

## **“It’s changed my university life” - Crerar scholar Catherine Sinclair**

The recipient of a Robert Gordon University (RGU) scholarship, funded by the Crerar Hotels Trust, has revealed that securing award has, “changed” her life at University.

Catherine Sinclair (17) is one of five scholars awarded funding to support the entirety of her tertiary education in Aberdeen, as part of RGU’s commitment to widen participation and supporting groups that are traditionally under-represented.

The ACCESS RGU scholarship opportunities have been made available through the generosity of the donors to the RGU Foundation and are accessible to students who demonstrate academic merit, motivation and ambition.

This year, a total of 89 applications were submitted for five scholarships, one of which is being funded by the Crerar Hotels Trust.

Catherine is currently studying International Hospitality Management. She was selected to receive this year’s Crerar Hotels Access Scholarship, which was made available through a donation from The Crerar Hotels Trust.

The Trust has donated over £4million to charitable causes over the past 10 years and this scholarship with RGU was established to provide support to undergraduate students studying a discipline related to leisure and tourism.

Catherine, who is from the Isle of Barra in the Outer Hebrides said: “Being awarded this scholarship has changed my university life.

“It has helped me be able to go home and see my family more often, as well as helped me to take part in more events. I’m very grateful that it will also open more doors for me when I finish my course, since I’m now linked with a hotel group.”

Paddy Crerar, Chairman of The Crerar Hotels Trust and Chief Executive of Crerar Hotels, said: “We are delighted to have made this award to Catherine and look forward to hearing how this funding helps impact her work.

“Crerar Hotels is committed to giving back to the local community to help it grow and thrive, and provide opportunities that may otherwise seem out of reach.”

Sarah Dingwall, Development Manager at the RGU Foundation, said: “We are honoured to receive support for our ACCESS Scholarships, which allow RGU to continue to attract a diverse body of students, create opportunities and help remove financial barriers that exist between a student and achieving their potential.”