







### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICE-CHANCELLOR

It is a privilege to celebrate a milestone of such immense significance: graduation for you and your peers. As your Vice-Chancellor, I am honoured to reflect on your achievements and welcome you into your alumni community.

During your studies, you will have grown both academically and personally. We hope you have formed friendships that will last a lifetime and created memories that will forever be a part of who you are.

We are delighted to welcome you to a network of 300,000 alumni in 185 countries and overseas territories around the world. We hope you will always stay in touch with us and keep us updated on your progress.

Our world needs people who are innovative, empathetic, and courageous. Whether you pursue further studies, enter the workforce, or embark on new adventures, know that you have the power to make a difference. We can't wait to hear about all that you achieve.

As you leave this chapter behind and embark on your next journey, remember that you remain part of a community that supports you, believes in you, and celebrates your achievements.

Stay connected and we will keep you up to date with graduate benefits, bespoke careers advice and news about all the amazing things going on at your University. You will always be a part of the University of Southampton community.

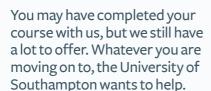
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Professor Mark E. Smith CBE President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Southampton

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### WE'RE STILL HERE FOR YOU



#### KICK-START YOUR CAREER

#### You can:

- → Access internships, career mentoring, and enterprise opportunities for one year after graduating.
- → Take advantage of our webinar and inperson coaching appointments.
- → Build essential employability skills and maximise your potential with our Graduate Success Programme.
- → Attend career events, workshops and careers fairs.
- → Get information and advice for job applications and interviews. We can even schedule a practice interview.



#### Scan the QR code

You can register for an E-Mentoring account, allowing you to ask for help and support directly from industry experts around the world.

ementoringsouthampton.com



#### **Register here**

Register as a graduate on mycareer.soton.ac.uk/ graduate/register to gain access to our bespoke career guidance.

#### **ENRICH YOUR MIND**

We want to leave the door open for you to keep on learning.

#### You can:

- → Benefit from a ten per cent reduction in tuition fees for postgraduate programmes, including our suite of online master's courses.
- → Pop in and visit the library. Registered alumni are always welcome.
- → Attend lifelong learning evening classes at a discounted rate.

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OLD FRIENDS

#### You can:

- → Join your friends and peers on our social media channels.
- → Receive our regular What's On emails, inviting you to take part in our latest events and opportunities.
- → Stay engaged in University news through the printed and online versions of *Hartley News* magazine.
- → Use our find-a-friend service to reunite with lost friends. Visit <u>www.</u> <u>southampton.ac.uk/find-a-friend</u> to find out more.
- → Join or set up an alumni network or reunion. Find out more on page six.





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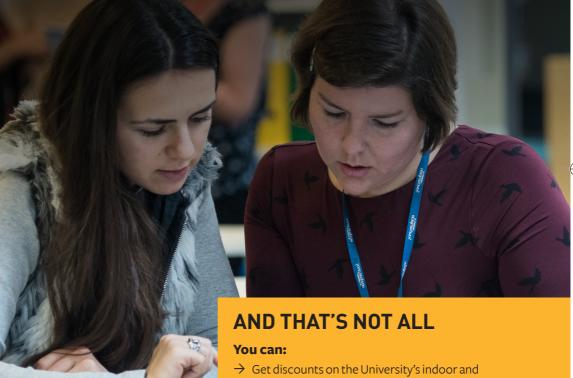
- → Join one of our 300+ student groups.

  You never have to lose your connection to your society!
- → Grab a bite to eat or something to drink in one of our bars and restaurants.
- → Catch the latest blockbuster at Union Films.



Being able to continue to be part of societies that were such a huge part of my time at university, such as dance, is hugely beneficial. I found it really comforting."

**Jessica Boxall**BSc Public Health and Nutrition, 2024



- → Get discounts on the University's indoor and outdoor sporting facilities.
- → Obtain duplicates of your certificates.



For a full list of benefits, scan the QR code or follow this link: www.southampton.ac.uk/alumni-supporters/ benefits.page

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Email us: alumni@soton.ac.uk

We are always growing our network locations, please scan the QR code for a full list. Don't see an Alumni Regional Network near you? **Get in touch** if you would like to start one.

# STAY PART OF A WARM GLOBAL COMMUNITY

### ALUMNI REGIONAL NETWORKS

Join an Alumni Regional Network around the world to meet with locally based alumni who have a shared Southampton connection. As well as sharing expertise, experiences, and networking with your peers, there are opportunities to support prospective students and new graduates.

We currently have networks in China, India, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Ghana, Nigeria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Spain, France, Greece, Switzerland and the US.



#### **MY INDIAN NETWORK**

Staying connected is really important for international students like Hari Narayan (LLM Maritime Law, 2010). He regularly attends network events in Mumbai and here in the UK.

"Even before starting the alumni network, we had informal connections through social media or word of mouth. However, since the Indian Alumni Network was formed, it is so much easier to maintain that bond I feel with my peers and the University.

"We work together to provide get-togethers and social activities where people can find networks and connections. As a group you can always do better and create a wider impact than individually.

"I love being involved in my alumni community. It is a chance to share knowledge and gives me a sense of satisfaction. I feel in harmony with my peers."





### STAY ENGAGED WITH OUR BUSY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Whether you are local to the UK or international, there's always so much going on.

As long as we have your contact details, we can invite you to network with your peers, academics and wider alumni community at one of our many events. Find something happening near you or attend one of our exciting online events.

#### **Events like:**

- → Guest lectures
- → Art exhibitions and concerts
- → Film screenings
- → Career fairs
- → Reunions

### Why not set up your own reunion or alumni event?

Organising your own event is a great way to take a trip down memory lane with your University friends. Our experienced events team is here to help you:

- → Contact fellow alumni
- → Plan your event
- → Choose venues, catering and accommodation
- → Arrange a campus tour
- → Publicise your event on social media



For more information about upcoming events, or to set up your own, scan the QR code or follow this link:

connects.soton. ac.uk/events



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### **SOUTHAMPTON TOGETHER**

As you go out into the world, there are so many ways you can help make the future brighter for those that come after you. You can make a huge difference to lives here at Southampton and across the globe. Whether giving your time or donating, your support helps us do amazing things.

### SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES

Alumni like you have a wealth of experience and knowledge that can transform the lives of current students. There are so many ways you can help!

#### **Become a mentor**

Mentoring offers the opportunity to have a direct, lasting impact on the lives of students and new graduates. There are now more ways than ever to share your expertise, enrich education, and widen your mentee's career prospects.

You could become a **career mentor** to a student in their first year. Career mentors offer structured guidance to a student over the course of a year, meeting either in person or online to help the student get organised and find their path.

Alternatively, sign up for our **E-Mentoring** programme. This online system allows graduates to share the experiences they have gained in their field. Sign up to offer your expertise, guidance and knowledge with students and other recent graduates. There are over 4,000 industry experts on the system in over 85 countries.



**Find out more:** ementoringsouthampton.com

#### **HELP CHANGE LIVES**

At the University of Southampton, we are proud to support a wide range of causes, from medical research (such as cancer and dementia) to making sure students from disadvantaged backgrounds have equal access to education. There are so many ways we can make a difference.

Thankfully we are able to do more through Southampton Together: a community of generous donors and volunteers, made up of thousands of alumni and supporters.

One of our funds is the Ignite Programme, set up to help under-represented and disadvantaged students thrive at university. As you will know, students from disadvantaged backgrounds face additional challenges to their studies. This might be because they have caring responsibilities, may be estranged from their parents, be care-leavers, or come from a low-income background.

Thanks to our Southampton Together community, our Ignite Programme is growing. We need your help to offer more help to more students. Many graduates choose to set up regular donations to help ensure the continued success of Ignite; a small monthly payment can help someone achieve their full potential right through university.



To find out more about Ignite and our other causes, visit **give.southampton.ac.uk**, or scan the QR code.





#### **Community fundraising**

Many alumni choose to raise money for our causes through community fundraising. You will be joining a passionate team who run, swim, bake cakes, organise concerts and afternoon tea, jump out of planes and more!

If you would like to get involved in community fundraising, **contact us** at: commfr@soton.ac.uk.



#### Find out more:

www.justgiving.com/university-of-southampton





### THIS ISN'T GOODBYE

Whether you are continuing your education, forging a new career, or setting off on an exciting adventure, we'll always be here for you. Here are some words of wisdom from your deans to guide you on your next steps.



#### **ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

Congratulations! I am always inspired by the achievements of amazing Arts and Humanities graduates. All the world is full of stories, so make sure your story is unique."

**Professor Miguel Mera**Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities



### ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE

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As you embark on this next chapter, let the wise words of Albert Einstein guide you: 'The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.' May your thirst for knowledge and exploration propel you to great heights!"

**Professor Michael Butler**Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Science



## ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

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As one journey comes to a successful end, your next adventure is just starting. We can't wait to see what you will do next!"

**Professor Tamar Pincus**Dean of the Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences







#### **MEDICINE**

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Congratulations, you are about to embark on your journey to becoming a great doctor, remember that humility and empathy will serve your patients best."

**Professor Diana Eccles**Dean of the Faculty of Medicine



#### **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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Congratulations on your graduation day. I wish you every success for the future and hope that you will continue to be curious about the world around you. Always have the courage to ask the questions that matter for achieving meaningful and positive change."

**Professor Jo Swaffield**Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences









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