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HSBC AND UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN PROVIDE NEW SCHOLARSHIP TO OVERSEAS STUDENTS

The Sir Thomas Sutherland Scholarship established through HSBC's USD150m Community Fund

The University of Aberdeen is offering students from India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to complete their undergraduate studies there.

The Sir Thomas Sutherland Scholarship, funded by HSBC, is available to students who have been offered a place at the University starting in September 2016, and who are the first generation of their family to attend university. Three scholarships will be awarded between 2016 and 2018.

The scholarship is named after Sir Thomas Sutherland who studied at the University of Aberdeen and went on to establish The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC). HSBC's Chief Financial Officer, Iain Mackay also studied at the University of Aberdeen and holds an MA in Business Studies and Accounting from the University. Iain is an active member of the University of Aberdeen's Business Alumni.

To mark 150 years in business HSBC is donating USD150 million to charities and community projects around the world to thank customers, shareholders and employees for their support. The Sir Thomas Sutherland Scholarship is one of the beneficiaries of this funding.

HSBC has long-standing commitment to the development of young people. Through its HSBC Young People Programme, the bank focuses on helping young people to access education, to develop life skills and entrepreneurship, and to build their international and cultural understanding. The Sir Thomas Sutherland Scholarship, offered together with the University of Aberdeen, is another way to support young people to realise their potential.

Prospective students from India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand are invited to submit an application including a short video clip via the University of Aberdeen's website at:

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/inmycountry/india/funding/>
<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/inmycountry/indonesia/funding/>
<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/inmycountry/malaysia/funding/>
<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/international/inmycountry/thailand/funding/>

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HSBC's US\$150m community fund

HSBC marks its 150th anniversary in 2015. As part of this, HSBC has committed an additional US\$150m fund to community projects over three years (2015-2017). More than 140 charities worldwide have been selected by HSBC's management team, based on votes from HSBC employees for charitable themes. The US\$150m fund is in addition to the US\$114m HSBC makes available to community investment programmes globally each year. Further details: www.hsbc.com/150-community-fund

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