



# Scholarship at The Robertson Trust

Creating Opportunities  
Reducing Inequalities  
Realising Potential

# The Robertson Trust Schools

## Widening Access

Activities that ensure those who have the ability and potential to benefit from further and higher education can do so, irrespective of their background or economic circumstances.

### Widening Access Outcomes

Increase the number of young people entering further and higher education from under-represented groups by:

- › Raising their aspirations to include further and higher education as a realistic option
  - › Helping them overcome barriers to success
  - › Improving their self-confidence and communication skills
- › Enabling them to be better prepared for further and higher education

### Partnership Projects

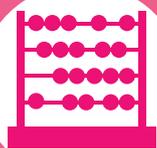
A growing portfolio of projects with a wide range of partners. Our approach is to work with Universities, Colleges, Sectoral Organisations and other agencies to develop sustainable programmes

#### Aims:

- › Remove barriers to participation
- › Support transition to further and higher education
- › Build an evidence base of what works and what doesn't in widening access
- › Share and disseminate good practice
- › Contribute to the development of national policy frameworks

#### Themes:

- › Mentoring of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds
- › Development of academic skills
- › Support for care-experienced young people
  - › Transitions to learning and work
- › Enabling schools to support pupils in making applications to university



# Scholarship Strategy 2017-2019

## Widening Participation

The provision of extra support, including but not limited to financial support, offered to students from lower socio-economic groups to help them stay on their courses and complete them successfully.

### Widening Participation Outcomes

Raise retention rates and educational attainment among further and higher education students from under-represented groups.

- › Support them to be better prepared for further and higher education
  - › Enable them to be successful on their programme of study
  - › Improve their support network (peer and professional)
- › Develop their employability skills and enable them to access employment opportunities
  - › Improve their self-confidence, communication skills and resilience

### Journey to Success

- › 4 year bursary and personal development programme
  - › Community placements
  - › Summer internships
  - › Self-development award
- › Sir Ian Good Leadership Award

### Lone Parent Scholarship

Dedicated Journey to Success Programme for single parents

### College Bursary

Supporting access to Colleges for young people with care experience



## Excellence Awards

Enabling talented young people to fulfil their potential and contribute to the cultural and sporting landscape of Scotland



## Excellence Awards Portfolio

A range of awards delivered in partnership with key arts and sporting organisations

- › Scottish Opera Emerging Artists Programme
- › Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Scholarship for the Arts
  - › Individual Arts Scholarships
- › Dundee Repertory Theatre Apprentice Programme
- › Citizens' Theatre Graduate Intern Programme
- › John Macphail Rugby Scholarships
- › SportsAid Scotland Bursaries

## Excellence Awards Outcomes

- › Enable young people to cope with the high cost of training in sport and the arts
- › Provide opportunities to access high quality training and development
- › Enable young people to perform at national and international level
- › Make a significant and lasting contribution to Scotland's culture and sport



## About Scholarship at The Robertson Trust

The Scholarship programme established in 1992 initially assisted young students with exceptional ability to improve their skills at well-known centres of excellence.

The original programme has been developed into the current Journey to Success bursary and self-development programme that aims not only to provide financial support but also to build confidence and develop employability skills as well as supporting students to 'give back' by supporting their peers and volunteering.

In parallel the Trust has developed its range of Partnership Projects which extend its work into Schools and Colleges to enable young people to access educational opportunities and develop an evidence base of what works and why in widening access.

Together with the Trust's long-standing support for high quality training in sport and the arts, these activities combine to form a strategic approach that supports individual success and contributes to the development of the wider educational policy landscape.

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