Graduation Ceremony

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Graduation is a tangible testament to your significant achievements and, we hope, a memory that you will carry with you, alongside the knowledge and experiences you have gained, for life. It has been a pleasure working with you as you studied, and we are so glad to have been a part of your journey.

You will always be a member of Northeastern University London. Indeed, we hope you will stay in touch and come back often to see us and participate in university life.

Congratulations to you, and my very warmest good wishes for your future. Keep safe and well, and be happy. Congratulations.

Professor Scott S. Peppiatt Wildman BSc, PhD, FHEA
Executive Principal and Dean of Northeastern University London
Professor of Human Physiology and Higher Education

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This programme is for ceremonial purposes only and is not to be considered an official confirmation of degree information. It contains only those details available at the publication deadline.

We ask those in attendance to kindly silence their electronic devices and to remain in their seats until the platform party has left the stage and the platform party recessional has finished.

Credits

Brass ensemble: Trafalgar Brass
String Quartet: City String Ensemble
BSL Interpreters: Natasha Trantom and Sophie Allen

LIFE AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY LONDON

Our students are talented, ambitious and passionate.
The university is a truly international community of students, with a student body representing more than 89 countries. The university offers an intensive learning experience and immense opportunities for individual growth. Our graduates are assured, well-rounded, eloquent individuals with a capacity for independent critical thought and intellectual debate, impressive research skills, a range of interests and passions, and an understanding of how to apply their studies to the world at large.

Outstanding results
We congratulate this year's cohort on achieving excellent results, continuing the tradition of our students being awarded merit and distinction results at an above average rate.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Pre-ceremony refreshments

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Platform party led by Professor Scott Wildman, Executive Principal and Dean of Northeastern University London

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Executive Principal and Dean of Northeastern University London

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Principal and Founder of New College of the Humanities

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Executive Principal and Dean of Northeastern University London

Graduation keynote speaker
Sujit Bhatt

Citation presentation

Professor Scott Wildman, Executive Principal and Dean of Northeastern University London

Professor Anthony Grayling, Principal and Founder of New College of the Humanities

Professor Naomi Goulder, Deputy Dean and Professor in Innovation and Enterprise and Philosophy

Degrees awarded

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Alumni remarks and video

Closing remarks

Professor Scott Wildman
Executive Principal and Dean of Northeastern University London

Platform party recession

Post ceremony reception

GRADUATION KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sujit Bhatt

Sujit Bhatt is a global technology executive who has spent more than two decades driving innovation and strategic growth at IBM. Based in London, he currently leads the adoption of AI in the UK, working for IBM's UK CEO in this critical role.

Bhatt has shaped high-growth strategies for some of IBM's most forward-looking initiatives. His journey began in sales, where he earned the prestigious IBM Sales Eminence Award—an honour given to the top 1% of sellers. He went on to lead cross-functional teams driving innovation across sectors such as financial services, retail, and manufacturing. In 2017, he was tapped to head IBM's Watson Internet of Things in the UK and Ireland, helping traditional industries unlock new value through early AI adoption.

He later took on a global role as worldwide head of digital and partner ecosystem for AI applications at the tech giant, leading efforts to expand the reach of AI through strategic partnerships and digital transformation. He then went on to scale IBM's sustainability software and SaaS business within its Ecosystem division, where he played a pivotal role shaping growth strategy and expanding operations, working with worldclass management consultancy institutions. Bhatt's work has consistently bridged emerging technology with business value—laying the foundation for his current focus on driving AI adoption.

Throughout each chapter of his career, Bhatt has wielded an entrepreneurial mindset—developing resilient teams, cultivating new markets, and guiding clients through complexity with clarity and vision. His work reflects a belief that meaningful progress comes not just from technology, but from investing in the ecosystems and people who bring it to life.

That same passion fuels his deep commitment to mentorship. A longtime advocate for developing talent, Bhatt views coaching and continuous learning as essential to navigating the pace of change driven by AI and emerging technologies. Earlier in his career, he completed a Northeastern-designed executive innovation program at IBM. In 2019, he spoke to Northeastern University London students, sharing his insights and encouraging future leaders to engage with big ideas and bold challenges.

Bhatt's story is one of relentless curiosity, values-driven leadership, and a belief in the power of technology to create opportunity. His approach to leadership blends strategic insight with an unwavering commitment to growth—not only in business but in people and possibility.

Bhatt is a graduate of De Montfort University, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in business.

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Postgraduate student speaker

Giorgio Menicagli Pirina
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Ethics

Pirina is an AI researcher with a background in computer science and mathematics. He gained an MSc in Artificial Intelligence & Ethics at Northeastern University London and works as an AI Engineer on aeronautics projects for Leonardo.

He has previous experience in defence, data science, and fairness in AI, with contributions to both industry and academia. Pirina has published work in mathematics and quantum physics and is passionate about combining theoretical foundations with applied innovation.

Having studied and worked in both Italy and the UK, he brings an international perspective to AI research and development.

Degree Apprenticeship student speaker

Ailsa McFarlane
MSc Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Project Management Specialist)

McFarlane is a project manager at NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board, with a focus on driving digital transformation in primary care. During her Digital and Technology Solutions Specialist master's degree apprenticeship, with a specialism in IT Project Management, McFarlane led key initiatives including the successful rollout of remote monitoring services across Frimley's GP practices and a complex pilot for a centralised text-messaging hub supporting smoking cessation.

Balancing the demands of full-time work with rigorous academic study, she has exemplified resilience, innovation, and a deep commitment to improving patient outcomes. Her work showcases how digital solutions, underpinned by strong project leadership, can enable system-wide transformation in the NHS. McFarlane's journey highlights the critical role of digital leadership in creating a more proactive, inclusive, and sustainable healthcare system.

2025 GRADUATES

POSTGRADUATE AWARDS

MSc Artificial Intelligence & Computer Science

Chiu Chan   Matipa Marufu

MSc Artificial Intelligence & Ethics

Maria Abbadi   Moysis Koutigel

Sarah Braid   Reuben Lesser

Charlotte Forgey-Jahn   Aleksei Makin

Ghita Housni   Giorgio Pirina

MSc Artificial Intelligence & Technology Leadership

Julian Bergquist   Firdavsbek Muminov

Dhananjai Govind   George Olumba

Yunus Kosova   Ryan Padden

MSc Computer Science (Software Development)

Nagaraja Varma Danthuluri   Avinash Guduri

2025 GRADUATES

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist Apprenticeship

Lukas Yilikal Alemu
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Pablo Arce Garcia
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Neil Elliot Arnold
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Olawale Soloman Ayeni
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Usman Bahadur
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Varun Praveen Bhandary
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Thomas Lars Bobeldijk
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Oliver Clark
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Gregory Nicholas Miall Cooke
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Jonathan David Crowe
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Paloma Diaz-Fernandez
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Mohammed Arafat Uddin Farooqui
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Juliane Dorothee Marie-Claire Haarmann
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Cameron Denham Ross Hardman
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Katie Margaret Hegarty
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Jake Louis Jasper
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Lance Niall Minh Jones
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Chai Jenny Lam
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Sergio Lopez
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Luca Makeham
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Sabrina Romina Müller
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Kirsty Marie Nangle
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Ekaterina Panter
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Malhar Patel
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Manesh Powar
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Victoria Upton
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Jack Reece Walker
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Ryan Andrew Antcliff Watson
MSc Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Data Scientist Apprenticeship

Ashley Akerman
BSc (Hons) Data Science

Patrick Joseph Hibberd
BSc (Hons) Data Science

Madison Alice Cottell
BSc (Hons) Data Science

Thomas Howard Rowland McCloy
BSc (Hons) Data Science

Katherine Elizabeth Darwent
BSc (Hons) Data Science

Joseph Roamie Gouldburne Phillips
BSc (Hons) Data Science

Samuel Thomas James Goody
BSc (Hons) Data Science

Joseph Marinus Pickles
BSc (Hons) Data Science

Digital and Technology Solutions Professional Apprenticeship

Syed Tahmiduddin Ahmed
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Syed Mutahar Hussain
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Junior Jake Angus
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Morgan James Larkin
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Alexander James Brett
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Sayyed Khalid Ahmed Madani
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Grace Charlotte Burdett
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (Software Engineer)

Samee Ullah Malik
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (Cyber Security Specialist)

Anton Charles Alexei Chepaldin
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Yaameen Malik
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Sophie Rebecca Cooper
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Adam Paul Maxfield
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (Software Engineer)

Halima Dakri
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Zayd Yusuf Mogra
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Muhammed Desai
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Sharanjit Kaur Moore
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Colm Gallagher
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (Data Analyst)

Isabel Clare Nicholls
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Kaitlyn Jade Higginbottom
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Olamide Idara Chantelle Omotosho
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (Data Analyst)

Digital and Technology Solutions Professional Apprenticeship (continued)

Joshua Dean Padmore
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Dhiral Chandresh Pandya
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Abdillah Hassani Seif
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Simran Kaur Seni
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Victoria Alyona Sinel
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (Data Analyst)

Sania Shah Syeda
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Ebunoluwa Taiwo
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Joseph Patrick John Beynon Taylor
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Nikhil Thomas Vinod
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Jacob Simon Waller
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Lauren Jean White
BSc (Hons) Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Consultant)

Digital and Technology Solutions Specialist Apprenticeship

Jessica Ellen Brann
MSc Digital & Technology Solutions (Software Engineering Specialist)

Gurswaar Singh Gossal
MSc Digital & Technology Solutions (Data Analytics Specialist)

Holly May Julia Hussein
MSc Digital & Technology Solutions (Data Analytics Specialist)

Ailsa Marie McFarlane
MSc Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Project Management Specialist)

Alice Katherine Smith
MSc Digital & Technology Solutions (IT Business Analysis Specialist))

Laboratory Scientist Apprenticeship

Mirette Shaalan
*BSc (Hons), Bioscience with
Digital Technologies*

Project Manager Apprenticeship

Adam David Bellew
*BSc (Hons) Project Management
with Digital Technologies*

Maxwell Leo Donohue
*BSc (Hons) Project Management
with Digital Technologies*

Robert Simon Harwood
*BSc (Hons) Project Management
with Digital Technologies*

Mohammed Wazidul Hoque
*BSc (Hons) Project Management
with Digital Technologies*

Matilda Nell Munden
*BSc (Hons) Project Management
with Digital Technologies*

THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Congratulations on your graduation. Today you will become part of a global network of a 320,000 strong alumni community who have graduated from the Northeastern University Global Campus network. We thank you for having chosen Northeastern University London as your partner in this transformative and educational journey.

Please do visit us as we look forward to welcoming you back to campus to talk through your achievements, build lifelong learning engagement and provide you with the tools to grow your professional network. As a member of this community for life, today you embark on a new and exciting phase of this journey. We would love to see you and hear from you.

As we aim to invite you to relevant alumni, academic and student facing events to share your journey, experiences and achievements, please ensure we have the right contact details today. You can also follow and connect with Vaibhav Rustagi and the Alumni group on LinkedIn for updates.