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# Vice-Chancellor and President's Message

## Dear Friends and Supporters,

I hope you are all safe and well in these difficult times. I must start by saying a huge thank you for all the hard work, incredible resilience and creative thinking demonstrated by our colleagues over the past months – it is certainly a challenging time, but Coronavirus has shown us just how brilliantly the Brunel community pulls together in a crisis, looking after our students and each other and finding innovative and exciting new ways of working to make sure we can get things done. In this spirit, we look to celebrate the successes of the past year with the latest edition of the Advancing Brunel Development Report, detailing the many wonderful ways your support has touched the students and whole Brunel campus community.

Universities across the country are doing incredible work to combat the challenges of coronavirus and I am immensely proud that Brunel is more than playing its part in this national effort. We want to highlight just a few examples of the amazing work our colleagues and students are doing to support the local community and the rest of the country, especially the NHS. Please see the following page for information on #WeareBrunel, where you can find out all about the support Brunel is giving to the NHS and the local community.

I would like to extend my special thanks to all of you who have donated time, funds, and efforts so generously to help Brunel University London remain a vibrant and welcoming institution for all. The donations you have made over the past year have supported life at Brunel academically and culturally and will continue to do so for future generations of students. It has allowed us to support a growing number of deserving students through our scholarships and bursaries, by raising emergency funds and giving a platform to their passions via our Brunel-branded crowdfunding platform, and enriching our campus through new infrastructure and ongoing improvements.

Supporting students can have a life-changing impact and we are happy to share with you the difference your support has made in the lives of our students in their own words. Please read how your donations ensure students are recognised for their achievements and are able to fulfil their full potential, no matter their background or financial circumstances. All these awards are entirely funded by donations and we are truly grateful for your support.

We are also very excited to have launched a new Global Opportunities Fund for students this past year, which brings together in one place all that Brunel does to support students in getting valuable overseas experience. We made this a centrepiece of the 2019 Annual Giving Campaign, which was a great success thanks to your generous donations, and will continue to be a centrepiece of our fundraising efforts at Brunel in the future.

Our philanthropic focus extends beyond our own campus and, like many other institutions in the UK, we were honoured to support the Row Britannia challenge to promote awareness and raise critical funds for mental health.

As always, the support of Trusts and Foundations is vital to transforming Brunel's campus and programming, and we extend a special thanks to the organisations that support our work and students year on year. A special thank you also goes out to our mentors and volunteers, and we encourage all of you to get in touch if you are interested in getting more involved at Brunel in any way.

Thank you once again for everything you do to support Brunel and our amazing students. I hope you enjoy reading Advancing Brunel and learning more about the impact you have on the whole University and beyond.



**Keep well and stay safe  
– with my best wishes**

**Professor Julia Buckingham CBE**  
Vice-Chancellor and President

**Santander Universities UK has generously allowed Brunel to repurpose donated funds to respond more effectively to the coronavirus crisis. With £8000 now directed to our Postgraduate and Overseas University Hardship Fund, Santander has directly supported Brunel students in need by providing rapid assistance with unexpected living expenses.**

# Coronavirus Response



## #WeareBrunel - What Brunel is doing to help the coronavirus effort

Universities across the country are doing incredible work to combat the challenges of coronavirus and Brunel is playing its part in this national effort, in particular supporting the NHS. From volunteering on the frontline, to sharing PPE equipment, to making spare parts for ventilators, to undertaking groundbreaking research and providing educational support to key workers, Brunel is at the forefront. Please find a

showcase of the contributions of colleagues and students on our Brunel pages - [brunel.ac.uk/about/coronavirus-information-for-the-brunel-community/we-are-brunel](https://brunel.ac.uk/about/coronavirus-information-for-the-brunel-community/we-are-brunel)

In these challenging times, expert opinion is more important than ever. Here at Brunel University London, many of our staff are now working tirelessly to help the national and international effort against

coronavirus – not only assisting on the frontlines of medicine, but also business, economics, engineering, communications and computer modelling, amongst many others. For more about the amazing efforts of our research community in combating the coronavirus, please visit our Coronavirus Media Centre at [brunel.ac.uk/news-and-events/coronavirus-media-centre](https://brunel.ac.uk/news-and-events/coronavirus-media-centre)

## The Union Emergency Hardship Fund crowdfunding appeal - thank you for your support!

The Union of Brunel Students COVID-19 Emergency Hardship Fund will help those students that have found themselves unexpectedly out of employment or unable to access basic educational equipment as a result of the coronavirus outbreak and quarantine measures. Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised over £12,000 to

directly support our most vulnerable students during this difficult time.

All donations - from those able to make them and whatever the size - really will make all the difference to support our students from a range of backgrounds. Your generosity ensures that we can continue to provide essential support to those students

who need it the most. You can hear from George, UBS Vice President for Student Activities, on why this is such a valuable appeal and how your support - from one Brunelian to another - can make a positive change by visiting our Hardship Fund Crowdfund page at [brunel.hubbub.net/p/Union-Hardship/](https://brunel.hubbub.net/p/Union-Hardship/)

## Brunel Cares

Brunel Cares - ensuring health workers on the frontline have access to PPE .

In response to the Covid-19 outbreak, in April 2020 Brunel University London launched Brunel Cares to source much-needed equipment to distribute to hospitals, care homes, schools and local communities.

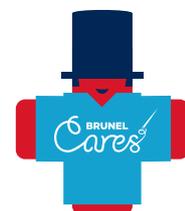
We raised £12,800, with £5,000 match funded from the Rushworth Charitable Trust.

We partnered with Scrubs for Hillingdon to make 500 masks for vulnerable adults and children.

We sourced high quality PPE for hospitals, hospices, and care homes including: 100 of the highest level protective masks for doctors and nurses;

3000 disposable gloves; 13,000 aprons; and 10,000 face masks.

Our volunteers helped us pack boxes of PPE and distribute to the community. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort to help us succeed! #WeAreBrunel



# Your donations make a world of difference to Brunel students

Supporting a Brunel student, either at an undergraduate or postgraduate level, can have a life changing impact. Your support ensures that students across the University have access to our world class educational opportunities.

Prizes and awards, such as the Brunel Bursary and International Excellence Awards, recognise and reward exceptional personal and academic performance across a wide variety of subjects. For more information on supporting Brunel students through funds or other opportunities, please visit: [brunel.ac.uk/alumni/Brunel-Alumni/Giving-back-to-Brunel](https://brunel.ac.uk/alumni/Brunel-Alumni/Giving-back-to-Brunel)



**Tauya Emmanuel Kahwema**

## Brunel Bursary

### Tauya Emmanuel Kahwema

I am a final year Electronic and Electrical Engineering Student. The scholarship really takes the burden away, I'd need to work more to be able to support myself, but I am now able to use the time saved to focus on my studies. I am grateful to have received the scholarship, it isn't something I thought I needed however it has been very beneficial for my development. Thank you!

### Kate Morgan

I am receiving a Brunel University London Bursary this year which was a wonderful surprise as it's not something you go through an application process for. I'd love to send my thanks to those who have kindly donated this money. The bursary I'm receiving is helping to ease the financial pressure, as well as some of the other challenges of leaving home and work to take up study at Brunel. Besides going towards everyday living expenses, I have been using the money to take day trips to places along the Thames this term. I'm studying Flood and Coastal Engineering, so learning how water levels in the river can be regulated using weirs and locks and seeing first-hand how these structures operate has been really interesting. Being from rural Devon it also means a lot to me to be able to get out into the countryside every so often, so the money from this bursary is very much appreciated!

### Lewis Chapman

There are many benefits that have come from the scholarship, for example, it has helped to cover travel costs so that I do not feel discouraged to attend lectures and has also helped with the purchasing of books and equipment. Thanks to these benefits of the scholarship programme I am able to study a new subject that I have never done before, yet still feel confident about all of the material. Scholarships are so valuable because they help the students cover costs that may discourage them from paying for something that's useful towards their studies.

### Hajar El-fadhly

I receive a bursary which helps me to cover nearly all my expenses, such as transportation as I'm living some distance away from the University. It helps me to concentrate on my studying only and I do not have to find a job to support myself instead, at the end of term all my grades were as excellent as I expected. I really appreciate the support from the funders!



**Lewis Chapman**

# International Excellence Scholarship

## Hatim Juzer

I received an International Excellence Award Scholarship which is of £6000. It reduced my overall tuition fee by 30%, and I was able to utilize that amount in my accommodation and transportation. I used to tell my colleagues that I am here on a scholarship and I used to feel proud of myself and motivated me to work harder to prove myself that why I deserve this scholarship.

## Francisca Gikundi

I received the International Excellence Scholarship Award worth £6000. I am so grateful for the opportunity the scholarship gave me. I have fewer financial worries due to the huge discount I received and concentrate fully on achieving my dream of attaining a higher degree in the UK. Scholarships are valuable especially to financially underprivileged students throughout the world who cannot afford university education and have no access to government loans.

## Nelson Thuo Nyaga

I received the International Excellence Scholarship 2019/20, and it enabled me to come to the United Kingdom for my master's program and London to be exact which is known to be a multicultural environment, full of vast opportunities for people to explore. Scholarships are valuable as they give people a chance to gain better opportunities and experiences outside of their comfort zone and in doing so, uplift themselves. This has a ripple effect that enables a person who is focused and determined to continuously uplift his people in his home country and provide better opportunities for them too.

## Ayşe Tunga

This scholarship allowed me to achieve my goal of doing a Master's. I learned to live in a new country, developed new skills, and met lots of good friends. I found part-time jobs both in Brunel and outside of Brunel. The experiences I gained will help me in my future career. Scholarships are very valuable because they help people who have ambitions but don't have enough economic capacities to reach them. Scholarships create roads to dreams!

## KeyAna Washington

Being an international student, my fees are almost three times more than a home student. Scholarships take some financial burden off me and allow me to pursue higher education at a more affordable cost. I have been able to distribute my funds and use them for other things in my course that require additional fees. Being able to participate in placements has been a valuable addition to my learning for my course, and future career. Without receiving scholarships throughout my academic career, I would not have been able to stay in school. Some students, including myself, come from backgrounds where they have not been fortunate to have access to funds for higher education, so being able to get scholarships has been a good asset for my life.

## Muhammad Salman Sikandar

I can devote my full attention to my MSc in Advanced Electronics and Electrical Engineering because of this scholarship, instead of having to work in a part time job to support myself. I am able to live on campus and pursue extra activities, like a gym membership, because the scholarship gives relief, and I am very grateful. Truly speaking, many students can not pursue their studies because they don't have enough money to pay their fees. We never know someone has talent but cannot pursue students because of fees.



Hatim Juzer



Nelson Thuo Nyaga



Ayşe Tunga



KeyAna Washington



Muhammad Salman Sikandar



Abbasali Nasser

**Abbasali Nasser**

I am a proud and thankful winner of the International Excellence Scholarship, this scholarship opportunity has motivated me and pushed me to work harder to achieve my goals and get the results I need, and given me this mindset to keep striving for success in every situation as the University has invested in me and gifted me this financial opportunity.

**Shazani Jameel**

It goes without saying that scholarships provide financial assistance to students but most importantly, it goes a step further by recognising the hard work and achievements of the scholarship holder, motivating them to do better and inspiring others.



Balbeer Kaur

**Balbeer Kaur**

I receive the International Excellent Scholarship and it eases my financial burden and distinguishes achievement. It has made a big difference in my education. As the student loan rate is shooting up, it gives deserving candidates the benefit of not dropping out because of unmanageable costs. There are also career benefits, as being able to list a scholarship award makes a resume stand out.

**Belle Nguyen**

I am very honoured to receive the International Excellence Scholarship from Brunel. I undertook intense research for universities in the UK and Brunel was the only one on my list, considering the course curriculum, the ranking, and the location. However, the tuition fee combined with living expenses in London was beyond my tight budget for a master degree. This tuition fee waiver meant less stress on my family at first and be able to assure my place at Brunel. I've always wanted to live on campus to experience university life to the fullest. This scholarship allowed me to adjust my living budget, in other words, be able to afford on-campus accommodation. I've met wonderful people here in Borough Road Hall and so far, have created numerous memories to be cherished. It has been a blast knowing them and being immersed in this multicultural environment at Brunel.



Zixi Guo

**Zixi Guo**

The International Excellence Scholarship reduces my economic burden as an international student and gives me strong confidence about myself as well as Brunel University. Scholarships not only support students economically but also inspire us to do better with confidence. Besides, it makes me feel warm as an international student and valued for what I have achieved in study so far.

This scholarship is a motivation which thrives me to give my best every day. I am proud of myself for winning this scholarship and always remind me that I am capable of achieving more, not only in terms of academic accomplishments, but also anything that I am determined for.



Cen Chen

**Cen Chen**

It is an incredible honour for me to be part of the Brunel International Scholarship Programme and I am proud of that. It really lessens the financial burden of myself so that I can concentrate on study, and it motivates me to study hard and realise my dreams at Brunel!



Shazani Jameel



Belle Nguyen

# New Scholarships and Bursaries



## Commonwealth Shared Scholarship

The Commonwealth Shared Scholarships are for candidates from least developed and lower middle-income Commonwealth countries, for full-time master’s study on selected courses, jointly

supported by UK universities and the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC). Brunel secured three such Shared Scholarships – one for academic year 2019-20 and two for 2020-21. As a result, three

exceptional candidates from the Commonwealth will be able to study either MSc Water Engineering or MSc Public Health and Health Promotion at Brunel with their costs fully covered.

## The Mark Grimwade Rotary Bursary

In honour of the late Brunel alumnus and Rotarian Mark Grimwade, the local Rotary Club of Elthorne-Hillingdon has worked with his family to establish The Mark Grimwade Rotary Bursary to support a deserving student at Brunel in the coming year.

Mark Grimwade held degrees in Physics, Chemistry, Maths, and Metallurgical Quality Control. For more than two decades he was Senior Lecturer at the City of London Polytechnic, and had been a consultant to the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, the World Gold Council, and the Royal College of Art.

Rotary Club of Elthorne-Hillingdon is a small, friendly, club based in Uxbridge, Middlesex, drawing on men and women from across Middlesex and Buckinghamshire who want to make a difference. Mark was a

founding member of the club and led various volunteer activities, including the Michael Sobell Hospice Charity bike ride this past year.

Every year, the Rotary Club of Elthorne-Hillingdon supports a variety of local charities and support many international projects, directly through the Rotary Foundation, one of the world’s largest private charities, but also through a variety of other international charities. You can find out more about their activities at [www.rotary-ribi.org](http://www.rotary-ribi.org)

Mark’s important work, “Introduction to Precious Metals” is published by Brynmorgen Press, and in his honour they have generously offered to donate a copy of this book to the students who receive this prize.



## Digital fundraising success – Crowdfunding at Brunel

Our own Brunel branded crowdfunding platform, Crowdfund Brunel, is a keystone to our digital fundraising efforts and since its launch two years ago, we have raised over £20,000 for student and campus focused projects, supporting efforts from Union of Brunel Students sports clubs, societies, individual students, and academic departments. If supporting projects or fundraising for your own ideas is something you are interested in, please check out [brunel.hubbub.net](http://brunel.hubbub.net) or send a message to our team at [crowdfunding@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:crowdfunding@brunel.ac.uk).

We also support the individual and Brunel sponsored crowdfunding efforts on the University's JustGiving page, which can be found at [justgiving.com/bruneluni](http://justgiving.com/bruneluni)

### Dr Jeshika Singh Memorial Prize

Brunel has established the Dr Jeshika Singh Memorial Prize in memory of our wonderful former colleague and alumna who died of a brain aneurysm aged just 35. Your support will enable us to increase the prize and extend it to encourage and reward additional cohorts of students training to improve the health of populations.

After working on a health campaign promoting Vitamin A in her native Nepal, Jeshika Singh joined Brunel in 2009 as a researcher at the Health Economics Research Group (HERG). She developed into a highly talented researcher, receiving an Award from Brunel's Research Institutes.

Although she left Brunel in 2017 to continue her successful career a Senior Health Economics and Outcomes Analyst at PHMR Ltd, Jes retained her strong links with Brunel and received her PhD from the university in July 2018.

Jeshika was also popular with the master's students on the health promotion module she led on the university's MSc in Public Health and Health Promotion course. In memory of Jeshika, and to encourage students in this vital area, Brunel is funding prize awards to the students with the highest marks in their Public Health and Health Promotion MSc dissertation at both the summer and winter graduations. If you would like to donate, please go to [justgiving.com/campaign/drjeshikasingshprize](http://justgiving.com/campaign/drjeshikasingshprize)



### Team Brunel Abroad

Our Crowdfund Brunel platform hosted projects from Team Brunel Abroad as participating students raised funds for their travel expenses and for donations to the Bali Sports Foundation, a charity formed by alumnus Chris Pardey to support and help disabled athletes and children in Bali, Indonesia.

The first ever Team Brunel Abroad trip took place between the 19th June 2019 – 3rd July 2019. After fundraising throughout the year, a group of students went to Bali for two weeks to volunteer for the BSF – supporting events such as their Paragames championship and their Wheelchair rugby tournament, as well as taking part in a handcycling trip with para athletes from the foundation.

When they were not volunteering, the students were able to visit local sights, hiked a mountain for sunrise and explored the local area and beaches. Make sure to check out highlights of their trip on the Team Brunel Instagram and Twitter accounts / [#TeamBrunelAbroad](https://www.instagram.com/TeamBrunelAbroad)



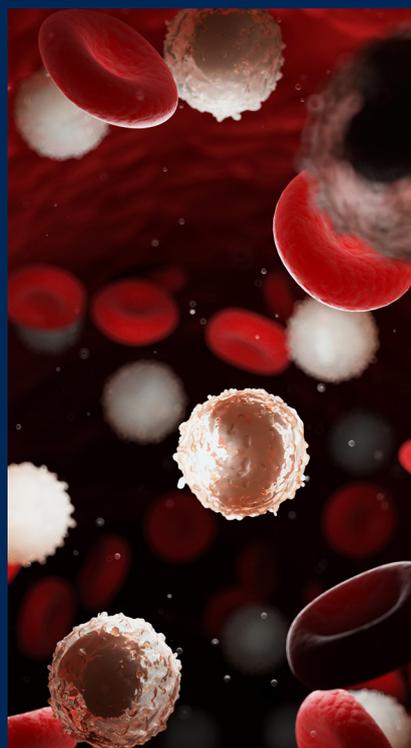
### 3 Peaks Pedal Challenge for disability sport

Three MSc Physiotherapy students and their lecturer tackled the 3 highest peaks in England, Scotland and Wales to raise funds for disability sport at Brunel. During the week of 28th August to 3rd September, 2019, they hiked the three highest peaks in the UK, but also covered the 430 miles between them by bike all within a week, camping on the road and braving the weather. The student

team of Alex, Lorenzo and Chris were joined by Tom, their Physiotherapy lecturer, and supported on the road by the Union of Brunel Students.

In total the team cycled 455 miles (733km), cycled up a total of 7230m of hills, and hiked up the 3 highest peaks in the UK over 7 days, while raising more than £1,000 to support the continuing development of disability

sports activities hosted at Brunel University London. These activities are accessed by local kids with disabilities, making sport and physical activity accessible to all. The sessions are fun and inclusive and promote participation and socialisation. To read more and view additional photos from their adventure, please visit [brunel.hubbub.net/p/3-peaks-pedal](http://brunel.hubbub.net/p/3-peaks-pedal)



### Crowdfunding for Leukaemia research at Brunel

On Crowdfund Brunel, we are seeking additional funding for a PhD scholarship in Leukaemia research, reaching for a cure to a rare infant leukaemia.

Our laboratory, led by Dr Sabrina Tosi, specialises in the study of a childhood leukaemia that hits children as young as 2 years old, and it is known for its poor recovery rates. We have started a new ambitious project to create a research model for this rare infant leukaemia subtype using the latest gene editing technology, funded by Kidscan and Brunel University London.

Alumna Denise Ragusa graduated from Brunel with a BSc in Biomedical Sciences and six graduation prizes under her belt from both Brunel and the Royal Society of Biology for her outstanding academic performance,

best dissertation and participation in extracurricular activities.

Following her placement as a laboratory research assistant within the Leukaemia and Chromosome Research Laboratory, Denise developed an interest in childhood cancers and took part in several research projects on the genetics of leukaemia, both at Brunel and in Italy. Denise's PhD focuses on the development of a cellular model for infant leukaemia using gene editing. The funding from this project supports Denise in her work. If you'd like to find out more, please visit [brunel.hubbub.net/p/leukaemia-phd/](http://brunel.hubbub.net/p/leukaemia-phd/)

# Generous Support from Trusts and Foundations

## Solar Energy Education and Community Accessibility Project

New funding secured from the Heathrow Community Fund (now Heathrow Community Trust) will enable us to install a new 5kw solar PV array on campus that will enhance Brunel’s teaching and research capability. Not only will it grow interest in Environmental Sciences at Brunel, but also facilitate research and exploration into new solutions to environmental problems.

The funding will also see Brunel’s Institute of Power Systems work closely with the STEM Learning Centre to deliver an education and community accessibility project; where schools will be invited onto campus to learn about renewable energy and tour our renewable energy installations, all in an effort to inspire a new generation of renewable energy enthusiasts.



## Water Conservators Awards

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators have continued their support of Water Engineering and Environmental Sciences courses at Brunel University London. Annually they offer a bursary of £4,000 towards tuition fees for an exceptional Home/EU student to study MSc Water Engineering here at Brunel University. They also offer a non-monetary Best Dissertation Award, that

typically sees the winner being invited to lunch with members of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators, receiving an award and certificate.

The Water Conservators also offer a range of other benefits, including connecting the award winners with leading individuals and companies within the water and environment industries.



## Moody’s Foundation renew support for Urban Scholars Programme

The Moody’s Foundation have renewed their support to the Urban Scholars Programme (USP) for another three years, enabling the programme to work with 160 young people (secondary school age) at risk of underachieving, not because of a lack of talent, but due to the disadvantages they experience. The USP operates on the premise that talents and gifts may be submerged, but not eradicated by social disadvantage.

Delivered through Saturday sessions at the Brunel University London and followed up with off-campus opportunities and support, the programme focuses on developing within the Scholars, critical thinking, vital communication skills, and mathematical skills (via a core module on Mathematics). It also connects the scholars with Moody’s

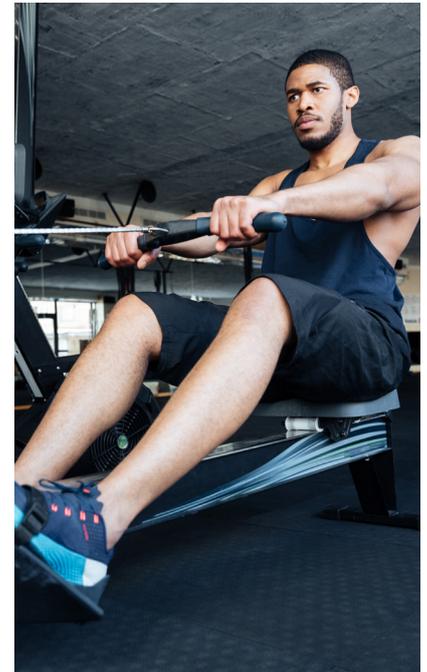
Foundation volunteers, who share their career pathways, barriers they have overcome, and experience of working within the world of Finance. It offers problem-based learning sessions focusing on real-world problems relating to STEM and Finance. Through this intervention, Brunel aims a real difference in the educational and career aspirations and achievement of young people.

Urban Scholar Fiza Kamran says – I have received the Urban Scholars scholarship, and this has financially supported me in my daily expenses and has given me finance to save for the future. This scholarship introduced me to Brunel University London and carved a pathway for me to study Psychology at Brunel. Scholarships are extremely important, not only do they help you gain financial support

but also allow you to achieve higher education with a lower cost and are vital in boosting our confidence to believe in ourselves to do better.



# Brunel University supports #RowBritannia, the mental health, fitness and wellbeing team challenge



## A campus challenge raising funds and positive awareness

Brunel joined teams across the UK in Phil Packer’s fantastic inclusive mental health, fitness and wellbeing challenge Row Britannia 2020, which asked teams throughout the UK to help raise funds for Sport Relief and mental health charity partners. Staff and students were invited to take oars and row to reach our university goal of 2,020 miles to raise funds and awareness.

We were privileged to hear about the recent exploits of two inspirational adventurers who were on campus for a visit at the end of February to encourage us all to dig deep in the final few weeks of our Row Britannia challenge.

Despite having limited mobility due to a catastrophic spinal cord injury, Army veteran Phil Packer MBE has raised millions for charities which support young people through tough times by taking on physical challenges including rowing the English Channel, skydives and scaling El Capitan.

Like Phil, James Ketchell has also overcome life-changing injuries and aims to inspire and raise money for young people. James became the first and only person to have rowed across the Atlantic Ocean, successfully summited Mount Everest and cycled 18,000 miles around the world in what the media dubbed The Ultimate Triathlon.

Students and staff had the opportunity to ask Phil and James questions at

our lunchtime event on Thursday 27 February, and they stopped by to support our rowing team on their team and individual 24-hour row challenge.

Thank you to everyone who donated in support of Brunel’s Row Britannia team on behalf of Sport Relief and helped us reach our target for student mental health charities.



# Mentoring

## Brunel Professional Mentoring Schemes

Thank you to all of our alumni and industry mentors this year through our professional mentoring schemes at Brunel University. Your support is invaluable in developing students to achieve their career dreams and helping them to grow their key employability skills in an incredibly competitive climate.

So many of our students go on to achieve fantastic success in their career journeys once graduating

and often they will positively look back and think of that one person who supported and inspired them to achieve greatness. The experience, diversity and enthusiasm amongst our mentor volunteers is a key reason for the creation of mutually beneficial relationships between students, industry professionals and the wider community.

We really appreciate you giving your time as a mentor and as a

supporter of the University, without which our schemes would not be able to continue to be successful and to expand. Mentoring can be an extremely rewarding experience whilst giving the mentors the chance to network and develop their own skills. We hope that you have enjoyed the year and we would love for you to help us to grow with new mentors by promoting your experience to any friends, family or colleagues who may be interested in volunteering.



Brunel currently has:  
**255** Active Mentors,  
including 75 Alumni



Mentors from a wide  
range of industries



We have **253** matched  
mentees and **135** Brunel  
students waiting for  
a mentor like you!

## Brunel University London Mentoring Schemes:

**Brunel Professional Mentoring:** a career focused mentoring scheme that connects students from underrepresented backgrounds with experienced professionals to develop their planning and interpersonal skills.

**The Women in Brunel Engineering and Computing (WiBEC) programme** supports female graduates and undergraduates to attain their full potential in the engineering or computing industry sectors. The programme consists of one to one mentoring with industry professionals, professional skills development and bespoke visits to industry.

**Alumni Mentoring:** Available through the Brunel Alumni Network, an online platform for alumni to connect with one-another and share careers guidance, advice, industry insight and professional development.

More information available online at: [brunel.ac.uk/alumni/Brunel-Alumni/Mentoring](https://brunel.ac.uk/alumni/Brunel-Alumni/Mentoring)

## 2019 Annual Giving Campaign raises vital funds for student support



We have been amazed and humbled by the fantastic support shown to last year's Annual Giving Campaign through the 2019 Telephone Campaign that took place in May and June. Thank you so much to all those who have supported us over the past year.

The focus for our Annual Giving Campaign last year was twofold: firstly, to support the Brunel Scholarships Fund, alongside enabling greater overseas opportunities for students. The Scholarships Fund is a vital and enduring need for Brunel, and the driver of all our fundraising activity at Brunel. Higher Education is expensive, but also increasingly important for young people across

the country. Alumni support allows us to provide scholarships, bursaries, awards, help for students in financial difficulty and enhance their experience at Brunel. The gift of education is one of the most precious that we can give to the next generation and it is this which the Brunel Scholarships Fund helps to provide.

We have launched a new Global Opportunities Fund for students in 2019-20 and have made this a centrepiece of the Annual Giving Campaign this past year. The Global Opportunities Fund brings together in one place all that Brunel does to support students in getting valuable overseas experience – which evidence

shows has a huge effect on the lives of those who are able to undertake it. We want to ensure that this is available to all our students, not just those who are better off and so we have pledged to introduce this new fund as part of the Universities UK International Go International: Stand Out campaign. You can find more about the campaign at [universitiesuk.ac.uk/International/go-international/stand-out](https://universitiesuk.ac.uk/International/go-international/stand-out)

The 2020 Annual Giving Campaign will take place soon! If you would like to arrange a call with one of our team, please contact [alumni@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@brunel.ac.uk)

# Advancing Brunel Donors

Thank you to all our generous donors in 2018-2019!

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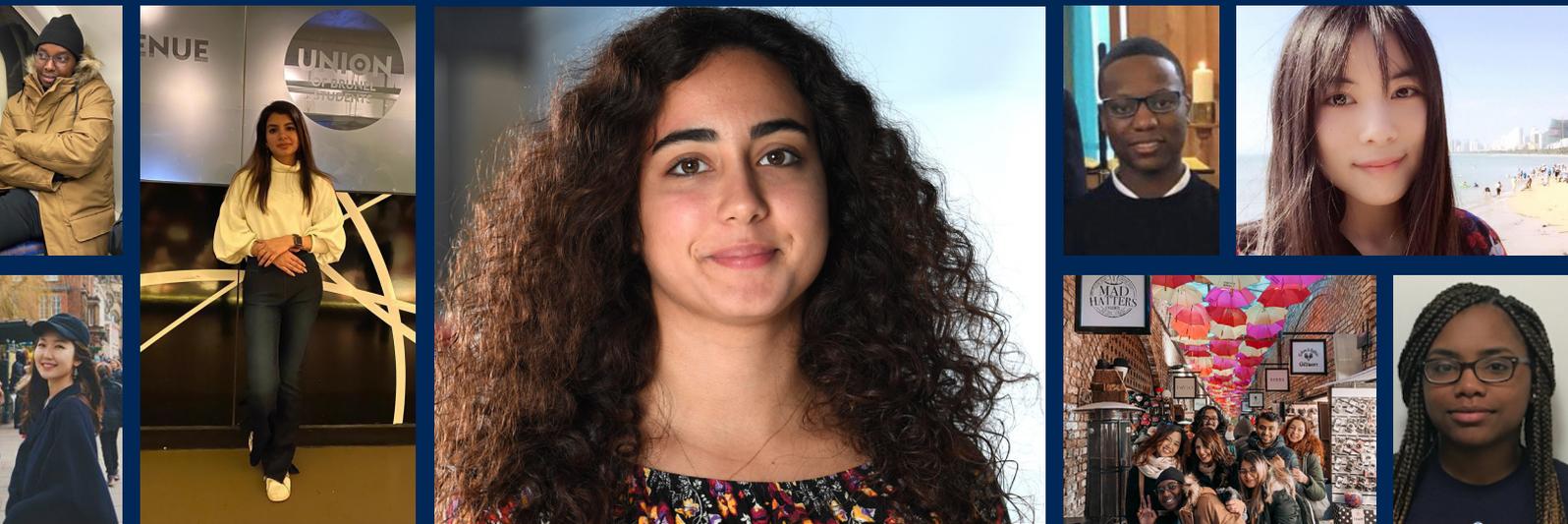
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