Students are racing into industry

A grant of £5,000 has enabled a group of University of Glasgow students to enter an international engineering competition to design and build a single seat high performance race car.

The competition, called Formula Student, is the largest educational competition in Europe. Run by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in partnership with Airbus, Autodesk, Honda Racing F1 Team, Learning Grid, National Instruments, RS Components and Shell, it provides students with a project that blends academic learning with the development of practical engineering skills. The challenge is to become part of a real life design and build exercise, using engineering and business talents to create a product suitable for a commercial environment.

Established in 2006, the core University of Glasgow team, consisting of students from the Department of Engineering, tasted success with their entry into the design phase of Formula Student, held at Silverstone in July 2007.

The next part of the challenge is to create a reliable and robust product. It will need an efficient design, quality manufacturing and great attention to detail. The team will be expanding; giving students who are interested in gaining business experience the chance to take part, with opportunities in media, promotion, accounts and finance.

Senior Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering Dr Ron Thomson is the team’s advisor. He believes that Formula Student can help the development of his team of highly talented young engineers. ‘We want to establish the competition as an integral part of the engineering experience at Glasgow, and create strong links with industry for our students,’ he says.

‘Achieving these goals and getting the most from the experience would not be possible without support from sponsors such as the Chancellor’s Fund. At the University, industrial relations are a critical part of our success. Projects like this go a great distance to providing students and potential employers with the best possible resources.’

Double-funding is music to the University’s ears

The Chancellor’s Fund is supporting organ music at the University through a double award, for the third International Organ Festival and a series of CD releases on the University’s own label, Bute Records. The dual funding amounts to a total of £15,000 that will promote Glasgow’s world-class reputation for quality music making.

The first grant of £10,000 will enable the release of a range of CDs that will appeal to a diverse range of musical tastes, while a further award of £5,000 has been earmarked for the University’s third International Organ Festival.

The festival will attract a wide audience to a series of concerts, lectures, workshops, educational activities and demonstrations, as well as bringing international recitalists to the city. They will be joined by talent from Glasgow such as the University’s Chapel Choir, University Organist Kevin Bowyer and Organ Scholar Peter Yardley Jones.

Peter, who is also the Administrative Director of the Festival, warmly welcomes the support. ‘The Chancellor’s Fund has allowed myself and colleagues to pursue a number of projects that have helped develop Glasgow as a centre for excellence in the field of serious music making and in the development of high quality recordings,’ he says.
Welcome from the Chancellor

The University of Glasgow strives to be one of the best universities in the world by investing in internationally excellent research and by providing an outstanding learning environment for talented students from all backgrounds.

To build on our status as a leading international university we need to attract exceptional students from around the world, provide the best facilities and continue to be an institution grounded in excellence in education and research.

The Chancellor’s Fund is already playing an important part in achieving this mission by supporting projects that fall outwith core funding and government grants. The Advisory Board is able to support worthwhile projects and add to the University’s existing resources.

Many of you will be aware that the University of Glasgow was named as Scottish University of the Year by the Sunday Times newspaper recognising us as a leading educational institution and the Chancellor’s Fund will help to maintain, and improve upon, this reputation.

In this newsletter you will see the diversity of schemes supported from encouraging our current students and providing first-rate facilities to progressing cutting edge research.

I would like to thank all supporters of the Chancellor’s Fund for investing in the future of the University and its students.

Professor Kenneth Calman
Chancellor

Club refurbishment

The Hetherington Research Club has received £10,000 to help it cater for its growing number of members.

A meeting space for mature and postgraduate students as well as staff, the Research Club provides eating and drinking facilities as well as laptop power points and Wireless Internet access throughout, making it a favourite for study and socialising alike, but the club currently has no access for wheelchair users.

According to Club President, Cleodhna Nightshade, a redevelopment is needed to make better use of the space available. ‘The last major refurbishment of the Club was in 2000 and covered the ground and first floors only,’ she explains. ‘This proved very beneficial in terms of accommodating more members but our existing facilities do not allow us to cope with the number of people who would currently like to use the club. Thanks to the Chancellor’s Fund we are able to address the needs of current and future students.’

The fund will focus its support on making the space suitable for wheelchair users, while a new modern kitchen is also planned to replace the current impractical Victorian facilities. This will go a long way to providing a space capable of producing the volume of food required. And the redesign will no be limited to the interior. Future plans include a project to redevelop the outside areas, transforming the back yard into a desirable outdoor space.

The writing’s on the wall

A new University of Glasgow online benefactor wall is offering our donors a permanent record of their generosity.

In a unique development, an online benefactor wall has been created exclusively for the University of Glasgow. The web-based version of the traditional donor wall recognises the generosity of our alumni and friends. We are pleased to announce that the first batch of names has gone live and can be viewed at www.glasgow.ac.uk/benefactorwall

The University has been writing to all donors in the past few months to inform them of this exciting development, but if you have not received a letter, or would like to find out more, please contact Sarah Richardson on +44 (0)141 330 8574 or s.richardson@admin.gla.ac.uk
Project update: Trying Childhoods

Exploring the impact of parental drug use on children through guided art work

In August 2007 an art exhibition offering an insight into the devastating effects of drugs and alcohol on the lives of the children of drug addicts opened at the Glasgow School of Art.

The project, which received a grant of £9,000 from the Chancellor’s Fund, carried out pioneering research into a problem that is a great concern to Glasgow and the wider community. It was the culmination of two year’s work by the Centre of Drug Misuse Research, which has been based at the University since 1994.

It is traditionally difficult to interview vulnerable children under the age of 12 due their limited developmental skills, which are often associated with the deprived circumstances in which they are living. However, the experts working at the Centre of Drug Misuse are committed to reducing the impact of drugs misuse in Scotland by providing up-to-date information. This project was part of a broader initiative to explore indirect methods of looking into the world of vulnerable children.

Professor Neil McKeeganey, who oversaw the project, explains: ‘More than 50,000 children in Scotland have a parent with a drug problem and an estimated 100,000 have a parent with an alcohol problem. The research currently being carried out at the Centre for Drug Misuse aims to provide information into the ever-prevalent problems of addiction. The money granted by the Chancellor’s Fund helped offer a safe environment for vulnerable children to express themselves and allowed the research team an invaluable insight into the world they live in.’

Following the success of the Glasgow School of Art exhibition Trying Childhoods was shown at the Scottish Parliament.

Calling Glasgow alumni

Introducing our student telephone fundraisers

In 2008 over £96,000 was donated to the Chancellor’s Fund as a result of a conversation. These conversations happen as part of the University’s biannual telephone campaigns, when current students call alumni to tell them about our fundraising activities. It’s a great way of keeping in touch with our alumni, and the gifts given are very relevant to the students, who do a great job in carrying out the calling.

Jessica Constable (pictured) is a third year Politics and Comparative Literature student and has worked on the last three telephone campaigns.

‘I am very proud to be a student here,’ she says. ‘Glasgow is a bright and vibrant place to study and I am glad that I can help raise funds for campaigns like the Chancellor’s Fund, which has a direct impact on campus.

‘Graduates I speak to have fond memories of the University and they are only too pleased to give something back. The Chancellor’s Fund is one of the most popular campaigns for alumni to donate to. I think this is because graduates feel that their donation will go towards maintaining their alma mater as well as providing for future generations of students like me and the rest of the (calling) team.’
Online Resource to support staff engaging in the Scholarship of Learning & Teaching
£5,000 To promote the development of teaching and the enhancement of the learning environment within the University by providing practical, collegiate, academic and pastoral support for staff to engage with the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Basement Refurbishment
£10,000 To redesign and develop the basement and back garden areas of the postgraduate club in order to improve and upgrade facilities fully compliant with HSE requirements, provide disabled access and make better use of the space, increasing capacity by 25 seats in the downstairs bar and 30 seats in the beer garden.

Audio CD Donald Campbell, the Principal’s Piper
£3,400 To record an audio CD of Donald Campbell, Piper to the Principal. To be sold through the retail outlets based on Campus. The recorded material shall represent a cross section of the piping repertoire and will also feature compositions composed specifically for the project.

Second Glasgow Cardiovascular Symposium
£5,000 Following the very successful Cardiovascular Symposium in June 2006 a second Symposium is organised for June 2008. Aim is to showcase the cutting edge research and increase international visibility and competitiveness. The symposium will be combined with a Festschrift for Professor John Reid.

Glasgow Student Enterprise Intern Programme
£3,300 To provide provision for a student intern and associated faculty representation to promote and participate in student enterprise activities. This would boost employability skills of not only the selected students but also hundreds of students from each faculty who would be able to participate in Glasgow Student Enterprise activities that include business plan competitions, confidence and creativity challenges and online enterprise games.

Kelvin Papers
£20,000 To acquire during the centenary year of his death a substantial body of archival material relating to the life and work of Lord Kelvin.

World Economic History Congress 2012 University of Glasgow
£49,825 The University is competing on behalf of the Economic History Society to be the host to the World Economic History Congress 2012. The Congress is a global meeting of about 1400 scholars that takes place every 3-4 years. There will be strong competition.

The Abbotsford Library Project: Walter Scott MS database/work centre
£5,000 To support a team of researchers to create a database of Scott’s manuscript additions to his books, to complement the new, digitised and searchable catalogue of Scott’s library.

Art and Artefacts: Innovations in Non-Destructive Analytical Research and Teaching
£2,165 To hire a hand held device which can be used to infer manufacturing techniques, undertake provenance studies and address authenticity.

Digitising Photographic Slides to Enhance Student Learning
£200 To digitalise photographic slides from pre-honours Classical Civilisation teaching so that they may be easily mounted in the VLA environment to enhance student learning and to encourage the development of active learning.

Formula Student
£5,000 To allow Glasgow students to enter the international student engineering competition, the aim of which is to design a single seat, high performance racecar.

CD series of Organ Recordings
£10,000 To create a series of CD releases of the University’s organs. The CDs will be released on the University’s own label and will be available locally and on line for mail order.

Third International Organ Festival 2008
£5,000 To encourage a wider appreciation of the organ and its repertoire with first class performance on the chapel’s excellent pipe organ.

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Contributions should be made payable to Friends of Glasgow University, Inc, 244 Madison Ave #403, New York 10016.

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