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Because of you, we are taking incredible steps forward in cancer research.

► **DR MAGDA MEISSNER** **(PHD 2018-)**, one of Cardiff's pioneering Future Leaders in Cancer Research, supported by your donations.

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I already specialised in helping cancer patients when my sister died at the age of 41. She had suffered from sarcoma, a rare cancer affecting blood, tissue, and muscle.

Thanks to Cardiff donors, I have been able to use my expertise in breast cancer translational research to secure a research fellowship and begin a clinical trial for those living with sarcoma.

The aim is to explore whether we can help our own immune systems to detect, recognise and fight sarcoma. Thanks to you, we are offering new hope to patients and their families. "

Because of you, the next generation are prepared for life after Cardiff.

▶ **JACK FURBY**
(COMPUTER SCIENCE 2016-), internship recipient and student at Cardiff's School of Computer Science and Informatics.

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When I was considering career options after graduation, I felt it was really important to gain real world experience.

My internship with SumoShift, a technology start-up founded by a Cardiff alum, was invaluable. Working as part of a small team allowed me to tackle issues across a range of areas. When SumoShift then offered to host my Year in Industry, it was easy to say 'yes'.

The opportunity I had to work closely with a Cardiff alum helped me to build my skillset and gave me the confidence to go on and specialise in software research and development in the future. "

Because of you, a huge weight has lifted from my shoulders.

► **JEMIMA SMALL (ECONOMICS 2016-)**, scholarship recipient and student at Cardiff Business School.

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In the face of illness, the bursary I received enabled me to focus on my studies and wellbeing, and to make the most of the opportunities that Cardiff University had to offer.

As well as inspiring me towards a degree, you've helped me to complete the Cardiff Award and secure my first job when I graduate. I've even become a student mentor to help people overcome the challenges I faced in transitioning to university. I'm proud of my achievements, but journeys like mine would not be possible without your generosity. "

Because of you, the next generation is equipped to tackle the world's biggest issues.

► **JASON ROBERTS (BA 2016, SOCIOLOGY 2017-, JOURNALISM, MEDIA AND CULTURE 2018-)**, doctoral student at Cardiff's School of Journalism, Media and Culture.
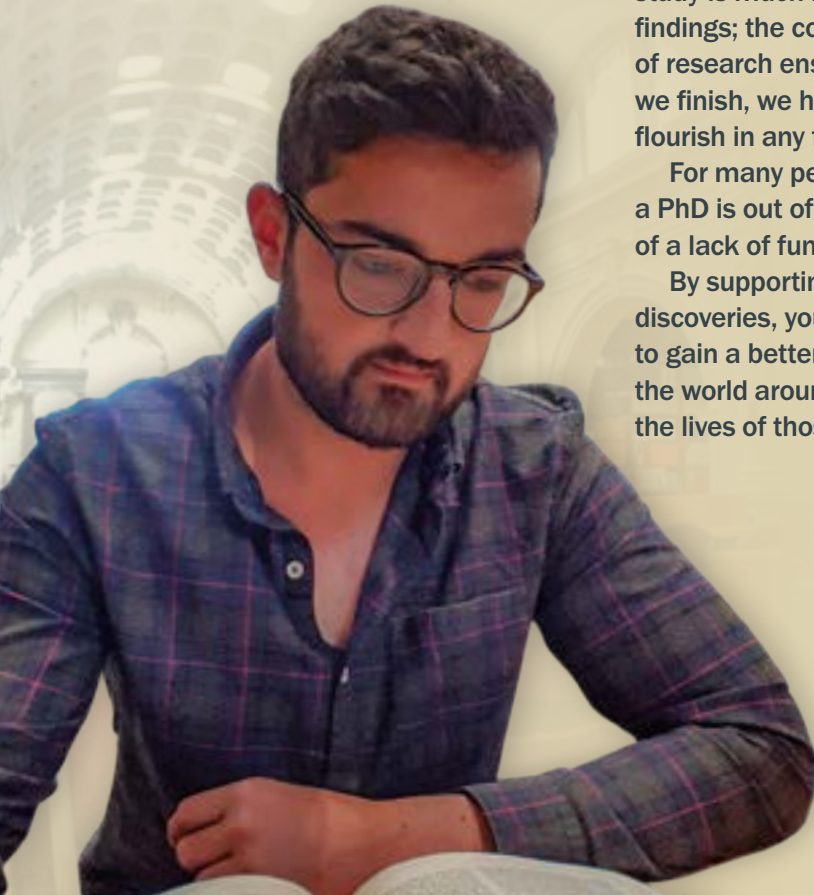
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Every PhD student hopes to make important findings. The projects themselves tackle some of the biggest issues facing society – my research examines how online journalism has changed the way we understand the news, and democracy.

And the impact of doctoral study is much more than just its findings; the complex challenges of research ensure that when we finish, we have the skills to flourish in any field.

For many people, however, a PhD is out of reach because of a lack of funding.

By supporting research discoveries, you are helping us to gain a better understanding of the world around us and changing the lives of those like me. "

Because of you, we are unearthing the roots of neuroscience and mental health disorders.

► **DR FRANCES RICE (PHD 2003),** Reader at Cardiff's Division of Psychological Medicine and Clinical Neurosciences.

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My interest is in science that can improve people's lives. For 12 years, one of my studies has explored the factors behind depression, an often unseen illness that the World Health Organisation estimates to affect 350 million people worldwide.

One of the individuals participating in that study described depression as closing down life and making the world smaller.

With your support we are gaining a greater understanding of the complex ties between social and environmental factors, genetics, and the immune system in relation to depression. "

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