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Supporting inspirational women from across the world

Launched in June 2015 by then Chancellor Shami Chakrabarti, the Women of the Future Appeal set out to raise £500,000 to support 25 Masters scholarships for women from around the world to study at Essex.

Thanks to the generous support of donors from across our community over £600,000 was raised, meaning we can offer scholarships to 30 amazing and inspirational women who have the potential to change their communities and the world around them.

The Appeal closed with a celebration dinner, hosted by television presenter and writer Sandi Toksvig. Ticket sales and on the night auction bids contributed £20,000 to the Appeal, which was then matched by the University.

The evening featured an auction with items donated by our Honorary Graduates, supporters and local businesses including one of our most popular lots, a selection of David Dimbleby’s Question Time ties.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Sharon White
LLB Law, 1983

Sharon joined international law firm Stephenson Harwood in 1988 and became Chief Executive in 2009. She is our largest individual donor to the Women of the Future Appeal, and is therefore helping other talented young women to study at Essex.

40 students benefit from internships and work placements funded through our partnership with Santander Universities.

400 Over 400 staff sign-up to support students by donating the odd pennies from their monthly salary.

8 Master’s scholarships awarded from the Open Society Foundation awarded to Human Rights students.
Our students have amazing ideas. And we’re helping turn those ideas into reality through our crowdfunding platform, Click.

Stilts Pro, a stilts-walking theatre company founded by BA World Performance student Piotr Pawarski, had a mission to “reach audiences underexposed to the benefits of theatre and give hope, ennoble, educate and inspire without bias.”

“In a world that is so full of fear and uncertainty, we need open minds and open hearts; we wish to spread joy and aid where it’s needed the most.”

Piotr raised £1,425 through Click to fund performances in Greek refugee camps.

Our Click crowdfunding platform has helped 118 student groups raise a total of £161,000 in less than two years. They’ve had success with projects in the arts, sports, societies, volunteering, internships and enterprise – and, along the way, they’ve learnt to fundraise, to mobilise networks, and to make things happen themselves, instead of simply applying for a grant. It empowers the students, and equips them with skills they can use in life. We add new projects to the site all the time, so if you’d like to support today’s students, check out click.hubbub.net

One Click to success

The crowdfunding platform for Essex

Donor Spotlight

Chris and Angela Graham

For students at East15 Acting School, life at University can be especially financially demanding. Our Loughton Campus does not currently benefit from on-site accommodation, and the students incur additional costs staging performances. Chris and Angela wanted to help students at East15 and created the Jacobs Ladder Bursary to provide those in need with extra funding.

High impact partnership

There are many ways to work in partnership with the University. There are opportunities to inject fresh talent into your organisation with an internship or placement, access the latest advancements in your sector through sponsored research, recruit highly motivated and skilled graduates and students or benefit from our specialist facilities and expert staff. We’re dedicated to working with businesses to combine excellence in research and innovation with a vibrant enterprise culture.

Since 2012 Provide, a locally-based Community Interest Company delivering NHS services, has partnered with the University on a number of research, employability and knowledge exchange activities.

Provide is at the forefront of innovations into how the future of health and social care may be organised and delivered. John Niland, Provide’s CEO and Essex alumnus (Government, 1985) has led the partnership which has seen Essex graduates take up internships, research into exercise-oriented interventions and a PhD studentship focussing on organisational change and integration in human services.

Our partnership with Provide is a great example of how Essex can work with organisations to deliver innovative, evidence-based solutions to real world problems.

I joined Provide as a Graduate Business Assistant, the position was for a year at the head office in Colchester. I was thrilled to be offered the position as the job was strongly related to area I wanted to pursue as a career, the people were lovely and the location and pay were great too. I was given far more responsibility than I expected to be offered during an internship and was able to work independently and make suggestions, everyone was very welcoming and I felt like my contributions were valued. Near the end of my internship a permanent position opened in the team which I interviewed for and my experience over the year greatly helped me to be successful in being recruited to the post, so I am very pleased to still be with Provide. I doubt that I would have managed to get the job without the experience of the internship. Elizabeth Shaw Provide, Internship recipient
Lukas Audickas
BA International Relations, 2017

Lukas was the recipient of the 2016/17 Jean Blondel Prize for the Best Undergraduate Degree. He has now landed his dream job in the House of Commons library – carrying out research and providing impartial advice to politicians from all parties.

Having spent his placement year there, during which Lukas published papers on UK election statistics and ethnic minorities in politics, he is thrilled to have been offered a permanent post.

LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

Facts and figures

Donor breakdowns
Your support in action

Thanks to our supporters, Essex is making a difference throughout the world. In 2016/17, over £1.3million has been pledged to provide scholarships to enable the brightest and the best minds to study at Essex and support our ground breaking research tackling the big global issues.

Where donations came from in 2016-17

- Corporates
- Trusts/Foundations
- Individuals
- Other

£1.3 million

Get involved, make a difference

Thank you, your involvement makes a real impact. Every member of our community who supported us, has had a positive impact on our students experience, the quality and quantity of our research and teaching and our local and international communities.

Philanthropy at Essex is all about connection and love – whether it is making a donation, giving your time or helping a recent graduate – your support changes lives.

To find out more about how you can support the University contact the Philanthropy Team on:

T 01206 872700 or visit
www.essex.ac.uk/thankyou

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125 alumni volunteers worldwide attended 20 events to support prospective and current students with their time, advice and Essex insight.

126 successful Click projects have raised more than £160,000 through crowdfunding since the 2015 launch.