# YEARS Humni & Industry Fellows



2025 marks ten years of the Alumni and Industry Fellowship Programme (AIFP) at Nottingham Trent University (NTU). Our sector leading initiative taps into the generosity and skills of alumni and industry partners to help our students boost their employability, expand their network, and make the most of their time with us.

#### All of this is thanks to you.





The programme piloted in Nottingham Business School, initiated by a small group of alumni eager to give back. Today, over 1,000 Fellows volunteer across all academic schools and central activities, supporting over 6,000 students each year.

The AIFP continues to grow and evolve, serving those who need it most. Our primary focus is now on prioritising students from disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring they have access to transformative support and meaningful interactions to guide them into their successful futures. Central programmes aimed at enhanced social mobility, such as Rise, Women's Development Programme and Black Leadership Programme, all see significant support from our Fellows community; your dedication to equipping students with integral knowledge and motivation to achieve their goals is incredible.

Additionally, new initiatives, such as the GO Fellowship, are now a key part of our efforts, connecting recent graduates with more experienced Fellows, welcoming them into the community and aiding their transition into the workplace.

It is incredible to see your impact.



2014/15

Alumni and Industry Fellowship Programme launches in Nottingham Business School



2016

Fellows begin supporting students in Nottingham Law School & School of Arts and Humanities





All Schools and some central activities now supported by Fellows



Lots of Fellows' support moves remotely - but nearly 7,000 students still supported by the AIFP that year!



More than **31,000** students
have interacted
at least once
with a Fellow.

Alumni and Industry Fellows consistently support activities and events such as one-to-one mentoring programmes, employability workshops, guest speaking, participating in panels, and providing work-like experience. Your enthusiasm to support significantly contributes to our students' personal and professional development.



Around **1,000** activities and events have been delivered with support from Fellows.

"I always love the opportunity to inspire and share my tips and tricks with the current students. It costs nothing to share my experiences with them so they can learn from me, and I can provide with the support and guidance I needed at that age. I take pride in being an NTU alum, and will take every opportunity possible to come back and support where needed."



School of Science and Technology
Alumni Fellow since 2023



And over **18,000** hours have been volunteered, evidencing your remarkable commitment.

"The overall experience as a Fellow is truly wonderful. Not only do I feel very supported, and my own skills encouraged, but I have engaged and felt joy in participating in many different activities. I'm very happy that I joined the AIFP as a Fellow, and it is something I continue to do."

Baljinder Bajaj

Nottingham Business School

Alumni Fellow since 2019



From all of us here at NTU, thank you to our Alumni and Industry Fellows for generously volunteering your time, sharing your knowledge and expertise, and caring about the future generations of our students.



2021 / 22

12,000 volunteering hours recorded since the beginning of the AIFP



2022

Awarded our first Outstanding Alumni and Industry Fellow award

### Did you know?

We recognise and thank our Fellows at our Graduation ceremonies. Starting in 2022, our prestigious Outstanding Alumni and Industry Fellow awards are given to a handful of Fellows each year, based on the number of hours volunteered, and commitment and involvement with the programme. So far, 24 Fellows have received the award. We are incredibly proud to be able to acknowledge our Fellows in this way and share your success and impact with a wider university audience.





2023

GO Fellowship Programme launched, welcoming new graduates to volunteer



2023

Milestone badges launched, recognising Fellows for their volunteering hours

## Looking for more?

We have a lot of new opportunities to get involved in every year across NTU. Don't forget to check your inbox for newsletters and communications from your Alumni Relations Executive to find out what's on. Or feel free to reach out – we're always happy to hear from you.

For more information visit our website: **ntu.ac.uk/volunteer** 



2024

First Fellows Exchange event

10 YEARS 2024 / 25

10 years of the AIFP

# Thank you from across the NTU community

"The AIFP is instrumental in bridging the gap between academic learning and professional practice. The insights and support provided by our Alumni Fellows are invaluable, helping students navigate their academic journey and prepare for successful careers. Their dedication and generosity not only enhance our students' experiences but also strengthen our community, fostering a culture of continuous learning and professional growth. I deeply appreciate their contributions."

Matthew J. Homewood

Deputy Dean, Nottingham Law School

"A Fellows' involvement not only enhances learning, skills development, and is aspiration-raising but also helps to build students' confidence. Our alumni understand this journey better than anyone, and their human-centred approach embodies the supportive culture that defines our University community."

Angela Scott

Experiential Learning Coordinator – Nottingham Business School (NBS) Postgraduate Programmes

"I have found being mentored by an Alumni and Industry Fellow greatly beneficial as it is providing me with excellent guidance and insights into the heritage sector based on lived experience. Through speaking to a positive and friendly mentor, I have developed the confidence and professionalism needed to grow my network."

Olivia Gardner

MA Museums and Heritage student and mentee within the Museums and Heritage mentoring programme

"The Mentoring Programme has given me the wisdom and self-assurance necessary to navigate the intricacies of the business world. The opportunity to learn and develop throughout this programme, as well as my mentor's assistance throughout, is something for which I am very grateful."

Sam Griffin

Business Management and Human Resources 2024 graduate and NBS Industry Mentoring Programme mentee "Alumni and Industry Fellows are invaluable members of the NTU community. Their commitment and generosity are remarkable. They dedicate substantial time to nurture, guide and inspire our students, and particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Their enthusiasm and expertise have had a profound effect on students' lives, wellbeing, and future success.

Alumni and Industry Fellows are core contributors to our strategic mission - they create opportunity, value ideas and enrich society. We are immensely grateful to our them and proud of the enduring legacy they continue to build."

Jane McNeil

Pro Vice-Chancellor - Education



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