The Robert Gordon University supports and endorses the earlier submission made by Universities Scotland during the Scottish Government's consultation exercise, namely that:

- we support the principle of abolishing the graduate endowment fee and believe that all students with the talent and ability to benefit from a degree level education should have the opportunity to go to University;
- welcome any measures that break down the barriers for those students who otherwise would not have chosen to enter Higher Education;
- note and welcome the statement given in the consultation document that there “will be no implications for University funding, which will continue to come from existing budgets”;
- believe that it is vital that the funding of Higher Education Institutions is not adversely affected by the allocation of additional resource to student support, since more generous financial support for students is negated unless Scottish Higher Education Institutions are adequately funded to ensure that students benefit from a high quality learning experience;
- as highlighted in the Spending Review case recently submitted by Universities Scotland, substantial additional investment in Scottish Higher Education is needed to ensure that Universities can continue to provide the best possible learning experience which matches and, indeed, surpasses, international standards.