

## Alumni Fellow Role Description

Nottingham Trent University is a confident and forward-looking institution with a rich heritage and a great future. Since 1843, we have made a significant contribution to the social, cultural, and economic wellbeing of the City of Nottingham, the County of Nottinghamshire and the wider region.

Transforming the lives of our students is among our proudest achievements. Some key facts:

- One in four of our students joins us from a family with a household income of less than £15,000;
- More than 80% of our students are in graduate entry employment of further study six months after leaving the University;
- We are in the top five recruiters of students from disadvantaged backgrounds in the UK.

Our Alumni Fellows are volunteers from our alumni community of more than 200,000 graduates worldwide. They represent a diverse range of disciplines, roles and employment sectors. What they all have in common is their generosity in volunteering their time, and sharing their knowledge and experience with our students.

There are many ways to be involved. Our programme is flexible, and it is designed to work around your own interests and availability. What's more, we will keep you updated on the variety of opportunities throughout the year. Activities take place across our campuses, but if you are not based in Nottingham, we have a number of opportunities that can be undertaken remotely, too.

**Mentoring:** From one-to-one mentoring through to mentoring a group of students, there are a range of opportunities available. Alumni Fellows and students alike speak of how rewarding and impactful mentoring is.

**Guest lectures/seminar support:** Working with an academic colleague, guest lectures provide an opportunity to speak in front of a group of students. For example – about the technical aspects of your role, the applications of your degree in the real world, or, if you are a recent graduate, you might want to share your insights about what it takes to compete successfully in the current job market.

**Course enhancement boards:** 82% of our graduates go on to graduate level employment within 6 months of graduating. The relevance of our courses to industry is one of the reasons for the high employability of our graduates, and our alumni contribute to this by reviewing course content with our academic staff annually.

**Employability workshops:** From delivering mock interviews, to CV writing workshops, to creating a stand out LinkedIn profile, our Employability team work with Alumni Fellows to create engaging sessions for students. The majority of Employability events are open to students across the University, and afford the opportunity to volunteer your time supporting a broad range of students.

**Guest blogs/graduate profiles:** A great option if you are unable to travel to Nottingham for face-to-face events, writing a guest blog or a graduate profile is an activity that is very popular amongst our Alumni Fellows. Departments from across the University frequently require blog content on a variety of topics.

This is by no means an exhaustive list, and the opportunities available may vary across academic disciplines. If there is an activity your expertise is particularly suited to, please let us know.

You will also be asked to contribute photographs, quotes and stories, for publication on the University's website, in eNewsletters, in our Alumni, Supporters and Friends magazine – Network, and in other promotional materials to support the growth of the Alumni Fellowship Programme, and ensure that more students can benefit from the activities on offer.

There is no minimum time requirement for volunteering through the Programme, and no obligation to continue should your circumstances and availability change. All you will need is two years of industry or further study experience upon completing your undergraduate degree.