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2020/21



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A HELPING HAND THROUGH COVID-19

In autumn 2020, you and your fellow donors gave an incredible £88,670 to support students through the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Multiple lockdowns saw part-time jobs vanish; doctoral students forced to extend their studies as research was disrupted; and many families no longer able to help financially. In response, we launched our second crowdfunding appeal for the Student Hardship Fund.

Thanks to your support, the Fund was able to make 392 emergency grants to those at our University that needed it the most, following a 133% increase in applications

compared to a typical year. “The generous donations made by alumni have enabled us to broaden the scope of financial support offered to students during these exceptional times,” says Andy Leahy, from Student Services. “We cannot thank all those who contributed enough for the support they have shown to our students.”

A gift of £25,000 in match funding from alumnus and honorary graduate Peter Harrison helped to get the appeal off to a strong start. Our corporate partner Santander Universities UK also redirected over £16,000 in funding to the cause.

59% of the gifts to this appeal were made by first-time donors – we’re delighted to welcome to you to our community! Thank you for giving a vital safety net to students.

PPE FOR BATH & BEYOND

Your support for the University’s PPE production effort has had a lasting impact. For several months, we were the main supplier to the city’s Royal United Hospital (RUH). The face shield design, created by our Department of Mechanical Engineering, was translated into six languages by UN organisation SODEIT and distributed around the world, including in developing countries. The project has strengthened our relationship with the RUH and led to further research partnerships into health and wellbeing.



Watch the video: bit.ly/bathppevid

SUPPORTING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Our alumni and friends gave their time to our community by volunteering at our online networking and careers events. We welcomed more than 1,600 attendees from 60 countries to 45 events throughout the year, featuring 88 speakers.

Our community of Bath Connection volunteers has also grown to include 1,638 mentors and 428 alumni ambassadors, sharing their expertise and university experience with students, fellow graduates and offer-holders.

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To volunteer on Bath Connection, visit go.bath.ac.uk/bath-connection

SKILLS FOR LIFE

In January 2022, Santander Universities UK is launching a free programme focused on adult digital skills development, aligned with the UK government’s post-pandemic priorities. In partnership with the Institute of Coding – led by the University of Bath – and Durham University, the programme will provide eight hours of online training for UK residents. This content is designed to help people return to work or change career; start a business; or return to education.



REWARDING INNOVATION

Laboratory research produces a lot of single-use plastic waste – and most of this is not being recycled due to fears over chemical or biological contamination. LabCycle, co-founded by PhD student Helen Liang, has developed a way of safely returning these plastics back to the supply chain. Helen received a £15,000 Innovation Award in 2020, donated by alumnus His Excellency Khalil Foulathi, which enabled the company to develop its technology. LabCycle will begin a commercial pilot in early 2022.

BAKING UP A NEW BUSINESS

For School of Management graduate Meg Smith and her partner Nat, baking vegan donuts started off as a diversion during lockdown. Two grants from the Santander Entrepreneurship Fund meant they could afford the equipment to grow their new venture, The Happy Donut Bakery. “There are lots of opportunities available as a student,” says Meg, “and the alumni network is very supportive.” In 2021, they won Best New Business at the Bath Life Awards.

GOLDEN ACHIEVEMENTS

Our first full cohort of Gold Scholars have now graduated – that’s 48 young people with a brighter future, thanks to you. The positive effects of Gold cannot be underestimated, as recognised by our success in the Highest Impact University Initiative category at the 2021 upReach Student Mobility Awards.

A Gold Scholarship isn’t just financial help, but a full package of support including skills workshops, mentoring and volunteering opportunities. It’s a place to belong at Bath. Thank you for making it possible.



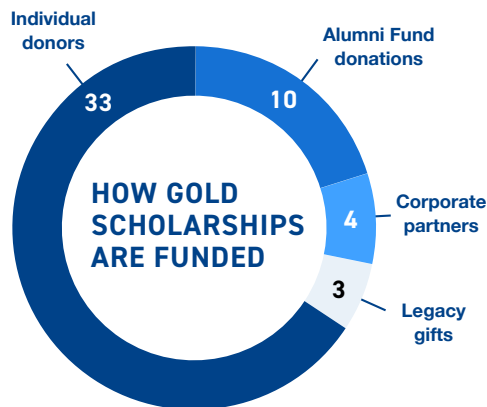
- Rachel Stones Gold Scholar

Coming from a single-parent family, Rachel Stones (MPharm Pharmacy 2021) thought university wouldn’t be financially feasible. A Gold Scholarship changed that. She thrived here at Bath and was awarded the Royal Pharmaceutical Society’s Student of the Year. Now Rachel’s working as a hospital pharmacist and is hoping to specialise in intensive care. She has also volunteered as a Gold Mentor: “It’s amazing that alumni, Christine and Mike Gibbons, donated to fund my scholarship; I wouldn’t have been here without it. Their incredible generosity means so much.”



- Gracie Stavers (left) Gold Scholar

“Without this support I would have needed to get a job alongside my studies, and because I have fibromyalgia and ME it would have been too exhausting and hard,” says second-year Gibbons Gold Scholar Gracie Stavers, who won the Outstanding Achievement Award at the upReach Student Mobility Awards, as well as the Edinburgh Women in Space Conference essay competition – which was open to both undergraduates and postgraduates. “I’m in such a better place than I otherwise would have been. I have so much to put on my CV as I start to look for placements, which is something I was worried about.”



GLOBAL GOOD

In November 2020, Bath was formally recognised as a University of Sanctuary by charity City of Sanctuary. The award celebrates our efforts as an institution to welcome refugees and asylum seekers, including through our research, pastoral support and scholarships. During the 2020/21 academic year, we supported 23 students with refugee or asylum seeker status.



SHARING KNOWLEDGE

“Growing up in Sub-Saharan Africa, experiences of unreliable water supplies, improper waste disposal systems and energy inconsistencies sparked my desire for sustainability. The greatest tragedy is when great minds are not harnessed due to poverty, and removing me from this cycle is something I won’t take for granted.”

“The knowledge I gain from my time at Bath will help in creating novel systems for water supply, waste conversion and developing air purification technology from cheap materials. Through your donations, my dream to tackle these challenges is feasible.”

- Samuel Ashu Abey (MSc Environmental Engineering 2022), Commonwealth Scholar

SEEKING SANCTUARY

“As a Sanctuary Scholar, I am privileged to have the platform to be able to share my experiences and knowledge about my home country of Afghanistan, both good and bad – the rich history, culture and geography, as well as war, conflict and 40 years of invincible misery. But, more than a speaker, I am also delighted to be a listener.”

“Leaving everything behind and starting from scratch as an asylum seeker in another country is difficult. Life’s companions during this stage were hopelessness, uncertainty and a lot of frustration. When I obtained my scholarship, these were replaced with hope, certainty and an immense amount of positivity.”

- Habib Wardak (MA International Relations 2022), Marie Morley Sanctuary Scholar



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS: CHANGING THE GAME



- Tom Dean
Bill Whiteley
Sports Scholar
and double
Olympic gold
medallist

“Standing on the podium is a moment that I’ll cherish forever,” says Tom Dean, mechanical engineering student and double Olympic gold medal-winning swimmer. “It’s what I’ve been working towards for 15 years. It felt like a dream.”

Tom triggered the gold rush for University of Bath sportspeople at the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, winning the 200m freestyle and men’s 4 x 200m relay. He’s been supported by a Bill Whiteley Sports Scholarship since 2018, which he describes as being ‘invaluable’.

“I train six days a week, making it impossible to work part-time, so the financial aid takes huge pressure off me. It’s amazing that donors are willing to help athletes at the start of their career, when they need it the most.”

**“Knowing that support network
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deal of confidence”**

From nutrition and equipment, to competition fees and travel – the cost of becoming a world-class contender is a challenge for many. At Bath, we have a proud history of supporting student-athletes to achieve their full potential.

We were the first UK university to offer sports scholarships in 1976; the alumni-supported Elite Athlete Fund provides grants for international competitions; and our Dual Career Programme offers a package of support for balancing studies and sport.

Tom adds: “Knowing that support network is there, all the services that the University offers, gave me a great deal of confidence and allowed me to focus purely on becoming the best performer I can be.”

The triumphs at Tokyo didn’t stop there for our sports scholars. Swimmers Anna Hopkin (Thompson Educational Trust Scholar) and Calum Jarvis (ITC Scholar) also won Olympic gold, as did modern pentathlete Joe Choong (Ivor Powell Scholar).

Our sports scholars work so hard to represent their country on the greatest stage of all. Thank you for being among their biggest supporters.



**Our sports scholars have
brought home 13 medals
in the Olympic and
Commonwealth Games
from 2012-2021**

A day in the life of Olympic swimmer Tom Dean

Breakfast

Porridge with fruit and nuts

8:00-10:00

Aerobic set in the Sports Training Village’s 50m pool, swimming between 6-7,500m

10:30-12:00

Gym session

Refuel in the STV café

Full English breakfast

Lunch at home

Chilli con carne with rice
Banana

14:30-15:00

Core session, stretching
and mobilisation

15:00-17:00

Back in the pool for a
6-6,500m training session

Snack

Protein bar

Dinner at home

Late snack

Yoghurt with granola, fruit,
peanut butter and honey

7,000 calories per day
approx. 14,000 metres swum



- Alumni Kate French and Joe Choong
both won gold in modern pentathlon



- Calum Jarvis
gold medal-winning swimmer in the men’s relay

RESEARCH FOR A BETTER FUTURE

A HEALTHY BALANCE

Coronavirus lockdowns put pause to Russell Davies' PhD research into the gut microbiome and the interactions between nutrition, physical activity and metabolism. A further gift of £10,000 from donor and alumnus Ian Tarr has enabled Russell to extend his studies alongside his work as a healthcare assistant. "It has been a very valuable experience," he says. "I'm happy to be able to do something to support the NHS after the rough time we've all been through."



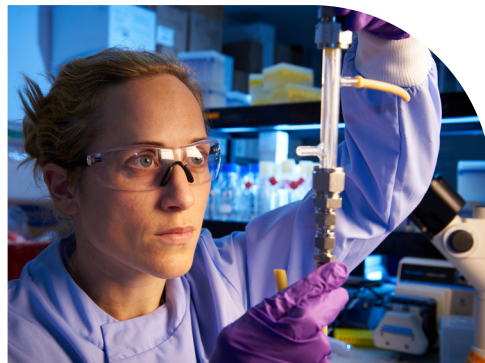
CONSERVATION OF SPECIES

Gentoo penguins were originally thought to be one species, but research by PhD scholar Josh Tyler from our Milner Centre for Evolution has revealed that they are in fact four separate species, which will help in conservation. Josh says: "The continued support from the Evolution Education Trust has given me peace of mind during the last 12 months that I will be able to complete my PhD to a high standard, despite the setbacks experienced through Covid-19."



MORE SUSTAINABLE MEAT

Meat consumption has a huge impact on our environment – and supply is also a concern as our planet's population grows. Professor Marianne Ellis is working to address this by developing methods of scaling up production of cultured meat in large bioreactors, to make it cheaper and more widely accessible. Her team includes three PhD students – Scott Allan, Allison Esperanza and Lily Westerhoff – supported by non-profit research institute New Harvest.



STUDYING THE STARS

In February 2021, we celebrated Professor Carole Mundell's appointment as Hiroko Sherwin Chair in Extragalactic Astronomy. Thanks to a gift from longstanding supporters Jim and Hiroko Sherwin, a postdoctoral role has been created in Carole's research group. The post has been taken up by Dr Núria Jordana, a former Sherwin PhD in Astrophysics scholar. In autumn 2020, Núria won the Royal Astronomical Society's poster competition.



DETECTING BREAST CANCER

Dr Gege Ma's research, supported by an RCH PhD Scholarship, has uncovered potential applications of contactless electrical impedance tomography (CEIT) in both industry and medicine – particularly in detecting breast cancer. CEIT is cheaper and more portable than current methods, and avoids the use of radiation. "Support from donors provides reassurance that what we do is valuable," she says. "They've shown great trust in this project. Thank you!"

SUPPORTING SPINAL INJURIES

Dr Jennifer Maher, Medlock Fellow in Clinical Exercise Rehabilitation, explores how high-intensity interval training can help patients with acute spinal injuries to maintain cardiometabolic health upon returning home from hospital. Her work is supported by a gift of £100,000 from the Medlock Charitable Trust, as well as a grant from the National Institute for Health Research, and is being carried out in partnership with the Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre in Salisbury.

THANK YOU



“Celebrating the impact of you and your fellow donors is one of my very favourite parts of my role. Your gifts support 50 new Gold Scholars per year, drive gold-standard research for a better future and enable our athletes to bring home astounding numbers of gold Olympic and Paralympic medals.

“Your impact on our University community is immeasurable, but hopefully the stats below demonstrate exactly how much you’ve done over the past year to support our students, research and more. From all of us: thank you.”

- **Molly Southwood** Head of Alumni Engagement

NEW DONORS:

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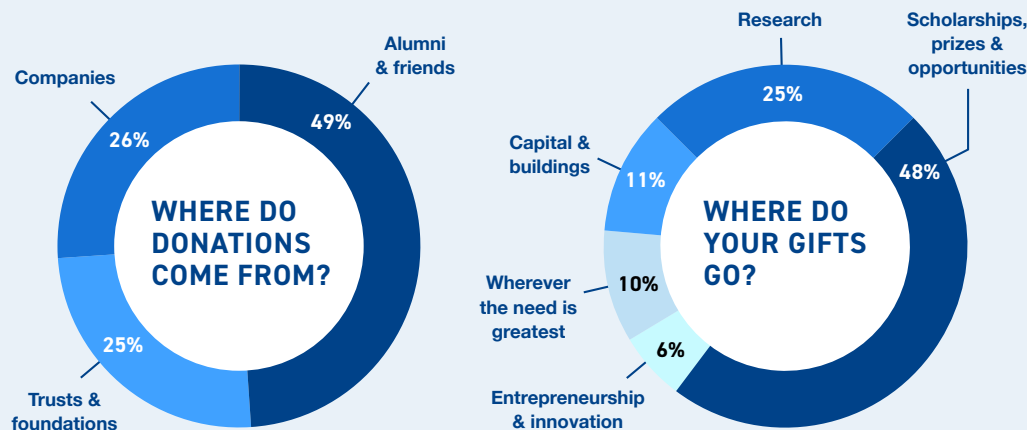
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TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED:

£3.12m

TOTAL DONORS:

2,724



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At Bath, we support so many inspiring people and projects – from removing barriers to education through life-changing scholarships, to furthering research that tackles global challenges. Your support secures brighter futures.

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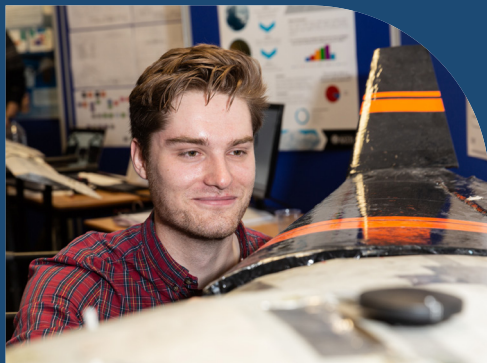
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YOUR GIFT TO THE NEXT GENERATION



From building a human-powered aircraft to compete in the Icarus Cup, to developing ways of reusing coffee grounds, this year six students from our Faculty of Engineering & Design undertook projects, internships and development opportunities that would otherwise have been unachievable.

These were made possible by grants from the Arthur Clements Fund, established in 2019 by a generous gift of £250,000 from the estate of the late engineer Arthur Clements CBE.

A donation to Bath in your Will makes a world of difference for the future. You choose where your support goes – whether that's towards scholarships, research or a particular subject area – so you can continue to further the causes that mean the most to you and inspire future generations.

To find out more, please email legacies@bath.ac.uk or visit go.bath.ac.uk/legacy-gift for more information, including how it may reduce the inheritance tax paid by your estate.

“I'm delighted to support continuing research in sports biomechanics – a field that means a lot to me. Anyone could leave a small or larger gift in their Will to benefit future students.”

- **Dr Aki Salo** Former Reader in our Department for Health and member of our 1966 Society



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