



Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation and the University

Since 2011, The University of St Andrews has received support from the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation (ADLF), including funding for our postgraduate students.

Postgraduate Scholarships

Postgraduate students make a crucial contribution to the University. They bring skills, knowledge and passion for their subjects to our academic community. They shape new ideas, share insights and inspire innovation. They are the leaders of the future - the Nobel prizewinners who will change society, culture, health and science for the benefit of generations to come.

Postgraduate recruitment in the UK, however, faces declining public investment, new barriers to international recruitment and the increasing cost of living – all of which put us at a disadvantage in a competitive international market.

To address these challenges and sustain the University's position as a leading research institution, we have identified the need for philanthropic support, at both Masters and PhD level, as a central and urgent priority of our £300 million Making Waves Campaign.

The University is committed to attracting the very best students, regardless of their financial circumstances, with scholarships supporting students from around the world to study at St Andrews.

Support from the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation (ADLF) is currently providing essential financial assistance to 10 postgraduate students and one undergraduate. The postgraduate scholars are pursuing PhDs across a broad range of subjects, including International Relations, Psychology, Hispanic Studies and Sustainable Development.

ADLF support helps with fees, accommodation and living costs, allowing students to focus on their studies. It also enables the University to offer places to outstanding students who might otherwise be unable to accept them.

Alfred Dunhill Links Scholars undertake a range of research and taught programmes within the University of St Andrews from International Relations to Persian Studies and Biology to Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Scholars are selected based on their academic ability but we also value sporting excellence and are currently prioritising applicants who also excel in any sport.

Esther Zitterl, PhD English candidate said, *"It is no exaggeration to say that these scholarships have made it possible for me to follow my dream of studying in one of the most intellectually vibrant academic environments in the world."*

University of St Andrews

Founded in 1413, the University of St Andrews is Scotland's oldest university and the third oldest in the English-speaking world. Today, it is globally recognised for its academic excellence, research impact, and distinctive student experience.

Under the leadership of Principal and Vice-Chancellor Professor Dame Sally Mapstone FRSE, St Andrews is guided by a forward-looking strategy focused on expanding international partnerships, advancing digital education, and fostering a diverse, inclusive community.

The University is deeply committed to sustainability and social responsibility, aligning research and operations with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and aiming to achieve carbon Net Zero by 2035.

With world-leading research in areas such as climate science, energy ethics, and global health, St Andrews continues to shape solutions to some of the most pressing challenges of our time. Our vibrant international community and growing digital footprint ensure that a St Andrews education reaches learners across the globe.

The University of St Andrews has reaffirmed its position as a leader in UK higher education, maintaining its reputation for outstanding student experience, learning, and teaching. St Andrews was named the UK's top university in *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2027*, for the third time in six years. It was also named *Scottish University of the Year* and runner-up UK *University of the Year for Teaching Quality for 2027* in the definitive University Guide.

Schools also performed well in the subject rankings with five subjects ranked top in the UK: English, Modern Languages, History, Art History and Physics. All subjects at St Andrews were ranked in the top six in the UK.

In *The Guardian University Guide 2027*, St Andrews led the UK in History, Art History, Divinity, and Film Studies, all were ranked number one, with a further 15 subjects ranked in the top ten.

The *Daily Mail University Guide 2027* named St Andrews University of the Year for Teaching Excellence 2027.