

Scholarships, Bursaries and Prizes Impact Report



Transforming potential into achievement

At the University of Hertfordshire, we are deeply grateful for your generous support of our students through the Scholarships, Bursaries and Prizes Programme. Your kindness is equipping students for successful careers and shaping young people's futures.

Our scholarships, bursaries, and prizes span every academic school and support Herts' diverse community – from school leavers to mature learners, undergraduates to postgraduates, and students overcoming personal or financial challenges. Each award is a lifeline of opportunity, encouragement, and belief.

Thanks to our donors, we are now able to offer a growing range of awards that recognise excellence and provide crucial support where it's needed most. These awards mean so much more to students than the financial support alone. They celebrate commitment and dedication, and they inspire students to pursue their ambitions.

Some scholarships open doors to internships and professional experience; for others, they bring the knowledge that someone believes in their educational journey. As one student, George, recently told us, *"knowing that someone believed in my potential was motivating and reassuring."*

It was a mix of emotions, really. Disbelief that I'd actually won it, I had to re-read the email. Gratitude towards those who funded the scholarship, and pride. I was really proud of myself and the fact that I'd managed to win it.

Sophie Patterson
Spectra Scholarship recipient (24/25)



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The impact of your support in 2024–25

During 2024-25, 100 students benefited from scholarships, bursaries, and prizes. These ranged from one-off £50 prize awards to scholarships of £5,000 per year over three years. A total of £154,389 was distributed to students this year, compared with £135,167 in 2023-24 and £108,703 in 2022-23. While these figures vary slightly each year due to awarding cycles, the trajectory is clear – donor support is growing, and with it, our capacity to empower more students than ever before.

This year, we were proud to welcome six new scholarships, extending vital support to students across our creative arts, engineering, and nursing programmes. We are equally grateful to the donors who increased the value of their existing scholarships, further amplifying the life-changing opportunities available to our students. Throughout this report – and in our [accompanying video](#) – you'll see clear examples of how these scholarships are making a meaningful difference to our students.



“I have always been a responsible student throughout my studies, and coming to university has increased my responsibility beyond keeping on top of work and revising, through being away from home for the first time, with the additional worry of finances. Applying for this scholarship, I knew how much any funding could benefit me. The scholarship is really helping through easing some of the worry surrounding finances and budgeting.

Jennifer Hanlon

Sir Gerard Newman Scholarship recipient (24/25)

“I felt very happy and honoured. When I read the email, I could hardly believe it. Knowing that my work and potential were recognised by such a meaningful award gave me a sense of encouragement and motivation. It made me feel proud and even more determined to do my best in my research and in promoting astronomy, especially as an international student far from home.

Laurinda Macaringue

Sir Brian May MSc Scholarship recipient (24/25)

“I received the email about the Gittins Family Bursary award during placement at Lister Hospital. I went to the staff room for my break, picked up my phone to check on my family and I saw the email. I was excited that I shared the news with all the staff members that were on break at that time with me. I couldn't stop smiling and it gave me a lot of energy and excitement throughout day.

Bama Kangben

Gittins Family Bursary – Nursing recipient (24/25)



Winning the scholarship means I will be much less worried about finances for next year, which means more time for studying! However, I would really love to kickstart my own research project, or perhaps attend a conference or a scientific talk. The scholarship funds will be such a help to get hands-on experience. Thank you for this opportunity once again!

Eli Kovachy

Spectra Scholarship recipient (24/25)



Initially I thought I'd read the email wrong or missed something in the fine print, but upon rereading and fully realising, I was elated. It's an immensely validating feeling to be picked for something that seas of others also applied for, and it was a very proud and grateful moment.

Sam Reading

Adrian Stokes Scholarship recipient (24/25)



Receiving the news that I had won the scholarship was an overwhelming and surreal experience. At first, I couldn't believe it; I had to read the email several times to ensure it was real. The initial shock quickly turned into a wave of joy and relief. This scholarship was not just financial assistance it was also a recognition of the effort I had put in.

Zara Zia

Spectra Scholarship recipient (24/25)

The following donated scholarships, bursaries and prizes were active in the 2024–25 academic year at the University of Hertfordshire

Adrian Stokes Scholarships
The Anthony Trower Law Scholarship
Sir Brian May MSc Scholarship
Colin and Sue Gordon Scholarship
Dannenberg Bursaries & Scholarships
David Laing Scholarship
Debbie Davies Memorial Prize
Deloitte/Blueprint 4 All Bursary
Denis and Pamela Filer Scholarship
Elaine Andrew Memorial Prize
Falko Aerospace Scholarship
Falko Prizes
Sir Gerard Newman Scholarship
Gittins Family Bursaries – Engineering
Gittins Family Bursaries – Nursing
Grace Foods Scholarship
Harry Victor Prize
The Heather Coates Prize
Helen Burchell Prize
Helen Burchell Scholarship
Hertfordshire Community Nurses' Charity PhD Studentship
High Sheriff's Community Awards
Howard Burrell Music Scholarship
Inner Wheel Prize for Midwifery
Ivor England Prizes
Jack Fielder Scholarship
The Janice Ann McNaughton Bursaries
Jarvis Centenary Scholarships
Dr Jeffery Quaye Prize
Jenny Greenhorn Memorial Scholarship
The Joan Trower Midwifery Scholarship
Josephine Connell Scholarship
Judges & High Sheriffs' Scholarships
Judges Prizes
Krishna Patel Memorial Prizes
Dr Louise James Scholarship
Mark Master Masons Scholarship
Paul Lidgett Prize
Pendleton Scholarship
Professor Peter Lines Scholarship Prize
Pinnacle Engineering Scholarship
PJE Foundation Scholarships
Professor Richard Cremlyn Prize
REACH Event Management Scholarship EMC3
REACH Event Management Scholarship
Northstar Media Group
Richard & Susie Walduck Scholarship
The Roerig Trust Nursing Scholarships
Santander Scholarships
Spectra Scholarships
The Staughton Scholarship
Taylor Walton Scholarship
The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers Prize
Undergraduate History Research Prizes
Vitabiotics Prizes



Aman Ahmed
Gittins Family Bursary –
Engineering graduate (2025)




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thank you, on behalf
of our students, for
your part in powering
our students to success**



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