

Wardlaw Scholarship Programme

encouraging diversity, ensuring excellence





St Andrews is everything I expected it to be and more, there is a real sense of community here. I would like to thank you for your scholarship because without it, I really would have struggled to make it here at all.

Tamara Hold, BSc Medical Science
The Cathryn Marsden Scholar

First and foremost in Scotland

Almost six centuries ago a group of scholars gathered at the spiritual heart of a nation and pledged themselves and their students to strive for excellence. Their ethos endures at the University of St Andrews. The University consistently scores higher than any other Scottish university in Teaching Quality and Research Assessment Exercises, and continually attracts greater numbers of student applicants. St Andrews was named 2006 Scottish University of the Year in The Sunday Times University Guide and has maintained its top 10 UK position for many years. Around the globe, our name is synonymous with academic excellence.

With such proven results in teaching and research, the University is now seeking to ensure that St Andrews becomes the first choice for the brightest of students, irrespective of their background or circumstances, thus guaranteeing a more inclusive, diverse and supportive academic environment for all students.

In honour of Henry Wardlaw, scholar, Bishop of St Andrews and fifteenth century founder of this University, in 2004 we introduced a special scholarship programme for Scottish, UK and EU students, designed to alleviate the costs of housing for undergraduates.



Why do we need scholarships?

All of our students are guaranteed a place in a Hall of Residence for their first year, but only 30-40% of returning students secure a place thereafter. As living at home is an option for less than 5% of our undergraduates, housing is an essential and significant cost.

There is no shortage of accommodation within the town. There is, however, a premium to be paid, as rents can now be on a par with those in London, ranging from £75-£90 per week for a room in a house in Bridge Street to £550 per week for a room in a shared house in Hope Street or Howard Place.

Unlike London, part time employment opportunities in St Andrews are comparatively rare. In addition, commuting any distance by public transport is difficult. The result is an increased financial outlay for all of our undergraduates, and unfortunately, accommodation costs have been identified as the biggest single barrier to Access students applying to study at St Andrews.

The Wardlaw Scholarships will provide assistance to bright students in financial need with an award covering the costs of accommodation.



Without the scholarship I don't think I could have survived this year, what with the letting agents wanting the rent earlier than I expected, and also the rent being a lot higher than I imagined.

Iain Murray, MA Economics and Arabic

I spent six years at St Andrews, studying for both a BSc and PhD in Applied Mathematics. I got a tremendous amount out of those six years, both academically and socially. Not only did I receive a great mathematical training which I have used almost every day in my 20 years in investment banking, but I was also very fortunate to meet my future wife there as well as most of my best friends. I owe a lot to St Andrews and felt that it was now time to give something back to the University that has given me so much.

I decided to fund a Wardlaw Scholarship in Mathematics. My hope is that through funding this scholarship, my wife and I can enable a talented student to study and live in St Andrews and to be able to enjoy and benefit from the same unique University environment that we were privileged to be part of.

Robert Campbell (BSc, PhD 1987)

How the Wardlaw Programme works



Scholars receive an annual grant of £3,000 for four years. This money helps with living expenses. All the scholarships available through the Wardlaw Programme have been made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends of the University.

In 2005 we were able to award 10 new Wardlaw Scholarships to students for 2006 entry. Our aim is to increase this by 10 new scholarships each year. With the ultimate aim of creating an endowment to support a cohort of 100 scholars.

Who receives the scholarships?

Students can apply for a scholarship once they have been accepted to study at St Andrews on the strength of their qualifications and standard application. Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must submit a personal statement outlining their reasons for applying. These are considered by the Scholarship Office of the University. In 2006 the number of applications was equivalent to 12 applications for every scholarship available.



Who is already supporting the Programme?

Hundreds of alumni and friends of the University have already made a difference through their financial support of the Wardlaw Scholarship Programme. A number of people have endowed scholarships in perpetuity, often in tribute to a family member or to mark a special occasion. At the discretion of the donor, scholarship endowments can be for particular fields of study, excellence in sports, arts or music, or for students from specific geographic locations. Scholarships have also been funded by groups of former classmates, families and foundations.



In providing a scholarship for a student from North Wales to study medicine in Scotland, I was able to bring together a number of threads of my heritage. To establish this in perpetuity, would thereafter allow my family and their children and grandchildren to maintain a long term connection, with matters Welsh, medical and Scottish. To achieve all this, while also providing an opportunity for a student to enjoy the same wonderful experience at St Andrews that both my wife and I had enjoyed so much, has been extremely satisfying.

Philip Marsden (MA 1979)

Making the gift of lifetime opportunity

When you provide a scholarship for a student the gift is more than just money. You are giving a bright young person the chance to attend a world class University whose graduates number among the world's leading academics, business leaders and influencers. It is a chance they may never get again. The gift of scholarship is a gift that is literally life-changing.

How much does a scholarship cost?

Scholarship	Annual Award	Sponsor a Student	Endow one scholarship	Programme Endowment
Wardlaw Scholars of Scotland, rest of UK and EU	£3,000	£12,000	£75,000	£3,000,000 (10 scholarships per annum)

Managing your support

The cost of endowing a scholarship can be spread over a number of years. Managing a gift in this way enables benefactors to balance their gift with other financial commitments. The table below shows how this could be done:

Gift paid over 1 year		Annual Gift	Quarterly Gift	Monthly Gift
		£75,000	£18,000	£6,250
Real cost to donor over 1 year *		Annual Cost	Quarterly Cost	Monthly Cost
		£57,693	£14,423	£4,808
Gift paid over 3 years	Total Gift	Annual Gift (x3)	Quarterly Gift (x3)	Monthly Gift (x36)
	£75,000	£25,000	£6,250	£2,083
Real cost to donor over 3 years *	Total Cost	Annual Cost (x3)	Quarterly Cost (x3)	Monthly Cost (x36)
	£57,693	£19,231	£4,808	£1,603

Acknowledging support

We aim to inspire expectation among students that St Andrews is a lifelong experience not limited to student years, and that this experience includes a tradition of giving. Therefore, scholars are active participants in the programme, rather than passive recipients of awards. They are told of their sponsor, or the person the donor wishes to honour through a named award (i.e. the Jane Smith Wardlaw Scholar). The scholars write (via the Development Office) to their patrons at least once a semester, and they participate in the annual patron-scholar reception. The result is the fostering of relationships beneficial to both student and sponsor, through internships, mentorships and friendships.

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