinned by research, enterprise, and engagement with our community. Our values of inclusion, opportunity, and regional development are the foundation of everything we do, and they are brought to life by supporters like you.

We invite you to continue this journey with us. Your support, whether through giving, partnership, or advocacy, helps us create opportunities, empower students, and drive lasting change. Thank you for being part of it.

Professor Paul Croney OBE
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Women in Engineering Scholarship powered by Enginuity

Broadcaster, journalist and author Steph McGovern returned to her Teesside roots to officially launch a major new scholarship programme aimed at increasing the number of women entering the engineering profession.

The Steph McGovern Women in Engineering Scholarship powered by Enginuity will provide support for every first year, full-time female engineering student at Teesside University, thanks to £44,000 of funding from Enginuity, the engineering skills charity.

At a special event the inaugural scholars learned for the first time that they would receive support from Steph herself throughout their studies.

Before starting her career as a broadcaster, the Middlesbrough-born presenter worked as an engineer at Black & Decker where she won the Young Engineer for Britain award aged 19. She remains a committed advocate for widening access to engineering careers. In 2013, Steph was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Professional Achievement by Teesside University.



STEPH MCGOVERN

I can't tell you how delighted I am to help make this happen.

If we want to make the world a better place for everyone, we need more women involved in the designing, making and running of it and to me that means more female engineers.

There are so many unnecessary barriers women have to overcome to get on the right path to a rewarding career, whether financial, prejudicial, ignorance or pure peer pressure – so anything that I can do to tear one or two of them down – brings me untold joy.

The scholarship forms a key partnership between Teesside University, Enginuity, and Steph to help address the under representation of women in engineering.

Nationally, in 2025, women accounted for only 16.9% of the engineering workforce, compared with 56% across other occupations.

Professor Mark Simpson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor Designate at Teesside University, said, 'Empowering students to thrive and embracing diversity are at the heart of Teesside University's mission and values.

We are delighted to partner with Steph and Enginuity to deliver this fantastic scholarship which will support greater diversity in engineering and ensure that more female students have the opportunities, encouragement and resources to succeed.

This scholarship sends a powerful message about the talent we have in the Tees Valley and the importance of widening participation in STEM.'

Ann Watson, CEO of Enginuity, who herself hails from Teesside, said that the partnership with Steph and Teesside University would be a powerful collaboration which can only be a positive step in cracking the conundrum of producing more female engineers.

She said, 'Steph is a terrific role model and so tuned in to the barriers that women face entering our crucial sector – who better to be the face and voice of this initiative.

'There is massive investment in place for the region, to support advanced manufacturing, bio-tech and carbon capture – we need to help regenerate this industrial heartland by giving these projects the oxygen that skills provide.

'Industry is in desperate need of a flowing pipeline of skilled people and encouraging more women into the system is not just the right thing to do – but an absolute necessity.

'As someone who grew up on Teesside, and the first person in my family to go to university and that university being Teesside, I know first-hand the life-changing difference that these scholarships can make, opening up the world of higher education for these aspiring engineers.'

The programme will continue throughout the academic year, offering students financial assistance, mentoring opportunities and a connection to Steph's ongoing professional support.



Recent scholarship beneficiaries



Scan to
watch our
scholarship
video.

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I'm planning to use this scholarship to buy more art supplies and take some time off work because I have a part-time job. And then I'll be able to focus more on strengthening my own skills and practices. My piece of advice to give anyone thinking about applying for a scholarship is to do it, 100%.

Georgia Peacock



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I've done a lot of things that I put on my application that I'm really proud of, and to know someone's seen it and thought, 'this person deserves a scholarship,' has really meant a lot to me. It's made me feel like the things that I've done have been worth it. I currently work part-time in retail, and it'll allow me to drop a few shifts a week to focus more on my studies.

Poppy Stanton



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The scholarship is paying some of my bills so I can get to and from uni because I live about 30 miles away. I've got children too, so I've got to juggle home, bills, everything else, as well as a couple of jobs. So, it really just gives me some more time to concentrate on my studies. You've allowed me to take another step in my career that I wouldn't have been able to do otherwise.

Mark Johnston



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This scholarship means a lot to me because it will help me with my studies at university and just make sure that everything is going as smooth as it can be. I plan on using this scholarship for sourcing equipment and resources for my work, as well as helping with travel.

Gabriel Esteban Ringler Pinto



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For me this has relieved a lot of worries that I've had about my studies, and it's relieved a lot of anxiety around money and financial problems in my personal life.

Poppy-Anne Turner



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It's just given me so much support. Just knowing that I have a network of women that are doing the same thing I am, it's fantastic and I'm so happy to be in the position that I am.

Katie Chapman



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It is an absolute privilege to be chosen. And without it, I would never be able to voice my background and show people that you can be anything you want to be, regardless of disability.

Shelagh-Maeve Samuels



Scholarships at a glance

Around 250 UK scholars have been supported on programmes during 2025/26. Almost £410k of scholarship funds have been allocated to new UK students in 2025/26 with 34 individual scholarship programmes supporting students from across all academic schools.



£410K



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UK SCHOLARS
SUPPORTED



34 INDIVIDUAL
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAMMES



Celebrating five years of the Kellas Midstream Scholarship Programme

Over the past five years, the generous support of the Kellas Midstream Scholarship Programme has made a meaningful difference to our students. To date, 12 students have benefited from these scholarships, of financial support of £27,000 for a BEng programme and £12,000 for an MSc programme. This investment has helped talented students pursue their studies with greater confidence and fewer financial barriers, enabling them to focus on developing the skills and knowledge needed for successful careers in the sector. With further scholarship intakes planned for September 2026 and 2027, the programme continues to create valuable opportunities for future cohorts of students.



ALAN MURRAY,
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF KELLAS MIDSTREAM

These scholarships are a key part of our corporate social responsibility commitment to education, and help students gain the critical knowledge and skills needed to deliver the transition to net zero.



ELIZABETH SMITH, A BEng (HONS) ENERGY ENGINEERING STUDENT AND A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

I always wanted to be an engineer and showed a real aptitude for physics, chemistry and maths at school. I became increasingly interested in the emerging renewable energy sector, and Teesside is one of only a few universities offering dedicated courses, with some fantastic facilities, research resources and support. And of course it offers the significant advantage of being able to apply for a Kellas clean energy scholarship.

The Kellas scholarship has made a huge difference financially, allowing me to focus on my coursework rather than having to juggle studying with employment. On top of that, Kellas has also been hugely supportive when it comes to offering hands-on experience, and I have had the opportunity twice to visit their CATS gas terminal on Teesside. It was amazing to see the energy infrastructure up close and find out about the critical role CATS plays in the UK's energy security. Employment for future engineers like myself.

Kellas have also supported the University to deliver Women in Engineering Summer Schools, inspiring the next generation of females. School-aged girls experience engineering first-hand through practical activities, workshops, and interactions with industry professionals. The programme helps to break down common misconceptions about engineering careers and highlights the wide range of opportunities available within the sector. By working collaboratively with the University, Kellas are helping to build confidence, spark curiosity, and encourage more young women to consider studying engineering-related subjects, ultimately contributing to a more diverse and inclusive future workforce within the industry.

Thank you Kellas Midstream for your continued support.



If you are interested in supporting scholarships scan below:



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PRIZES

Academic award celebrates memory of Teesside University lecturer



Law graduate Rajveer Kaur was named the first recipient of the Emma Teare Award for Family Law at Teesside University, established in memory of former senior lecturer Emma Teare, who served the University community for 30 years. The £250 prize recognises the highest academic achievement in the Family Law module and was donated by Deputy Vice-Chancellor Mark Simpson. Rajveer described the award as an honour and expressed pride in being associated with Emma's legacy.

Head of Department Angela King said, 'The award celebrates Emma's dedication to student success and her lasting impact on the Law School.'

Rajveer, who chose Teesside for its practical, career-focused approach to legal education said, the recognition reflects both her academic efforts and the supportive learning environment that has shaped her development.

Prize winner honours supporter through art



Nour 'Calico' Metwally was awarded the Leni Oglesby Prize for Achievement in the School of Art & Creative Industries and chose to mark the occasion with a deeply personal gesture. In thanks, Nour created a striking portrait of donor Professor Leni Oglesby OBE.

Currently studying BA (Hons) Comic and Graphic Novels, Nour felt that creating artwork was the most meaningful way to express appreciation. Reflecting on the recognition, Nour said, 'I have always tried to create work filled with love, passion, and hope for the future. Studying at Teesside and having the opportunity to spend my time researching, drawing, and learning already felt like a reward in itself. Receiving this prize is a wonderful recognition of that effort and fills me with pride and gratitude.'

Professor Oglesby, a long-standing supporter of Teesside University has funded scholarships and student prizes for many years. She was delighted with the portrait, which now holds pride of place in her study, and is a lasting symbol of the connection between student creativity and philanthropic support.



ENRICHMENT

Driving opportunity and impact through the Santander Universities Programme partnership

Teesside joined the Santander Universities Programme for the 2025/26 academic year, unlocking two years of funding opportunities to support student education, entrepreneurship and employability.

Santander has a long-standing commitment to higher education, donating more than £95m since 2008 and supporting over 117,000 students.

Through this partnership, Teesside students gained direct access to funding designed to ease financial pressures and enhance their professional development and University experience.

In 2025/26, two students were awarded a Santander Scholarship and ten students a Brighter Futures Grant to help cover the general costs of university life.



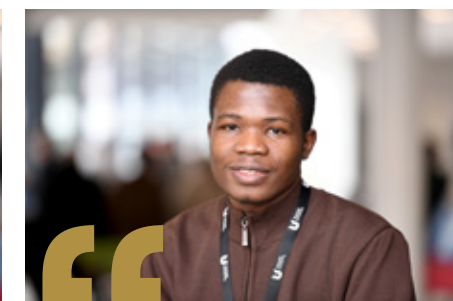
The grant from Santander is not just financial support, but a vote of confidence that motivates me to strive for excellence.

ISABEL LOZANO HERNANDEZ
MSc SUSTAINABLE ENGINEERING SYSTEMS



This grant will be a meaningful support during my studies, and I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me. Thank you for investing in students and for the positive impact your support makes.

EFUA SEKYIWA SAGOE
MPH PUBLIC HEALTH (APPLIED)



I am really grateful for this £1,000 grant. This huge support will ease financial pressure and allow me to focus more fully on my studies, projects and professional development. Thank you for investing in my future and supporting students like me.

BABATUNDE SAMUEL YEKINNI
MSc MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE)

Additional employability funding strengthened students' career prospects, with 60 grants of £250 helping to cover costs associated with interviews, placements and other professional opportunities.

Student and graduate entrepreneurs also benefited from access to funding through Santander X, with three awards of £5,000 available to support the launch, growth and scaling of new businesses.





Placements build futures: support makes them possible

Clinical placements are at the heart of healthcare education, giving our students hands-on experience, confidence and professional insight they simply cannot gain in a classroom. Placements are where futures take shape; transforming knowledge into practice and students into skilled, compassionate professionals ready to serve patients.

But accessing these vital opportunities is not always straightforward.

For some students placements mean travelling significant distances, and the cost of accommodation, food and travel can quickly become overwhelming, creating barriers that risk holding talented individuals back. This is where donor support makes a life-changing difference.

Thanks to the University's placement fund, BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography students Janice Morrison and Charlotte Saddington have been able to take up such an opportunity. Their placements in Scotland, working 30 hours a week across multiple hospitals and departments, has provided invaluable experience, and financial support has helped ease the burden of living costs.

Janice said, 'The most rewarding part of placement to date is experiencing the different modalities and travelling to different hospitals within the trust. One was a smaller hospital where I received one-to-one training, which really helped a lot.'

Being immersed in a real clinical environment has accelerated Janice's development in ways she hadn't expected, 'From day one we've been included as part of the multidisciplinary team, going into theatre and working with surgeons and radiographers.'



Janice Morrison

It's a really close-knit team, and that experience has prepared me in a way I didn't think would be possible in the first year,' she said.

'University support has been essential because I wouldn't have been able to come so far away with normal mortgage payments and household bills. This support helps shape the next generation of healthcare professionals, strengthening the NHS as a whole,' added Janice.



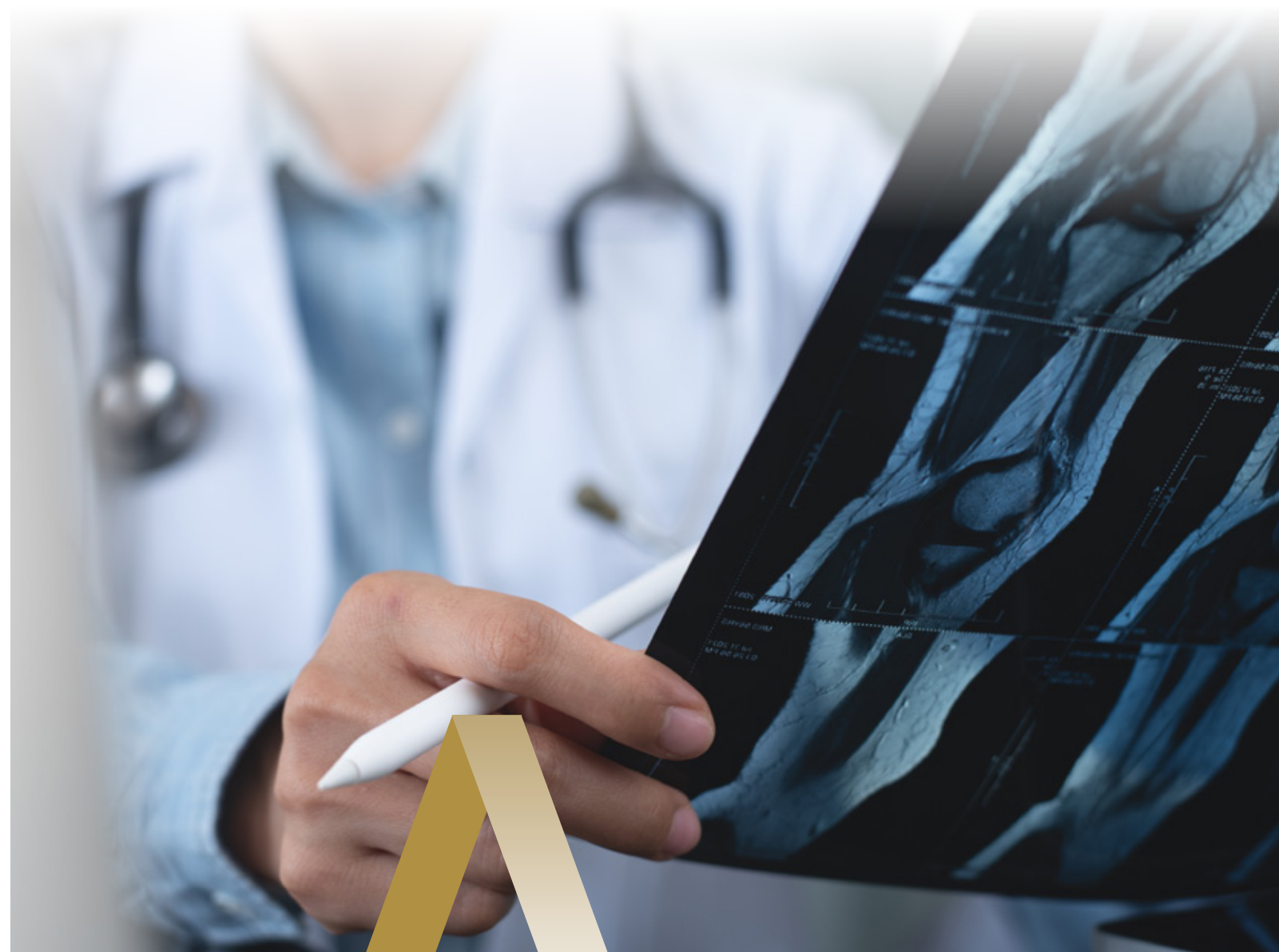
Charlotte Saddington

Charlotte's experience echoes this sentiment. For her, patient interaction has been the most rewarding aspect. She said her placement has also provided invaluable preparation for her future career adding, 'You're in a hospital setting surrounded by qualified professionals. You learn from them every day, how different departments work, and how to care for patients. It's already prepared me for working in the NHS.'

But undoubtedly the financial support has been instrumental in making this experience possible for Charlotte. She said, 'The funding has been incredible. Without it, I probably wouldn't have taken this opportunity. This kind of support will massively influence the next generation of healthcare professionals. It gives students the opportunity to build confidence, develop skills, and experience working across different trusts.'

Donor support does more than ease financial pressure, it opens doors, builds confidence, and empowers students to reach their full potential. By removing barriers to placements, it helps ensure that the NHS benefits from a diverse, skilled and resilient future workforce.

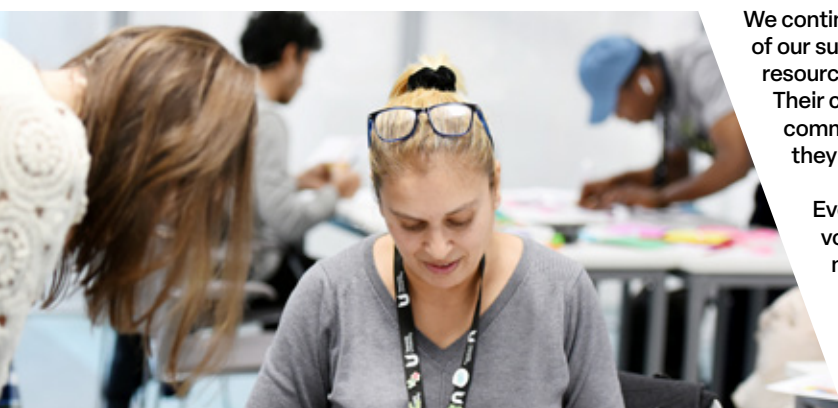
If you would like to support healthcare students through the placement fund, please email giving@tees.ac.uk





VOLUNTEERING

Alumni making a difference



We continue to benefit enormously from the generosity of our supporters, who give their time, expertise and resources to advance our shared ambitions. Their commitment enables us to equip our University community with the skills, knowledge and opportunities they need to thrive.

Every year, hundreds of Teesside graduates volunteer to support the University and inspire the next generation of alumni. Their contributions enrich the student experience, strengthen University governance and offer valuable strategic insight – ensuring Teesside remains relevant, forward looking and closely connected to today's professional landscape.

If you are interested in supporting enrichment opportunities and to find out more scan below:



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**OVER 260 ENGAGED
VOLUNTEERS**



**ACROSS 32 COUNTRIES
WORLDWIDE**



**AROUND 85%
UK-BASED**



**15% OVERSEAS IN COUNTRIES
INCLUDING SINGAPORE,
AUSTRALIA, CANADA, GERMANY,
FRANCE AND THE USA**



**OVER 60%
NORTH-EAST BASED**

Alumni Volunteer Awards 2026

The Alumni Volunteer Awards are a meaningful way to recognise, thank and celebrate the many graduates who generously share their time and expertise. Their contributions make a significant difference to our community and play a vital role in supporting Teesside's ongoing success.



RISING STAR ALUMNI VOLUNTEER AWARD

Recognising a graduate (from any graduation year), who has recently started their graduate volunteering journey and whose early accomplishments show promise, emerging impact and provide inspiration to others.

Our finalists are:



AMY SUMMERTON

BEng (HONS) CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, 2025

Amy's volunteering within this period includes her guest speaking roles at the Women in Engineering Summer Residential in July 2025, previous Chemical Engineering Residential, and representing Teesside University at the IChemE accreditation visit in October 2025. Amy demonstrates early career excellence, active mentoring, impactful representation of Teesside University, and strong alignment with STEM widening participation goals.



PRATYUSH RANGASWAMY RAGHUNATH

MSc PROJECT MANAGEMENT WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE, 2024

Pratyush contributed to Teesside University recruitment events in October 2025 and supported the APM Project Challenge, demonstrating ongoing engagement. Pratyush demonstrates strong, clear evidence of institutional impact, student inspiration and early-career alumni leadership.



JAMIE SAMPLE

BA (HONS) FINE ART, 2024

Jamie continued weekly volunteering at MIMA, supporting the elders' group The Club, assisting at events, contributing to learning programmes, and participating in artistic and community initiatives including exhibitions and performances. Jamie's nomination is exceptionally strong and demonstrates impactful volunteer activity during the specified period. His contributions span creative, social, cultural and educational sectors.

LONG-SERVICE VOLUNTEER AWARD

We are proud to recognise a graduate who has made an outstanding contribution over an extended period of time.

Our finalists are:



PAULA MCMAHON

BEng (HONS) CIVIL ENGINEERING, 1996

Paula has volunteered for over 30 years, beginning as ICE Student Liaison Officer in 1992 and continuing uninterrupted. She contributes across countless initiatives: Industrial Liaison Group, mentoring, guest speaking, placements, curriculum development, STEM outreach, grant applications, award creation and presenting, and representing Teesside University at regional/national level. Paula's nomination is exceptionally comprehensive. She demonstrates sustained, transformative volunteering at a scale rarely seen, with clear, measurable impact on Teesside University, students, and the engineering community.



LOU TONNER

BA (HONS) TV AND FILM PRODUCTION, 2012

Lou has been a consistent volunteer for over five years, contributing through panel talks, launchpad support, enterprise activities, marketing content, and ongoing advocacy. Lou's nomination clearly demonstrates strong alignment with the award criteria and Teesside University. Her impact spans enterprise development, talent retention, regional growth and institutional advocacy.



ERICA TURNER

LLB (HONS) LAW, 2006

Erica has supported Teesside University Law for nearly 20 years since graduating in 2006. She contributes through lectures, Law Clinic support, mentorship, apprenticeships, scholarships, placements, and focus groups. Erica's nomination shows deep, values-led commitment with clear institutional impact. She is a strong role model for current and prospective students in a competitive profession.



ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

We are proud to recognise a graduate who has made an outstanding contribution to Teesside over the past year.

Our finalists are:



LUKE MILLS

BA (HONS) COMPUTER GAMES ART, 2021

Over the past year, Luke continued to deliver talks, portfolio reviews, feedback to course teams, and support to students through industry engagement events such as Animex and DrinkDevs. A high-impact nominee with demonstrable influence across employability, industry connectivity, and community development.



ELIZABETH MARSHALL

LLB LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY, 2013

Elizabeth has engaged in voluntary guest speaking, mentoring, and supporting the Teesside University Law Student, Graduate and Employer Network consistently across the past year. Her activities include providing career talks, informal coaching, sharing opportunities, and strengthening student–alumni connections. Elizabeth is a highly values-led nominee with sustained, developmental volunteer engagement; and strong alignment with social mobility and inclusive practice.



PRECIOUS NWAGBOSO

MSc IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT, 2023

Precious has an exceptionally rich volunteering timeline, including mentoring the APM Challenge team weekly between January - November 2025, supporting new cohort entries in December 2025, delivering induction talks, running the Teesside University Project Management Society career workshop in November 2025, and continuous community and alumni engagement. Tremendous institutional impact and a strong external reputation, including facilitating B2B links, connecting students to events, providing referrals, supporting employer networks, and fostering industry readiness through workshops and mentoring.

Keep an eye on the Alumni Volunteer Awards page, where winners will be announced throughout Volunteer Week in June.



Scan for further details.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

It's a fantastic and generous way to give back to your university; find out how you can get involved and make a difference. Are you a Teesside graduate? Scan below to register your interest.





ENTERPRISE

Fuel.

The Fuel Programme helps Teesside University students and graduates turn ambition into reality.

The transformative seven-week, intensive business building accelerator helps close the critical gap in startup support for Teesside students and graduates.

Many early-stage founders lack the guidance, structure and confidence needed to bring an idea from concept to launch. Fuel directly addresses this, equipping participants with the tools, mentorship and networks to build strong, scalable businesses.



**EXTERNAL INVESTMENT
SECURED IN 2024/25:
£2,974,600**



**COMBINED TURNOVER OF ALL
FUEL-FOUNDED BUSINESSES
TO DATE:
£102,774,365**



**GRADUATE JOBS CREATED
SINCE PROGRAMME LAUNCH
(2015):
976**



**THREE-YEAR BUSINESS SURVIVAL RATE FOR TEESSIDE LAUNCHPAD VENTURES:
141% (CONTINUING TO OUTPERFORM THE UK UNIVERSITY STARTUP AVERAGE BY
APPROXIMATELY 30%)**

The Fuel Programme is more than a business course. It is frequently described by graduates as a life changing experience that transforms capability and confidence. Many alumni form long-lasting friendships, networks, and collaborations that continue well beyond the programme.

Fuel creates a community. Participants emerge as empowered, resilient and well-connected individuals ready to make their mark on the business world. It also contributes significantly to the wider economic and social prosperity of the Tees Valley, supporting job creation, innovation, and high value enterprise growth.



**NATHAN MARR AND JOE HILTON
SEMESTER STUDENT PLANNER**

Launchpad and Fuel kickstarted our journey. We learned business tools and skills, got access to mentorship, financial support and subsequently won a grant as well as outside investment.



**SOPHIA GOWLAND
PETITE AGENCY**

Fuel gave me the structure and accountability I needed. Having access to the right people, as well as facilities like Launchpad, meant I wasn't building Petite Agency completely on my own.



Giving to research: transforming ideas into impact

Research changes lives. At Teesside University our mission is to generate knowledge that supports healthier communities, drives innovation, strengthens our regional economy, and creates solutions to the challenges facing society today. But transformative research needs more than brilliant ideas; it needs partners who believe in its potential.

Through the new Research Teesside Transformation fund, supporters can play a direct role in accelerating the discoveries and innovations that shape our shared future. Your generosity fuels the research that tackles major global and local issues, from health and biosciences to climate action, digital transformation, sustainable engineering, and community wellbeing.

Philanthropic support enables Teesside to:

- > accelerate pioneering research, providing flexible funding where it can make the greatest difference
- > support doctoral researchers and emerging talent, nurturing future innovators and leaders across discipline
- > respond quickly to emerging challenges, enabling timely, agile research when it matters most
- > grow long-term programmes that address the strategic needs of the region and society
- > share powerful impact stories, showing exactly how donor support transforms lives and advances knowledge.

Your gift is transformational and becomes part of a wider effort to build a better, fairer, more innovative world. It empowers researchers, expands opportunities for students, and accelerates breakthroughs with the potential to improve lives here in the Tees Valley and far beyond.

By choosing to support research at Teesside University you are investing in progress, helping to shape solutions, unlock discoveries, and create impact that will resonate for years to come. Together, we advance ideas, unlock possibilities, and generate research that changes lives. Your support strengthens our communities, fuels innovation, and empowers our researchers and students to pursue bold solutions, drive progress, and build a future shaped by knowledge.



Scan for information about the research themes you could support.





TURNER PRIZE 2026

This year Middlesbrough will host the prestigious Turner Prize at the MIMA, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, a major contemporary art award organised by Tate.

This marks the first time the Turner Prize will be anchored in the Tees Valley by a university-linked institution, offering Teesside University a platform to amplify its cultural and civic leadership on the national stage.

It's a once-in-a-generation cultural moment for Middlesbrough and the Tees Valley.

National profile and global reach

Hosting the Turner Prize brings exceptional visibility:

- > the awards ceremony will be broadcast on the BBC to a global audience, positioning Middlesbrough in the spotlight of international cultural coverage
- > the exhibition, expected to attract over 130,000 visitors, will significantly raise the region's profile as a centre for contemporary art and innovation.

This enhanced profile supports Teesside University's strategic goals to be recognised for academic excellence and as a vibrant cultural anchor institution in the North East and across the UK.

Boosting the local and visitor economies

This is more than an art event, it's an economic stimulus:

- > the influx of national and international visitors will drive footfall into Middlesbrough and the wider Tees Valley, benefiting hospitality, retail and transport sectors
- > local businesses stand to benefit through increased customer engagement, partnerships with event programming, and sponsorship involvement.

With broader regional initiatives already boosting creative and visitor economies, 'Turner on Tees' aligns with long-term investment plans and contributes to sustainable economic growth.

Strengthening cultural identity and community cohesion

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Education, talent and creative careers

Hosting the Turner Prize ties directly into Teesside University's educational mission:

- > Teesside University, through MIMA, anchors artistic discourse and creative practice in the region, offering students exposure to high-level curatorial, research, and cultural programming activities
- > the presence of such a major art prize enhances the University's appeal to prospective students and strengthens pathways into cultural careers.

The event also invites partnerships that emphasise inclusion, talent development and lifelong learning, reinforcing the University's commitment to impactful education.



Legacy and long-term impact

Beyond the immediate economic and cultural benefits, hosting the Turner Prize leaves a lasting legacy:

- > the exhibition and associated programmes build infrastructure for future cultural investment.
- > increased recognition of Middlesbrough as an arts hub contributes to ongoing regional regeneration efforts, amplifying the impact of other creative and civic initiatives.

Teesside University's role in bringing the Turner Prize to Middlesbrough represents a significant milestone, one that energises the local economy, elevates cultural identity, and reinforces the University's leadership across education, community engagement, and creative industries.



Scan to find out more about supporting the Turner Prize 2026.





LEGACY

Leaving a gift in your will to Teesside University is a powerful way to create a lasting legacy. These gifts help remove barriers to education, fund scholarships, and give talented students from all backgrounds the opportunity to thrive for generations to come.

Over 230 graduates have expressed interest in pledging a gift in their will to Teesside.

Nathalia Thompson champions giving back. Originally from Spain, Nathalia came to the UK as a nurse and enrolled at Teesside in 2017 to study biomedical science. Now pursuing a PhD, she credits the University with shaping her academic journey.

Nathalia believes legacy gifts play a vital role in widening access to higher education.

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NATHALIA THOMPSON

Brilliant minds can come from any background. Financial challenges shouldn't stop talented students from coming to university. Legacy giving is accessible to everyone.

You don't have to give a large amount. Any contribution can help future scientists, engineers and healthcare professionals reach their potential and make a difference in the world.

Make a difference, leave a legacy

A gift in your will can transform lives and create opportunities for future generations. Writing a will is a personal decision, but if you are considering leaving a gift to Teesside, we would love to hear from you. By completing a Legacy Intentions form, you can share your wishes with us and stay connected through legacy updates and events.



Scan to find out more about leaving a gift in your will.

Free will writing service



We have partnered with The Taylor Lucas Partnership to offer a free will writing service to Teesside graduates in England, Scotland or Wales.

Over 1,000 alumni have now registered for this service since launching last year.

This latest benefit and service for graduates is designed to encourage more people to write a will. Over half of the population do not have a will and research shows this is mainly due to cost, a lack of understanding and a general confusion on how to access a professional service. Our free will writing service eliminates these obstacles and we warmly encourage our alumni community to sign up.



Scan to find out more about the free will service.





SUPPORT US

Why not join our altruistic community and make a positive change?

Our students continue to benefit from the generosity of our supporters who give their time, money and expertise to our causes. As a result, we continue to empower our University community with the skills, knowledge and opportunities to succeed.



Scan to find out how you can make a positive change.

Make a difference through corporate social responsibility

Through partnership with Teesside University, organisations can advance their corporate social responsibility goals by investing in scholarships that widen access to higher education and support underrepresented students. Our scholarship programme strengthens social mobility, develops career-ready graduates and contributes to regional economic growth, delivering measurable benefits for both communities and employers.

By partnering with the Vice-Chancellor's Teesside Transformation Fund, organisations help create life-changing opportunities for students from low-income backgrounds and areas with low higher education participation. In addition to financial support, organisations can amplify their impact through mentoring, guest lectures, career workshops and graduation prizes.

Together, we are building a more inclusive talent pipeline and nurturing the next generation of professionals who will drive positive change in industry and society.



Scan to find out more about corporate giving.

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Thank you for your integral support in helping us expand these vital opportunities for our student community.

As the Teesside Transformation Fund continues to grow, we will further remove barriers to education and support talented students to realise their ambitions and reach their full potential.



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