



John Williams, Chief Executive Officer for The Institute.

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## Funded scholarship opportunities for business students

Northumbria University, Newcastle, has today announced a partnership with The Institute of Leadership & Management (The Institute) to offer postgraduate scholarships for business students.

The three-year agreement includes financial support from The Institute, match-funded by Northumbria, worth £24,000. It will help students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds study for a Master's degree in a range of business leadership and management courses at Northumbria's

campuses in Newcastle.

As well as financial support for scholarships, the partnership will look to facilitate the development of collaborative research publications, and contribute to student and alumni leadership conferences at Northumbria's London campus. It will also explore the creation of The Institute Fellowship for academics and students at Northumbria. Fellowships will provide the opportunity for Northumbria staff and students to demonstrate their experience and expertise in Leadership and provide recognition and accolade of their contribution to date by The Institute.

The Institute is a professional body that helps people and businesses who are engaged in the learning and practice of leadership. John Williams, the Chief Executive Officer for The Institute and a MBA graduate from Northumbria's Newcastle Business School, said: "This is an exciting and important opportunity to further strengthen our links to education and to support the growing need for invaluable leadership development within the sector. The Institute is looking forward to a productive relationship with Northumbria University and positive outcomes for all parties over the course of our agreement"

Dr Guy Brown, Dean of Students and Director of Northumbria's London campus, added: "As a leading provider of leadership and management education in the UK we are delighted to be working in partnership with The Institute across our campuses, and to offer these postgraduate and career enhancement opportunities to students who may otherwise miss out. I am also looking forward to deepening the relationship further through additional collaborative projects and seek to support The Institute's work to promote innovation in leadership - making learning accessible to all.

"I am also delighted to welcome The Institute and alumnus John-Mark Williams as a new supporter of Northumbria. I look forward to developing the suite of opportunities earmarked for staff and students."

Northumbria's partnership with The Institute aligns closely with the University's <u>Higher Education Without Barriers Fund</u>. The fund provides a range of support, including financial initiatives, to make participation and progression in higher education more achievable for academically talented students, regardless of their social or economic circumstances. For more information about working in partnership with Northumbria please visit <u>www.northumbria.ac.uk/business</u> or contact <u>james.wilkinson@northumbria.ac.uk</u> to discuss how your corporate can support Northumbria.

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