



No matter how big or small
Do Something Great

VOLUNTEER FOR US

FOREVER SURREY

Expand your

HORIZONS

**Give back. Help others.
Make connections. Feel great.**

The benefits of volunteering are enormous. When you volunteer for the University of Surrey you won't just have the satisfaction that comes from knowing you've helped a student on their path to success. There are benefits for you too.

**Just one hour of your time
can make a difference**

You don't have to give a huge amount of time. The time you give makes a big difference to our students and to the ongoing success of your alma mater.

►► For your career

Volunteering improves your skills, gives valuable experience and increases your professional network.

►► For your CV

73% of the UK's leading businesses said they'd rather employ someone who has volunteered over someone who hasn't. And over half said that the experience you get from volunteering can be more valuable than work experience.

►► For you

Volunteering can help you gain self-confidence, meet a variety of people outside of your normal network of family and friends, and give you a sense of purpose beyond your work. It gives you the chance to re-engage with your University and maybe even reconnect with some old friends too.



Did you know?

Many companies support volunteering schemes and some even allow time off for you to attend volunteering sessions.

We are an exempt charity. When you volunteer for us we count it as charitable giving.

Become a bitesize

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Volunteering doesn't have to mean a long-term regular commitment. There are lots of things you can do in just a few minutes to make a big difference.

▶▶▶ It's the little things...



Keep in touch by updating your contact details.
(surrey.ac.uk/keepintouch)



Follow Surrey Alumni on social media and join the conversation.



Help us give you what you want. Tell us what you would like from your Alumni team. Email us at alumni@surrey.ac.uk with your suggestions.

▶▶▶ Your name in lights...



Provide a testimonial on your course.



Write your alumni profile and share your favourite Surrey moments. Simply visit our website and answer some short interview questions.



Tell us about your successes to show your fellow alumni what you're doing now.

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▶▶▶ Be a role model, encourage others to follow in your footsteps...



Share your professional knowledge by giving a talk, masterclass, or taking part in a panel on campus.



Give a helping hand at our open days or international recruitment fairs and encourage prospective students to come to Surrey.



▶▶▶ Help organise an event...



Donate your space for an alumni event.



Offer your skills as a guest speaker.



Organise a reunion for your class, subject, or year group.



Form an international club and help organise events in your country.

▶▶▶ Give us your feedback ◀◀

Your alumni network is designed to benefit you, so hearing your thoughts, feedback, suggestions and ideas allows us to strengthen our activities and services. Why not come in for a chat? We'd be happy to meet with you and discuss your ideas (Time: 1-2 hours)

Be part of something

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Help to influence the next generation of students

Whether you'd like to support a current student in your role as an employer, or you'd like to share your own career story, there are lots of ways you can help today's students boost their work-readiness and prospects to go on to make an impact on the world.

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I thoroughly enjoyed supporting my mentee last year and giving something back to the industry. I enjoy encouraging new talent and forging new links, not only with the University, but also with past and present students.
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Katherine, Hospitality & Tourism Mentor 2020

►► Support employability

- Check a student CV or offer a mock-interview.
- Have a one-off careers chat with a current student looking to get into your industry.
- Take part in one of our careers insight panels or speed networking events.
- Get involved with our Student Enterprise programme and support budding start-ups.
- Welcome a group of students to your workplace for a tour or talk.

►► Nurture new talent

- Mentor a current student – Programmes operate in Hospitality and Tourism, MBA and more.
- Offer a student a work-shadowing opportunity or summer job.



►► Life-changing opportunities

- Offer a current student an internship or professional training year at your company.
- If you are recruiting, place a free advertisement with our Careers and Employment team and interview Surrey candidates.
- Attend a careers fair and tell our students about working for your company.



►► Curriculum for work-ready graduates

- From time to time we have opportunities for new advisory board members. Support our academics by offering input from industry or reviewing curriculum content.

Want to make a mark in your city?
Get in touch about becoming a local alumni club leader

IT'S A GREAT *wide world*

▶▶ Wherever you are in the world, you are still Forever Surrey

However near or far, there are plenty of ways to stay connected and support your university.

- Become an alumni club leader in your city or country. Run your own events for graduates in your area.
- Be an international recruitment ambassador. Support student recruitment by attending an education fair or applicant event in your country. Share your experiences of your time at Surrey with the future generation.
- Help create a social network for alumni in your country. Share all the latest news, updates and memories from your time at Surrey.
- Offer advice to placement or exchange students coming to your country to study or work.
- Offer a venue for an alumni gathering.

USA Friends of the
University of Surrey board



Greece Alumni Club

Dubai Alumni Club

Shanghai, Beijing,
Shenzhen groups



South Korea
alumni group

Hong Kong
Alumni Club



“Creating the Dubai Alumni Club has led to fun events, excellent professional networking opportunities and lots of new friendships between fellow alumni!”

Umer Saleem, Dubai Alumni Club Chairman





BIGGER,
stronger,

GREATER TOGETHER!

We know your time is precious.

To everyone who has helped so far, we say a huge **thank you**.

Surrey has benefitted from over 10,000 hours from over 2,750 alumni since the alumni volunteering scheme commenced in 2013.

▶▶▶ What can we do for you?

The sharing of your time, skills, expertise and enthusiasm is incredibly generous. You show your support for Surrey in so many ways and we are incredibly grateful.

We would be more than happy to recommend you on LinkedIn after a job well done. Remember to add your volunteering activity to your profile.

Or we can write to your line manager to thank them for allowing you to volunteer so that you have it on your employment record.

We can reimburse reasonable travel expenses for some of our volunteer opportunities. Talk to us about the support available.

We also celebrate our volunteers through the annual Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Awards.

PROFESSOR PAUL STONE

▶▶▶ **Alumnus of the Year 2019**

**BSc Mechanical Engineering, 1975
and PhD Mechanical Engineering, 1978**

Paul enjoyed a long and successful career on the Board of Directors for several Shell companies. He has provided invaluable support to Surrey sharing his expertise as a mentor, advisor, lecturer and ambassador.



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In November 2011, I was made a visiting professor in the Business School and started to give guest lectures and mentor students; they are good to be with and keep you sharp with unexpected questions! In 2016, I was invited to be a member of the newly formed Advisory Board and in June 2018 was made Chair. The Board advises on proposed initiatives and strategy development within the School and members serve as ambassadors at events. We have just formalised the new SBS Advisory Board Fund, to support SBS students grow to their full potential.

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PROFESSOR GAVIN WHICHELLO

▶▶▶ **Outstanding contribution to Surrey award 2019**

BSc Human and Physical Sciences in 1974

Gavin is owner of Qube Learning, a leading national training provider. He has generously donated his time and expertise to help set up the Surrey Innovation and Digital Enterprise Academy (SurreyIDEA), a radical new approach to create the next generation of entrepreneurs through the Surrey Business School.

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This degree is aimed at what I call the disrupters – those who show strong entrepreneurial potential but don't have the traditional academic background. I want to support these young people and give them help and the chance to change the world.

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Do something GOOD, gain something GREAT

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