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**“We are a
community in
the best sense
of the word.”**

Professor David Lloyd



Thank You

Last year will be remembered by most of us as one of the most difficult years ever, but it would have been even worse without you.

We all faced the threats posed first by bushfires, then the pandemic and the lockdowns that followed but we came together as a community and overcame the obstacles. Thanks to your generosity and the donations that you give, we were able to continue our research into solving global challenges and the scholarships you offered contributed greatly to the future success of a new generation of professionals.

But it was the Student Hardship Fund which had the most immediate impact on our students' lives. COVID-19's disruptions to their employment, their health and welfare, their accommodation and even in the way they study, left many of our students

vulnerable. With your help we established the \$10 million fund and distributed grants to ensure the security of their living and study arrangements.

Every single dollar that you contribute is put to work for our students and our researchers and I thank you for that generosity. We are a community in the best sense of the word.

Professor David Lloyd
Vice Chancellor and President
University of South Australia

During such an unpredictable year, what has remained consistent is the generosity of our UniSA community.

Through your support, you are helping us to achieve more. Together we are making a valuable difference.



Thank you for helping our students in need through the Student Hardship Fund

Together, we have helped over 5000 students who were struggling to afford basic living expenses due to the social impacts of COVID-19 and provide the means to continue their studies.

“The Student Hardship Fund didn’t just help me a little bit – it helped me a lot. My family back home in Indonesia also lost their jobs and their income, and in their province the number of cases was increasing. I could finally pay my rent, buy food and transport. I could also buy a second-hand laptop for the online lectures and classes.”

Jaliron Kogoya, Bachelor of Business (Real Estate Practice) UniSA Student Hardship Fund recipient.



Thank you for progressing vital virus research and treatments

Professor Doug Brooks and his team are developing potential treatments to fight RNA viruses (including coronavirus) and understand why the flu can lead to life-threatening complications for pregnant women and their unborn babies.

“The potential impact of our findings is enormous as we have worked out how viruses attack the immune system to cause severe disease, with this process being much worse in pregnancy.”

“If we can find a new therapy that is effective against a whole range of RNA viruses including the flu and COVID-19, it will be life-changing.”

Professor Doug Brooks, leader of the Mechanisms in Cell Biology and Disease Research Group at UniSA Clinical & Health Sciences.



Thank you for empowering students from refugee backgrounds

UniSA is fortunate to have a passionate and loyal group of donors who share the University's goal of facilitating access to tertiary study for students from refugee backgrounds.

Many refugees have witnessed or experienced conflict and trauma; they often face financial hardship and have wider family commitments both here and in their home countries; for many English is not their first language, so coupled with these barriers can make building a new life in Australia even more challenging.

The grants relieve some of the economic pressures these students face while studying and bring them one step closer to their achieving their professional aspirations.

Fariba Shael, Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging) student and 2020 recipient of the Refugee Student Grant and the Peter and Catherine Williams Refugee Grant.



Thank you for accelerating solutions for melanoma

Through significant generosity, a group of researchers at UniSA are collaborating and combining their expertise to develop non-invasive and better detection tools, more accurate diagnoses and prognosis, and precision medicine solutions for melanoma skin cancer.

This ground-breaking research will put Australia at the forefront of melanoma patient management and will hopefully result in improved outcomes – an important step considering the high incident rates in the country.

Professor Tarl Prow, Research Professor, Future Industries Institute



Thank you for inspiring creativity

Supporting Creative Arts students is giving a gift of freedom to explore the world through an artistic lens and harness their talents.

Thanks to support during his studies, Dr Tom Moore and his fantastical glass sculptures will embark on large-scale tour set to show at 12 regional Australian art galleries over the next two years, after a recent major solo exhibition at Adelaide's JamFactory.

Tom Moore PhD, Syd Ball Friends of the South Australian School of Art grant recipient



Thank you for helping students to achieve their greatest potential

Each year, more than 2500 UniSA students from all walks of life benefit from scholarships and grants. Financial support is provided to our brightest and best, as well as our most disadvantaged, allowing our students to focus on their studies and work towards their career goals.

“I am incredibly grateful for your generosity in providing funds towards my studies of Occupational Therapy and move from the Riverland to Adelaide. Without the incredible scholarship, I would not have been able to continue living away from my family. The scholarship assisted in paying for my housing, textbooks and study materials, and a new laptop in order to achieve the best scores and grades, whilst studying for my degree.”

Mikaela Britten, previous Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarship recipient.



Thank you for continuing to fight against cancer

Gifts to the Cancer Research Fund are helping our dedicated researchers to control cancer and its effects on quality of life.

From discovering and developing new drugs, novel treatments and methods of detection and diagnosis, to improving prevention, screening, treatment and supportive care strategies, our evidence-based research translates into practice.



Thank you for increasing access to mental health support

Through a generous grant, a new online tool will be designed to assist Australians who are waiting to access face-to-face mental health support.

“The goal of this project is to improve every Australian’s access to timely, free, psychological support and self-help strategies, at an early stage and prevent them from developing more serious mental health problems.”

Dr Kate Gunn, UniSA Senior Research Fellow, Department of Rural Health



Pain Revolution 2020

Thank you for prioritising our relationship with pain

Led by Professor Lorimer Moseley, Pain Revolution provides free pain education in rural and regional communities to reduce chronic pain and improve quality of life.

Driven through community fundraising, over \$140,000 was raised last year.



Thank you for creating opportunities for Aboriginal students to pursue higher education

Since its establishment in 2004, over 50 students have benefitted from Gavin Wanganeen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships thanks to the generosity of 600 individuals and organisations.

This Scholarship is awarded to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students facing hardship while undertaking a university degree, particularly those with a strong desire to succeed and give back to their community.

“When I see the impact – Aboriginal students taking hold of their future and achieving their goals – I feel so proud, and I am truly moved by the generosity of people who have backed this project.”

Gavin Wanganeen

AFL Life Member, **Gavin Wanganeen** with former recipients Olivia Brownsey and Samara Fernandez



Thank you for nurturing inquisitiveness about science and technology

MOD. - our futuristic museum of discovery - sits at the intersection of art and science and brings together researchers, industries, and students to challenge and learn.

Philanthropic gifts to MOD. contribute to exhibitions inspiring young people about science and technology, showcasing how research shapes our understanding of the world around us to inform our futures.

Thank You for your support in 2020



Number of donors
1537



245
students received donor
funded scholarships,
grants and prizes



Over
5,000
students received financial
assistance through the
Student Hardship Fund



Number of
new donors
979



Oldest
donor
100



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donor
23



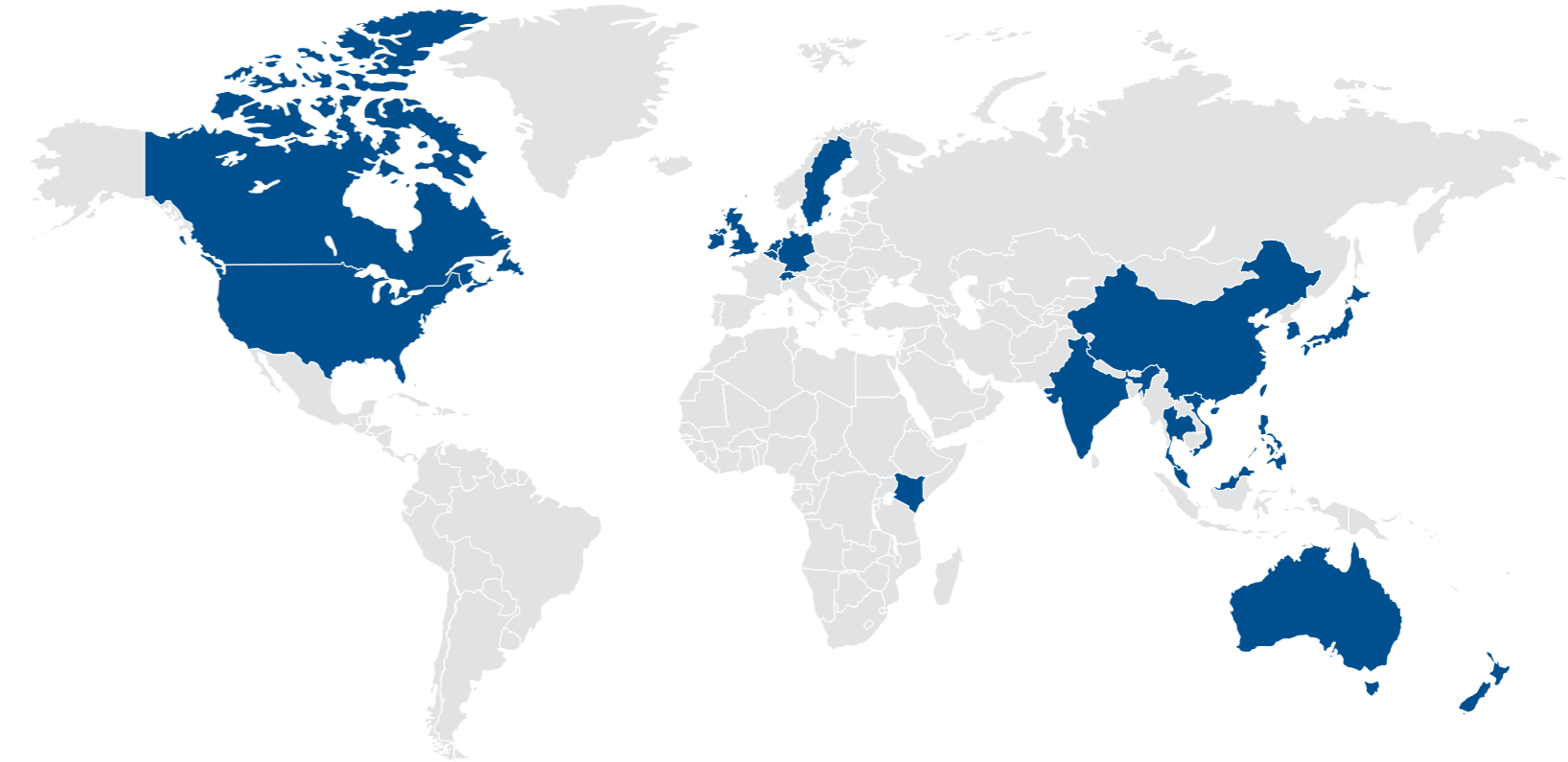
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who donated
202

30% more than in 2019



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we couldn't do what we do.**

We are proud of what we have
achieved together.

Thank you.



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Artist: Ngupulya Pumani*

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