

Newcastle University - Policy for the Acceptance of Donations

Overview

At Newcastle we are passionate about the value of private giving in support of education. But at the same time, we are robust and transparent about who we accept donations from and for what purpose. In particular, we will always make sure that donations align with the mission and values of the University and that they do not compromise academic freedom.

Our policy for the Acceptance of Donations follows the 'Know your Donor' principles established by the UK Charity Commission. These can be found at:

[Chapter 2: Due diligence, monitoring and verifying the end use of charitable funds \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

This means that in relation to all our fundraising activity, the University takes reasonable steps to ensure that we:

- **identify our donors** so that we know who they are dealing with
- **verify identity** where reasonable and the risks are high
- **know what the organisation's or individual's business is** so that we can be assured this is appropriate for the University to be involved with
- **watch out for** unusual or suspicious activities, conduct or request

What can our donors can expect?

Our donors can expect the University to carry out reasonable due diligence in line with the UK Charity Commission 'Know your Donor' principles. On occasion, this may be carried out by a trusted third-party organisation on behalf of the University.

This means that when donating to the University, our donors can be confident that we follow a consistent and transparent process in accepting donations.

All donations of greater than £10,000 are expected to be accompanied by a Donation Agreement or equivalent. All donation agreements include the following statement:

'Both the donor and the University affirm that this donation will complement the mission and values of the University and will not in any way constrain academic freedom'

How are donations accepted?

All donations are formally accepted by senior officers or statutory bodies of the University at the following levels:

Total donation	Authorisation by
Up to £10,000	Director of Advancement
£10,001- £100,000	Registrar
£100,001 - £500,000	University Executive Board
Over £500,000	University Council

Anonymous donations

Newcastle University will not accept donations over the value of £100 unless we are able to establish the identity of the donor.

Questions about this policy

Questions about this policy should be directed to:

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