Queens’ is proud to be the top Cambridge college for philanthropic income for the second year in a row. This has enabled us to move forward as a college despite the detrimental impact of the pandemic.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors, so we would like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who contributed. In supporting Queens’, you are investing in the future and the lives of thousands of students.

The University-wide data showed that:

- In the last financial year, we raised almost £16 million.
- 14% of alumni help us, whereas the average participation in other Colleges is 10%.
- There has been a marked increase in legacy pledges across all colleges.

We are continuously enhancing our intellectual society and encouraging academic curiosity. However, one third of the total population of students approach the College for financial help. With your contributions, we can continue to provide transformational research and educational opportunities to a wider set of students.

University campaign goal reached

The Dear World... Yours, Cambridge campaign has reached its target goal of £2 billion, and all Queens’ donors have contributed to completing this milestone.

The campaign was launched in 2015 to solve the challenges we face in today’s world and announced its completion earlier this year. Donations have contributed towards research, teaching, bursaries, scholarships, and provided support to all areas across the University. This is a great achievement for philanthropy at Cambridge to allow us to continue providing the best teaching and to attract and foster the brightest academics.

Any gift given to Queens’ Student Support has been doubled from a central University fund to boost undergraduate bursaries across Cambridge. If you are a first-time or lapsed donor, and have made a gift towards general student support, subject funds, studentships, bursaries, prizes, travel grants, sports funds, and clubs and societies, then your donation has been doubled. This means that not only has your gift made a significant impact at Queens’, but also has supported students in the greatest need across Cambridge.
Chapel Font

The Chapel has been presented with a new font thanks to the kindness and generosity of Dr Felicity Barnes and Michael Whitehead, parents of alumna, Hope Whitehead (2016).

Historically, members of colleges would have been baptised in their parish churches long before they matriculated; thus fonts are not usually found in college chapels. However, in recent years Christenings in our Chapel have become more frequent and now current members of the College and their children will be able to use the font rather than the Fellows’ Punch Bowl which used to be repurposed as a makeshift vessel for this Rite of Passage. The new font was made by Mr Nick Clarke, a cabinet maker based in Herefordshire, using oak from his local area. It picks up details from Bodley’s Chapel; most notable are the figures of St Bernard with his bees and St Margaret with her slain dragon. The lid of the font bears the College crest and the inscription around the top is taken from John 10:10 and reads ‘I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.’ — Max Bayliss (Chaplain).

Faith Centre

Queens’ is the first Cambridge college to open a Faith Centre, a multi-faith space available to all students and groups, thanks to generous donations.

There are dedicated areas to facilitate a safe space for interfaith dialogue. Provided is a kitchen with Kosher options for Jewish students to cook and engage with their culture, a meditation space for Buddhists, and a casual area with sofas for all religious groups to feel comfortable to gather and socialise.

We are hoping to facilitate an area for worship, such as offering prayer mats for Islamic Prayers. We will also be able to host events and invite chaplains from different faiths to come and lead sessions that all students, staff and Fellows are welcome to join.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Nick and Allison Knight for all their support. Their generosity has made such a difference to my ability to pursue my research MPhil this year and I cannot thank them enough! The past few years at Queens’ have been overwhelmingly positive and the opportunity to continue to postgraduate study is one I am incredibly grateful for. The effects of postgraduate funding are far-reaching. Such funding not only has the potential to remove or reduce financial concerns but, in doing so, allows access to experiences that would not otherwise be possible – both within and beyond academic study. Continuing to reduce these barriers has a transformational impact for current and prospective Queens’ students, which is difficult to fully capture in words. Thank you to everyone who, like Nick and Allison, make it possible!”

Abi Smith (2018)
Queens’ is hosting its inaugural Giving Day on 27th-28th April 2022.

We hope this will be a transformational day of giving and support, but also allow the community to come together and celebrate all that is Queens’. 

What is Queens’ Giving Day?
A single 36-hour digital giving initiative in which we ask the entire Queens’ global community to come together to support our students and celebrate our College.

We hope to communicate the importance of donating, delivered by current and former students who have experience with being beneficiaries of relevant funds. Most importantly, we want our supporters to feel engaged. We will also be asking for alumni to share their stories with us and reflect on their time at Queens’.

Why is it different from any other day?
All gifts, of every size, will make a difference. With thousands to unlock in matched and challenge funds, gifts go even further than usual. All gifts, of whatever size, add up and make a significant difference.

Having a large number of donors encourages others to support us too, so we would love as many members of our community to participate in Queens’ Giving Day as possible.

How can I make my gift?
We’d love you to join in on 27-28 April, but we understand that your schedule might not allow you to participate during the Giving Day itself.

There are several ways to make your gift, whether you’d like to give on the day or before it:

**During the Giving Day** (27-28 April)
Online: through our Queens’ Giving Day platform queensgivingday.queens.cam.ac.uk

**Before the Giving Day**
If you would like to make an early gift to Queens’ Giving Day, the best way to do this is online through our Queens’ Giving Day platform queensgivingday.queens.cam.ac.uk.

If you cannot give online, you can still give early by post. Cheques made out to Queens’ College can be sent to The Development Office, Queens’ College, Cambridge, CB3 9ET.

Please be sure to indicate that your gift should support ‘Queens’ Giving Day’.

Our projects will still be open to accept donations after Giving Day.

Tell us what “Queens’ Means” to you
We will be sharing what Queens’ means to our staff, Fellows, and you, our alumni. We’ll be asking members to share what “Queens’ Means” to them by sharing a photo, moment or story. If there’s a story for you that springs to mind, it would be wonderful if you could share a short video clip or quote. Email your stories to communications@queens.cam.ac.uk
Our focus is to provide support for our students, whether that be through a subject fund that delivers expenses for research, by widening access for prospective undergraduate and postgraduate students, or providing support for the mental and physical wellbeing of current students.

These are the projects we will be raising money for this Giving Day:

**The Alexander Crummell Scholarships for Master’s students**

Many students at the postgraduate level find there are limited provisions to financially assist them meaning that they will often need to fund themselves. The Alexander Crummell Scholarships cover the course and maintenance fees, allowing students to focus on their studies without needing a part-time job to cover the cost of living. The College has created eight Scholarships for Master’s students from non-traditional backgrounds. Our hope is to expand on these Scholarships further to create an established community of Scholars with shared experiences.

**The Mairi Hurrell Fund**

The Mairi Hurrell Fund was established during the Covid-19 crisis to give students support with their mental and physical wellbeing. The effects of the pandemic are still ongoing, and students require sufficient access to welfare more than ever before. Donations can help provide funds for students who require treatment and counselling, such as EMDR therapy for those suffering from previous traumas, assessments for ADHD diagnosis and adjustments, and reclaim a sense of community by providing overall welfare to students.

**Access & Outreach**

Queens’ is dedicated to admitting students based on academic potential, irrespective of background. Factors such as socio-economic background, school ranking, or financial pressures can prevent students from realising their potential for higher education. Over the last ten years, the College has worked with primary and secondary school students to provide support for applications and interview preparation, remove common misconceptions to inspire them to come to Cambridge. By levelling the playing field, we’re allowing people who can achieve great things to have access to Queens’ no matter what.

**The Nourhan Nassar Fund**

Nourhan Nassar (2019) was a beloved member of the College who unexpectedly passed away in December 2019 while studying for her Master’s. In her memory, Nourhan’s friends are establishing a subject fund for Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (AMES), supported by Nourhan’s family and Queens’ Fellows. This will fund future generations of students undertaking research related to AMES, covering educational material, fieldwork, related travel expenses and participation in conferences.

**The Unrestricted Fund**

Queens’ continues to be led by our mission to provide transformational research and educational opportunities to a wider set of students. Over 300 students, which is one third of the population and 60% of undergrads, come to us for help. Financial support and unrestricted donations allow the College the flexibility to deal with issues as they arise.
A Sporting Chance

Our endowed sports bursaries contribute to costs incurred when participating in elite-level sport, such as when students are representing the University. These have recently been augmented to try to cover sporting expenses at all levels, such as equipment, kit, travel to matches, and larger club subscriptions.

The bursaries available so far are:

- The Richard Hargreaves Sports Bursary, named after Dr Richard Hargreaves (1964)
- The Lill Award, named after Andrew Lill (1989)
- The Mike Turner Sports Bursary, named after the late Dr Mike Turner (1959)
- The Eleanor Duck Sports Bursary, named after Eleanor Duck (2013) and endowed by Jonathan Duck (1979)
- The Alexandra Stout Sports Bursary, named after Alex Stout (1995)
- The George Band Sports Bursary, named after the late George Band, OBE (1949)
- The Griffin Sports Bursary, named after Dr Elaine Griffin (1983)

Not only does joining a team promote fitness and health, but it also helps reduce stress, fosters good mental health, and allows students to make connections that they will take away with them after graduating. The students who have received awards for 2021-22 have been able to take part because of the generosity of these donations.

Recipient of a Richard Hargreaves Sports Bursary.

Elizabeth Neri (2020)

Elizabeth is a second-year student studying Clinical Medicine. She currently plays for Cambridge University Women’s Basketball Club and competed in the winning Blues team at Varsity.

“Receiving this bursary really does mean a lot. Studying Medicine alongside pursuing Blues-level sport at times can be hard, this donation honestly has given me one less thing to worry about. Basketball is such a big part of my life and I am grateful that this has helped me to take part at a university level.”

Recipient of a Mike Turner Sports Bursary.

Flynn Ryan (2021)

Flynn is a first-year student studying Mathematics who swims Blues for the University Swimming and Water Polo Club.

“This bursary helped me fund a week-long training camp in Lanzarote as part of the Blues Swimming team. My swimming has benefitted a great deal from taking part in the camp and has been a great start to my preparation to compete in Varsity in 200m and 400m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly. I would like to give my thanks to the generosity of the donors of this award for providing me with this opportunity.”

Recipient of a Eleanor Duck Sports Bursary.

Mia Griso Dryer (2021)

Mia joined Queens’ in October and had never boxed before. She competed in her first fight at Town vs Gown at West Road Concert Hall in January.

“I’m a first-year English student at Queens’ and a member of the Blues boxing team. Having not boxed before starting university, I recently took part in my first bout for CUABC at the Dagenham Boxing Club Show and won by unanimous decision. I am grateful to have received the Eleanor Duck Sports Bursary, which allowed me to fully commit to training at least six times a week, and to access necessary equipment.”
Polly Hipkiss (2020)
Recipient of the Griffin Sports Bursary. Polly is a second-year Bio Nat Sci student. She currently plays for the University Women’s Eagles in football and played for the victorious Tigers XV at Varsity.

“I am grateful and honoured to be a recipient of the Griffin Sports Bursary this year. Last year I played for the Women’s Blues football team and this year I am playing on the 2nd teams for football and rugby. Taking up rugby again has been a great decision and I’m really enjoying playing both sports – especially the fact that BUCS has gone ahead this season after previously being cancelled due to COVID. I’ll be using the sports bursary to contribute to my kit and subs to both clubs.”

Moritz J. Przybilla (2020)
Recipient of the Mike Turner Sports Bursary. Moritz is a second-year PhD student studying Biological Sciences at the Wellcome Sanger Institute.

“I am very honoured to receive the Mike Turner Sports Bursary this academic year. As a PhD student starting at Queens’ during the pandemic, I am amazingly grateful for the tremendous help students receive. While it was hard to establish new friendships during the initial time, mainly due to limited contact and social distancing, football gave me a way to engage with students within and outside of Queens’. Helping me to pursue this sport and representing the University is a great honour. I want to say a big thank you for your contribution, for allowing me to participate in the sport that I’ve loved since my early childhood, and for enabling me to integrate into the University community.”

Freddie Markanday (2017)
Recipient of the Richard Hargreaves Sports Bursary. Freddie is studying for his PhD in Materials Sciences. He is a keen rower, the previous Men’s Captain of the College Boat Club and rowed for the winning Lightweight Men’s Boat in March.

“This year I was selected for the Lightweight Men’s Blue Boat and have been made a conditional full Blue as of this year. The bursary has also personally helped me to overcome recent back and rib injuries by funding my physiotherapy. As one of the older athletes in the squad, I have started to feel my age a bit and some niggles have come up, but I was able to receive specialist cryotherapy treatment thanks to this bursary. Thank you very much for your support, I am incredibly grateful for your generosity.”

Kazimir Uzwyshyn-Jones (2018)
Recipient of the George Band Sports Bursary. Kazimir is a fourth-year student studying Biochemistry. He currently swims for the University’s first team. Last year, he raced relay across the English Channel against Oxford.

“I am immensely thankful for being awarded the George Band Sports Bursary. I used this bursary towards funding a swimming camp in Lanzarote over the Christmas Holiday. The days were typically broken into two swims, from 7am-9am and 2pm-4pm, and an afternoon gym session from 4pm-5pm. In the adjacent lanes were the German and Spanish National Teams as well as the University of Oxford! I will cherish this unique opportunity and I am very grateful to this fund.”