

TRINITY COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

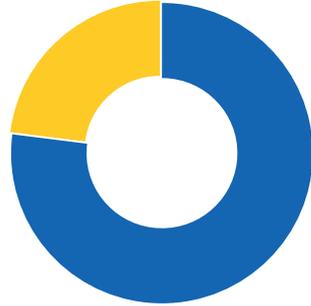


BENEFACTORS REPORT 2016-17

The year at a glance

23%

of Old Members made a gift



5,353

gifts were made to the college



Amounts raised

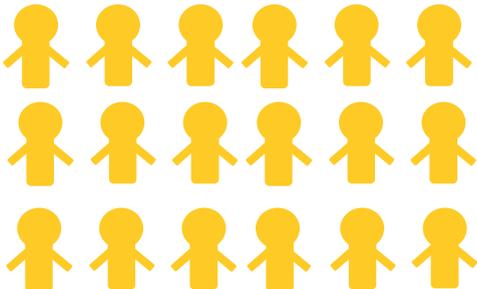
£868,364 Student Support

£508,436 Teaching & Research

£52,469 Buildings, Facilities & Services

1,265

people made a gift



Thank you from the President



Writing this as my time at Trinity draws to a close, it is my great pleasure to thank you not only for your generosity during 2016-17, but for everything you have done for the college during my presidency.

The profound affection that Old Members and Friends so obviously feel for the college has been amply demonstrated by your donations over the last eleven years – you have given almost £20 million – and we cannot thank you enough. This remarkable total has funded scholarships, bursaries

and Fellowships, and enabled the college to maintain and enhance its buildings and grounds.

This year has been particularly special for me, since it began with the idea that, to mark my retirement, a graduate scholarship should be created in my name. Since my arrival, I have seen too many exceptional students abandon their studies because they simply cannot afford to continue, and as funding cuts continue to be felt most keenly in the Humanities and Social Sciences, the scholarship will assist outstanding graduate students in these disciplines. The response to the appeal has been overwhelming, and I can only thank you again for demonstrating your commitment to Trinity's graduate community.

As you know, the college's needs are manifold and whenever you have made a donation, whatever the amount or purpose, your support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. I close, therefore, with whole-hearted thanks and with the hope that you will continue to support the college in the future.

Ivor Roberts

Sir Ivor Roberts, President

The Director of Development writes about fundraising

Every year, there are three main areas for which the college seeks funding, and while the emphasis might change, in essence the priorities remain the same:

- Supporting students
- Supporting teaching and research
- Investing in buildings, facilities and services.

This year, total cash receipts stand at £1,433,239. Although some of this comes from substantial donations, a large proportion is, as ever, made up from gifts of a relatively modest size. I echo the President in expressing my gratitude for your gift, whatever the amount.

Supporting Students

2016-17	Total given	Number of donors
Bursaries & Scholarships	£349,858	145
Sir Ivor Roberts Graduate Scholarship	£298,034	348
Unrestricted gifts	£180,950	491
Sport, music, drama and other societies	£27,829	40
Access & Admissions	£9,578	39
Marshall Scholarships	£1,915	7
Academic Prizes and other awards	£200	1

The number of students who rely on bursaries and scholarships is growing and this is unlikely to change in the future, especially now that undergraduate tuition fees have been increased.

The focus of fundraising in 2016-17 has been on the graduate scholarship in the President's name and it has been exciting to watch as the appeal passed various targets and the number of donors continued to rise. It was especially heartening to find Old Members keen to sign the appeal letter. The impact of all donations to help students, whether individually or collectively through clubs and societies, can be felt throughout the college and our gratitude to the donors is immense.

Supporting Students: Undergraduates

Tanadet Pipatpolkai studied Biochemistry, a four-year undergraduate course; he has just completed his degree and obtained external funding to cover the cost of a DPhil. He writes:



Trinity supported me through much of my time as an undergraduate because during my second year, I faced a personal financial crisis. Alumni donors from Thailand, Singapore and the USA gave more than £40,000 in total and this enabled me to finish my degree, obtain a First and secure a full scholarship for a DPhil in Ion Channels and Disease.

In addition to these generous donations from Old Members, the college found other ways of helping me. I received the Titley Scholarship in Biochemistry and this, together with a Levine Bursary, helped to cover part of my international fees. The college also provided vacation grants and academic grants to support my research placements, for example at the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism, which has been the key inspiration for me.

I would like to thank the Fellows and Old Members who believed in me and kept on supporting me. Without your assistance, the last three years would have been impossible.

Supporting Students: Graduates

Katie Schulz is in the second year of a DPhil in Classical Language and Literature. She writes:

As the recipient of a graduate scholarship, I want to give my personal thanks to everyone who has supported Trinity. It was Trinity's offer of the Oxford-Pearson Graduate Scholarship for a DPhil in Classical Languages and Literature that enabled me to accept my place at Oxford.

Academically, my experience here has been second to none. I have been able to pursue my research within a distinguished Classics faculty and to make use of the wide array of resources available at Oxford. I have also found myself among a wonderfully warm Classics community at Trinity, where I hope to gain experience as a tutor next year. Thanks to Trinity's Lingen Fund, I was able to travel to Rome for a week in March to further enhance my studies on epiphany in Roman epic.

In addition to my studies, I have been able to sample some of the many activities available at Oxford. I play the cello in the Oxford University Orchestra, am actively involved in a chapel group, and rowed with Trinity's W1 crew. I also serve as the MCR's library representative, which has allowed me to work closely with Librarian Sharon Cure in anticipation of the Old Library's 600th anniversary. It has meant a lot to me that Trinity gives such encouragement to its graduate students to become involved in the life of the college.

I am constantly aware that I would not be able to pursue all these wonderful opportunities without the generous support I have been given here. It seems that everywhere I turn, I owe thanks to another college benefactor: first and foremost for my scholarship, but also for travel funds, for contributions toward teaching costs, library resources, and so much more. On that note, I would like to thank the college for its dedication to its graduate students, and all donors to the college for your generosity, on any scale. It is your support that helps to make Trinity such a vibrant community of scholars and makes experiences like mine possible.

Supporting Teaching and Research

2016-17	Total given	Number of donors
Spanish	£250,000	1
French	£108,471	1
Classics	£61,164	71
History	£31,525	39
Research	£26,200	2
JRF in Law	£25,000	1
Law	£5,800	4
Philosophy	£275	2

Donations towards the endowment of Fellowships in Classics and History have continued to come in this year and support for research has been considerable. The impact of donations for research is likely to become even more important as external funding is becoming increasingly hard to secure.

Efforts to safeguard the college's Fellowships continue in earnest. The final instalment of an extraordinarily generous donation to the Spanish Fellowship was received during the year, marking the fulfilment of a major funding goal. As reported last year, thanks to existing and pledged gifts, the future of Philosophy, French, and Law has also been secured, and further payments of these pledged gifts continue to be received.

The posts in Spanish, French, and Philosophy have been endowed through a combination of donations to Trinity and matched funding from the University Teaching Fund (an opportunity for collaboration that has now come to an end).

Supporting Teaching & Research

María del Pilar Blanco, Fellow and Tutor in Spanish since 2012, writes about the importance of securing posts:



My post in Spanish American Literature has been secured in perpetuity thanks to a significant donation from Peter Levine (1974), which has been matched by the University's Teaching Fund.

When I arrived in Oxford in 2012, I knew that it was immensely important to find a way to secure the legacy of colleagues who have touched many students' lives. Spanish American literary and cultural studies at Oxford have been booming in recent decades, and the University continues to build important links with cultural and governmental institutions in Latin America.

Spanish American literature is a worthy and exciting field of study, and Oxford is one of the best places in the world to protect and promote it.

As the immediate beneficiary of this extraordinary gift, I have a renewed sense of purpose at Trinity. I can focus on my students and my research without the worry that the future of Spanish American literary studies will be threatened. This gift, then, yields many and diverse dividends that are both personal and institutional. It's a forward-looking act of educational philanthropy, and I am so thankful for it.

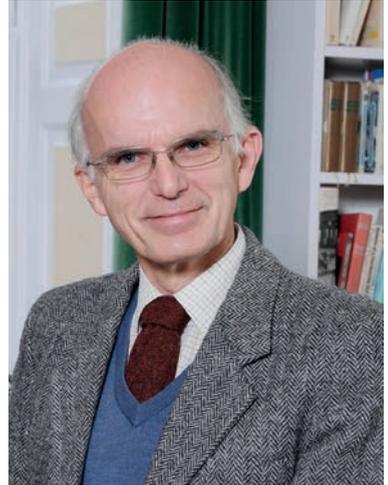
Supporting Teaching & Research

Jonathan Mallinson, the Caroline de Jager Fellow and Tutor in French, writes on the eve of his retirement:

Further generous support for the Caroline de Jager Fellowship in French brings us much closer to completing the endowment of this post. At a time of increasing financial stringency at both Faculty and Divisional level, this means quite simply and without exaggeration that these donations are protecting in perpetuity the teaching of French at Trinity.

Trinity has a very distinguished tradition in Modern Languages. It was one of the first colleges to appoint a tutor in Modern Languages after the war, and the Fellowship in French has been held by just two incumbents since its creation in 1952 – an eloquent reflexion of the college’s commitment to the subject and the quality of its students. The importance of teaching Modern Languages at the highest level could not be more pressing in these Brexit times. This financial support enabled Trinity and the Sub-Faculty of French to bid successfully for the release of the post earlier this year, and to appoint Professor Katherine Ibbett, an eminent scholar of Early Modern French, currently at University College London.

As I leave the post after 28 years, nothing gives me greater pleasure than to know that the teaching of French will be continued in this college, and with such distinction. On behalf of many future generations of Trinity Modern Linguists, I express my deepest gratitude to the donors.



Supporting Teaching & Research

Paul Fairchild, Fellow and Tutor in Medicine, writes about the importance of funding for research:



Whether from personal experience or the devastating effect it has had on a friend or family member, few of us can claim to be unaffected by the impact of cancer. Just such tragic circumstances led a Trinity alumnus to an extraordinary act of philanthropy, donating funds in memory of his late wife, in order to endow a graduate studentship devoted to studying the molecular and genetic basis of ovarian cancer.

In addition, he made a generous gift to help support on-going work in my own laboratory; this aims to develop a new approach to the treatment of cancer, using so-called pluripotent stem cells as a source of cell types from the immune system capable of attacking an established tumour.

His generosity has been transformative. By providing the necessary resources, his gift has enabled us to obtain critical 'proof of concept' data using cells from patients with forms of cancer for which no treatment is currently available. These data have greatly increased the value of patents we have filed on our technology, making them far more attractive to industrial sponsors. Indeed, we are currently in negotiation with various biotech companies with an interest in advancing our work to clinical trials and we have also embarked on an ambitious plan to establish a spin-out company to exploit our early findings for the benefit of those with little hope of alternative treatments.



Needless to say, I and the members of my laboratory will always be grateful for the foresight and generosity that have made this possible.

DPhil students from Paul Fairchild's laboratory culturing human stem cells.

Investing in Buildings, Facilities and Services

2016-17	Total given	Number of donors
Chapel	£24,449	42
New Building	£13,662	6
Gardens	£8,221	2
Library and associated projects	£4,132	22
Other infrastructure projects	£1,630	6
IT	£375	1

Although the refurbishment of the chapel was completed last year, the college has continued to receive donations for this work. In addition to donations for buildings, the largest legacy gift received this year was for the gardens.



The main college library, which is used by students throughout the year.

Looking ahead, the focus will soon shift to the new building, but the college also wishes to celebrate this year's 600th Anniversary of the Old Library by undertaking associated fundraising for the conservation of books and the fabric of the Old Library.

Investing in Buildings, Facilities and Services

Sharon Cure, Librarian, writes:

Donations to the Library are deeply appreciated and they make all the difference to the service the college provides.

Increasing demands on the Bodleian have resulted in a greater reliance on college libraries across Oxford in recent years. The college library is the students' first port of call, not only because it is on their doorstep, but because it is open twenty-four hours a day throughout the year, and books can be borrowed for longer periods than is usual in other libraries. What also makes this library popular is that if students ask for a particular book that is not in stock, I can respond quickly and, unless the title is very obscure, acquire it the next day.

While the Library subscribes to a large number of online journals and other electronic resources, it is interesting that there has been no decline in the use of books either in Trinity or across the collegiate University. Students still find it easier to work from books, and when they use online resources, they often choose to print the relevant pages.

The Library has, however, taken full advantage of technological advances in other respects. Trinity was the first college library to have any kind of commercial system for the self-issue of books; it relies on radio frequency ID and microchips to maintain security. In the last eighteen months, the service has expanded to allow for 'self return', which has been particularly helpful after exams, when the volume of returns is very high. At the same time, lighting has been improved, lockers purchased and eight extra desks added in the gallery.

Old Members and Friends have also been very kind in supporting the Old Library and, in this the year of its 600th anniversary, it will be the focus of further fundraising. Donations have already helped the college to repair and conserve books, classify collections and, importantly, produce a catalogue of Trinity's manuscripts, which will be available in Michaelmas term.

Thank you again to everyone who has supported the Library.

Investing in Buildings, Facilities and Services

Mandy Giles, Accommodation Manager and Assistant Domestic Bursar from January to June 2017, writes:

This summer promises to be an exceptionally busy one, as this is the time to undertake major work that would cause too much disruption during term. Some of the proposed work is on a large scale, including the replacement of the drains in Dolphin Yard. This, and the installation of a new boiler on Staircase 5, are essential for the day-to-day running of the college.

There are also major tasks to complete in the outside properties, including the refurbishment of four flats at Rawlinson Road and a Stanley Road flat, which alone costs £3,500. By the end of the summer, all the college's outside properties will have been refurbished within the last ten years. Equally important to students on



the main site is the replacement of curtains and carpets in rooms on staircases 5, 15 and 17, which will cost a total of £20,000. In addition, carpeting and redecoration of the Lower Library will cost £5,130.

Maintaining the college is a bit like painting the Forth Bridge and so we have a rolling programme of refurbishment. The donations received this year will help Trinity to undertake some of this work and we could not be more grateful for the support of those Old Members and Friends who have asked for their gifts to be directed towards projects relating to the fabric of the college.

Looking forward

Trinity is an educational charity (number 1143755) which has the twin objectives of advancing learning and research. It does this by providing teaching for undergraduate and graduate students, promoting research at every stage of an individual's career, and ensuring that the facilities, services and opportunities are in place to nurture the development of the student body. The college relies heavily on income from donations to realise these objectives.

As I have written before, the college faces a number of challenges. It is most important, therefore, that we continue to increase the amount raised each year and encourage Old Members and Friends to make an annual gift.

I would like to end this report with a message that, sometimes, we struggle to convey adequately, which is please do not underestimate your capacity to make a difference. Each gift to Trinity, whatever the amount, has a positive effect on College and we could not be more grateful to those Old Members and Friends who choose to support us.

Thank you again to everyone who has made a gift in 2016-17.

Sue Broers
Director of Development
August 2017



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