THANK YOU

2016
Having recently joined Heriot-Watt, I have witnessed first-hand the impact donations from our alumni, friends and corporate partners are making. Your support is providing life-changing opportunities for our students in Scotland, Malaysia and Dubai and enhancing our research, enabling our academics to create new knowledge, ideas and solutions in response to global issues and challenges.

As we celebrate Heriot-Watt’s 50th anniversary of gaining its Royal Charter, we look forward to the next fifty years and how we can inspire the students of today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

With your continued help and support, we are sure that we can accomplish great things together.

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If you have participated in the telethon this year and had a conversation with one of our callers we would like to thank you for sharing your memories, advice and support. Many thanks also to our ongoing telethon supporters.

 Fantastic Result for 2016 Annual Telethon

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 số lượng cuộc gọi: 48
số lượng shift: 32
countless lives transformed: COUNTLESS!

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TOTAL RAISED: £160,604
Opens the doors to match-funding and brings the total to: £321,208
Philanthropic support is vital in allowing Heriot-Watt’s researchers to come together and address global challenges.

Whether it is fighting hard-to-treat cancers, ensuring the provision of clean water or increasing equality in the workplace, giving to the University’s research priorities can really change lives.

Dr Nick Leslie, a leading researcher into causes of cancer, attracted charitable support to work on a genetic cancer syndrome, PTEN Hamartoma Tumour Syndrome.

Through the donor’s sponsorship of a PhD research scientist to work with Dr Leslie, this unique project could have a major impact on how the disease is treated and lead to new clinical trials that will help early diagnosis.

Funding such young scientists connected to a specific research project creates a fantastic opportunity for early stage researchers.

The Watson-Currie PhD, created in 2015 via the Fiona Watson Memorial Fund, is supporting a young researcher to make an impact on human health. Working with Dr Helen Bridle, an expert in sample processing, the PhD student is targeting the parasite Cryptosporidium, a waterborne pathogen which causes respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses in affected people that is becoming more common in the UK due to increased incidents of flooding. The research will create new tools to detect such parasites, leading to healthcare applications here and in developing countries.

Closer to home, the Moffat Charitable Trust has funded a PhD Scholarship that will provide vital research into empowering women in the Scottish workplace.

The Scholarship is designed to enhance our understanding of the impact paid employment has on the lives of women in the tourism industry, where women numerically dominate but career progression is limited.

The project, supervised by Dr Mairead Nic Craith, a specialist in anthropology, will ensure that Heriot-Watt University continues to lead the way in enabling women to advance in their careers and help break down the barriers that exist within the tourism industry and beyond.
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MONTHLY DONOR

I've gained skills I never thought I would have the opportunity to learn."

Computer Science student Craig Duffy feared that he may never afford a university degree, but after hearing about the Access Bursary and Robertson Scholarship Trust opportunities at Heriot-Watt, he applied for funding.

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In 2015, the Annual Fund secured 50 access bursaries for students from challenging backgrounds who may have been unable to afford to study.

It also supported extra-curricular talent through scholarships in music and sport, funded 29 student-led projects and impacted on the lives of countless others.

**HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY ANNUAL FUND**

**Aithne Atkinson, School of Life Sciences – Conservation of cheetahs and wild dogs at Ann Van Dyke Cheetah Reserve, South Africa**

“I have a greater appreciation for the work conservationists do for the cheetah and African wild dog, and want to play a role in the survival of these species.”

**Sara C. Brennan, School of Management and Languages – Bridging Heriot-Watt and Hong Kong: An International Exchange on the Sociocultural Impact of Globalisation**

“This ground-breaking conference laid the foundations for future knowledge exchange, enhancing Heriot-Watt’s global reputation.”

**Diana Jelenova, School of Engineering and Physical Sciences**

“I was the first Heriot-Watt student to compete in the Aikido World Championship since 2007 thanks to the Annual Fund.”

**Cameron Mackenzie, School of Management and Languages – Great Spotted Kiwi Conservation in New Zealand**

“I strongly encourage other students to apply for the Annual Fund. I was given the opportunity to greatly expand my comfort zone and participate in a unique project.”

**Heriot-Watt University Rowing Club**

“The Heriot Watt Annual Fund has been a key supporter of the club since its reincarnation in the early 2000s.”
The University has completed its latest capital project; The Lyell Centre for Earth and Marine Science and Technology.

The Centre brings together Heriot-Watt and the British Geological Survey in a new partnership to research critical challenges facing mankind today; meeting the energy demands of a rising global population whilst safeguarding the health of the Earth’s surface, subsurface, oceans and atmosphere.

By bringing together leading researchers in the fields of earth science, marine science, applied geoscience, terrestrial ecology, engineering, computing and mathematics, the Centre will play a key role in finding pragmatic solutions and providing evidence-based reliable opinions in areas where inputs have traditionally been polarised.

In addition to core funding from the Natural Environment Research Council and the Scottish Funding Council the University received vital philanthropic support to provide state-of-the-art facilities.

The Wolfson Foundation, the Garfield Weston Foundation and the Binks Trust all provided philanthropic funding in order to help Heriot-Watt fund the core build, and create additional research opportunities. These include a Climate Change Research Aquarium integral to the Centre’s marine research themes; and an inspiring central shared space designed to maximise scientific collaboration between both organisations and act as public engagement space for earth and marine science themes.

Thank you to all our valued donors for their support of the Lyell Centre.

This year, many more opportunities exist for you to join with the Heriot-Watt community as we mark the 50th anniversary of the awarding of our Royal Charter in 1966, giving Heriot-Watt its university status.

Forthcoming activity:

- Lisa Kearney talks about what it takes to prepare for competing at the Olympics
- Norwegian Alumni Reception
- London Alumni Dinner
- 50th anniversary celebration event in Edinburgh
- Reception events in North America and Canada

More information on these events will be released soon. To find out more visit: www.alumni.hw.ac.uk/events
Heriot-Watt launched its exciting Go Global campaign in November 2015. The initiative promotes Inter-Campus Transfers between its campuses in the UK, Dubai and Malaysia alongside other opportunities to study abroad such as Erasmus+ and Exchange programmes.

Going global is a fantastic opportunity for our students. Those studying abroad can meet new people, discover new interests and develop life skills. In today’s world of globally connected business, the network, knowledge and experience built while studying abroad can give students a competitive edge and a new perspective on life, aspirations and career options.

In the 2015/16 academic year, over 30 students from our Edinburgh Campus embraced “going global”. Two students took full advantage of the international campus locations by spending semester one at the Dubai Campus before travelling to Malaysia for semester two. Over 60 students have applied to transfer to Dubai or Malaysia for the 2016/17 academic year.

Kim Ritchie is a 3rd year Business Management student from Scotland.

“Spending a year abroad is a fantastic way to meet new people and learn about a new culture.”

If you would like to learn more about any of the projects mentioned in this booklet or would like to make a donation, this can be done either online:

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or by contacting the Development and Alumni Relations Office:

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