



# The Annual Fund 2011/12



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The Annual Fund provides vital backing that helps to:

- Support students;
- Enhance the student experience;
- Create opportunities for talented students from any social background to fulfil their potential at Aber.

Your gift to the 2011-12 Annual Fund will help ensure that this generation of Aber students is able to benefit from all that an Aber education has to offer:

- by providing more **postgraduate scholarships** that enable students to undertake research into today's problems and challenges;
- by encouraging **entrepreneurship** and new **career** possibilities;
- by providing grants to **student sports societies** for new equipment and facilities;
- and by providing **Hardship Funds** to help students overcome unexpected financial difficulties.

**Quite simply, with your help and support, more opportunities for learning at Aber are created, from which students from all backgrounds can benefit.**

## Postgraduate scholarships



A gift towards postgraduate scholarships at Aber creates opportunities for talented students to break new ground in both traditional and emerging fields of study.

### Law Department postgraduate scholarships

The Department of Law and Criminology is dedicated to innovative, high quality teaching and rigorous research activity, for which it is internationally renowned. As part of its plan to enhance its provision of degree courses, the Department is reintroducing its prestigious taught **LLM Masters programme**, which has only been available by distance learning in recent years. Students will combine seminars and tutorials with leading academics, with independent study and research, which will help develop the skills and practical knowledge they need for successful careers or further postgraduate study. **This year, with your support, the Annual Fund aims to provide five £5,000 scholarships to enable more students to benefit from this programme.**

### PhD Studentship in Computer Science

The Department of Computer Science is home to groundbreaking discoveries and bold ideas: 70% of its research is rated as *world leading or internationally excellent*. **In-depth postgraduate study means that students can contribute even more original and significant research.** With your support, the Annual Fund **PhD Studentship** will this year be awarded within the Department of Computer Science in the field of Fuzzy Logic – the core of modern intelligent decision-making systems.

## Student societies and creative endeavours



A gift towards student societies and creative endeavours provides more opportunities for students to develop interests and supports personal and professional development.

### Student Sports Societies' Project: Portable floodlights

Aber has a large and growing array of sports societies, ranging from Rugby to Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee to Clay Pigeon Shooting. It is part of what makes the Aber student experience so distinctive. **The sports field is where many Aber alumni made lifelong friends and developed skills and personal qualities which have had a positive impact on their lives.** Your support this year can help Aber students make the most of extra-curricular sports, by funding a set of portable, easily maintained floodlights. These will ensure that evening training can continue during the winter months.

### Entrepreneurial Competition: *Inventerprize*

Working with the University's Commercialisation & Consultancy Service, the *Inventerprize* competition is **a real and practical opportunity for students to work on genuinely entrepreneurial ideas and see them come to fruition.** Students will be encouraged to enter *Inventerprize* with inventions, business start-up ideas and other ambitious plans. Shortlisted finalists will all receive advice from a panel of successful entrepreneurial alumni. The winner will have his or her idea protected through a full patent/IP registration, receive one-to-one advice from an alumni mentor on its development, and the Annual Fund will also pay for the development of the idea to the prototype stage. **Your support for this project will truly encourage creativity and entrepreneurship across the whole student body.**



## Student Hardship Fund



**A gift to the Student Hardship Fund ensures that students, whatever their background or nationality, can complete their studies at Aber.**

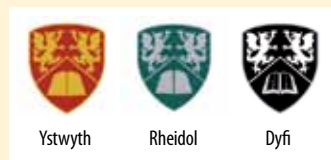
### Student Hardship Fund

Aber and its alumni have always supported the belief that financial circumstances should not prevent talented students from benefitting from an Aber education. The Student Hardship Fund is universally available to all registered students of the University. The Fund is administered by the Student Support Service and **makes both grants and loans available to students in genuine financial need through unexpected problems.** Your support creates a lifeline for some students to complete their studies or to tide them over during times of crisis.

## Thanking Donors

**Our Ystwyth, Rheidol and Dyfi Donor groups enable us to thank and recognise the generosity of Annual Fund donors. In addition to receiving recognition in the end of year Annual Giving report, donors also receive a pin badge and an invitation to a reception each year hosted by the Vice-Chancellor.**

### Donor pin badges



## Ways to Give



You can make a gift to the Annual Fund in a variety of ways. If you are a **UK taxpayer** you can make a **Gift Aid** declaration on the donation form, over the phone, or online, which will **increase the value of your gift by 25%**, at no additional cost to yourself. Higher rate taxpayers can reclaim an additional 25% on their tax return.

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To make a **single gift** using a credit or debit card, you can use our secure **online donation form** or download a **paper donation form** at **[www.aber.ac.uk/supporters](http://www.aber.ac.uk/supporters)**. You can also donate using **PayPal** from the same site. **Cheques** should be made payable to 'Aberystwyth University Development Fund'. You can also make a gift via the **BACS\* Internet Banking system** by making a donation to the 'Aberystwyth University Development Fund' at:

- HSBC account number 41632337
- Sort-code 40-08-09

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- SWIFT Bank Identification Code (BIC): MIDL GB 21 15W
- Bank address: HSBC Bank PLC, 19 Great Darkgate Street, Aberystwyth, Wales, SY23 1DE.

**Thank you!**

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