

DONOR REPORT **2023**





Message from the Master

I am delighted to give an update on College news, and thank all of our donors and supporters for an incredible year in terms of support for our campaign.

When the 22/23 academic year kicked off, we highlighted the important anniversary, that Churchill was the first formerly male College to elect to admit women, in 1969, as well as being in the group of Colleges that admitted female undergraduates fifty years ago. We held a number of special events to mark this momentous anniversary. This started with a panel discussion at the Association weekend in September 2022, featuring Lesley Knox (U72), one of the first women undergraduates and Alison Finch one of the first female Fellows. After dinner we heard from Fellow Professor Giovanna Malucci, as a female scientist who was director of the UK Dementia Research Institute.

I also hosted a discussion on Women in Science at the Royal Society with some of our leading Fellows of the Royal Society, two of whom were undergraduates here, which was kindly sponsored by several alumni including Lesley Knox. In a lively discussion we agreed that though there have been a huge number of advances, there is still much to be done in terms of advancing women in scientific fields. All speakers mentioned that they were aware when they came to the College (or their other institutions) that they were in a minority as women scientists, and that they were not always supported by colleagues in the same way that male peers would have been. As part of the anniversary we have had an emphasis on promoting

a Women in STEM Bursary Fund. This was one of the features of our second Giving day, which raised over £145,000 for the College particularly for unrestricted funds and student support. I feel so strongly about the loss of women's talent from the STEM talent pool that I have written a book (*Not Just for the Boys: Why we Need More Women in Science*), published by OUP in May 2023.

Supporting students is one of the cornerstones of the Think Forward Campaign, which was launched in 2020 and since then has raised over £14 million for the College. The campaign aims to increase the College's endowment to £200 million by 2030. So far, the endowment has increased, thanks to donations and investment returns, to over £138 million.

As well as funding large numbers of undergraduate bursaries, through initiatives such as the Giving Day and telethon collectively, we have other specific funds to support students where I have had the satisfaction of seeing how transformative donating can be for recipients of funding. You can read about some of these beneficiaries in this report, none of whom would have had support without substantial financial gifts from alumni and friends of the College.

An example of how donations really can make an impact is the Stuart Warren Studentship Fund. In 2020 we asked

students of Dr Warren, a former DoS for Chemistry, to contribute to a studentship in his memory. Thanks to the support we were able to fund Choonzo Chiyumba (G22), who is originally from Zambia, to come to College for her PhD in Chemistry. We have long-term ambitions to endow the studentship as a memorial to Stuart, and it will greatly complement our Southern African Studentship fund which is funded by Fellows and students of the College.

Thanks to major support from Greg Lock (U66) we have expanded our reach to our engineering community. Greg's innovative approach was to fund a Churchill CORE (Community, Outreach and Recruitment) Fellow in Engineering. We were delighted to welcome Dr Rachel Thorley as the first CORE Fellow. Thanks to two alumni, Mike Gascoyne (U&G82) and Malcolm Brinded (U71), we have also had support for a scheme to support engineering students, one with an engineering leadership academy, the other with a funded Africa Prize internship, as well as renewed support for the College's Enterprise Competition. Most recently, Rachel and Engineering Fellow Dr Dongfang Liang secured a grant of £30,000 from the Royal Academy of Engineering through their 'Ingenious' grant funding programme to deliver a new outreach project called 'Living laboratory: climate action'.

We believe this work will also greatly complement the Bill Brown Creative Workshops, the building of which is well underway at the front of College thanks to an immense amount of support from alumni. We are looking forward to seeing what initiatives and designs may emerge from under its roof!

We have recently returned from a trip to the USA and it was great to meet so many alumni and supporters again, in San Francisco, New York and Boston. At some events we partnered with the

Winston Churchill Foundation of the US. Together with them we marked sixty years since the first Churchill Scholars came up. The Foundation now funds eighteen Masters students each year, and they're always brilliant.

Thankfully, we have the stability of funding from philanthropy via our endowment. During the pandemic years, many of our donors and supporters kindly donated to the Covid Contingency Fund – this fund has given the College financial stability to continue to support students and provide the services even though we lost our conference and rental income. It meant that we didn't have to draw down to reduce our capital and were able to preserve the endowment for our future to guarantee that income funds education.

Reflecting on this penultimate year of my tenure as Master, it is great to see that there have been many positive changes – in our gender balance, up from 27% female to 50%, in the accommodation we can offer, in support for postgraduates and the continuation of the Winston Churchill Top Up Bursary scheme, alongside other named bursary funds and an investment to sustainability by creating a greener campus.

The College community, its Fellowship and I value your help in the contribution this College makes to educating talented students, regardless of their socio-economic background. That these students will go on to make a difference to the world, is at the heart of our Founder's vision and this College.

Little of this would have been achieved without your support: to quote Sir Winston 'You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give'. Thank you all again.

Professor Dame Athene Donald DBE, FRS
Master

College Finances

July 2021 – June 2022

	INCOME (£ thousands)		
	2022	2021	2020
College Operating Income	£5,124	£3,920	£3,939
Investment Income	£4,471	£4,200	£4,037
Donations and Gifts	£4,306	£2,038	£3,574
Educational Fee Income	£3,890	£3,833	£3,663
Commercial Income	£744	£68	£2,199
Archives Income	£560	£548	£603
Income from Subsidiaries	£0	£385	£1,099
Total Income & Receipts	£19,105	£14,992	£19,114

As hoped, students were able to be in College throughout the year with most internal activities able to resume by the summer term. The ongoing uncertainty due to the Omicron variant across winter 2021/22 meant that commercial bookings for Easter were delayed as were many for summer 2022. The financial effect of this,

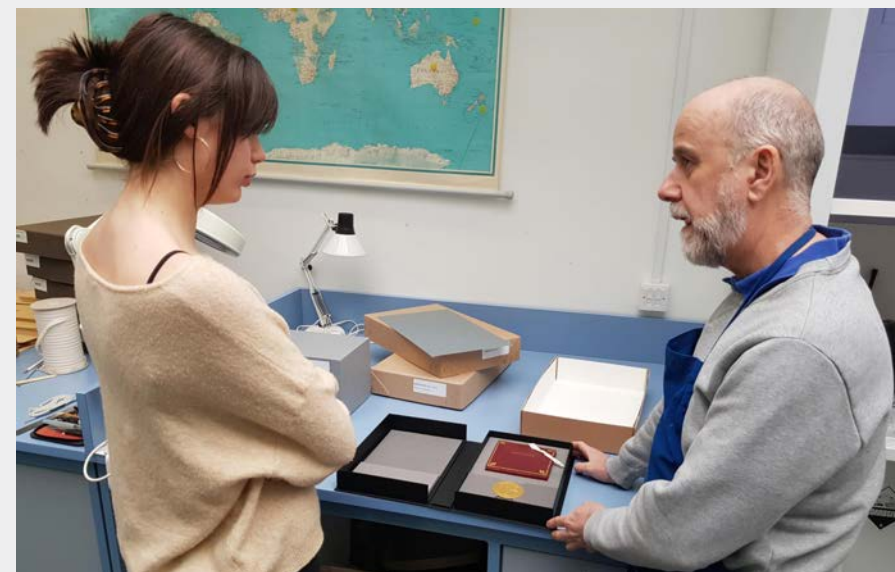
together with the economic turmoil caused by the war in Ukraine and the global energy crisis, combined to have a significant effect on the College's finances. The most significant variation is the diminution in the value of the College's equity investments. However, this does not have an immediate effect on income or the College's cashflow.



Investment Performance

The College's Amalgamated Investment Fund (AIF), which makes up over 90% of the College's investments, delivered a negative total return of 5.84% compared with a positive return of 20.8% the previous year. This reflects the turmoil in the World economy with recession fears following the pandemic and the war's impact on

supplies and the price of utilities. The return is slightly below the College's benchmark return for the year of -2.72%. New funds of £1.7m were invested in the Amalgamated Investment Fund during the year, made up of new donations and unspent income held in restricted funds. £0.3m funds were withdrawn during the year.



Archives Centre

The year 2021-22 saw the renewal of the Centre's accredited status with the National Archives. The number of in-person visits to the Archives Centre was inevitably impacted by the pandemic, but the Centre still accommodated 294 unique research visits, including some 237 new readers, and issued 7,993 files. In addition, there were 60 new accessions to the collections, including Anthony Hewish's Nobel Prize medal and A.V. Hill's Nobel citation.

The Churchill Acquired Papers, the archive of Sir James and Agnes Headlam-Morley and some additional Michael Young diaries were all catalogued.

The Centre hosted 32 online or in-person events, including a three-day conference on Keeping and Making Diaries and the Stephen Roskill Memorial Lecture, which was delivered by Professor Njabulo Ndebele (U73).

How has your money been spent?

College spending in the 2021-2022 financial year



£401k for undergraduate student bursaries



121 undergraduate students received a Cambridge Bursary



£2.8m of the Colleges own resources to subsidise the provision of education



£15k spent on travel and other grants to undergraduates



£30k spent on undergraduate scholarships and prizes



£60k to fund clubs and societies



7 students received a Summer Opportunities Bursary



£619k spent on postgraduate studentships



£17k spent on hardship grants to postgraduates

Expenditure

Student Support

Scholarship and bursaries including hardship funds expenditure increased by 7%, (a total of £74k) to £1.1m. Postgraduate studentship and hardship expenditure increased by £80k to £634K and this is mostly funded from restricted funds and with the support of the Cambridge Trusts. Undergraduate bursaries support amounted to £401k and expenditure on travel and conference grants increased to £34k, from just £7k in 2020/21.

Capital Expenditure

The College spent more than £1m on repairing and maintaining its operational buildings and grounds, and a further £3.2m was capitalised. Most of the capital expenditure was on buildings.

Major projects undertaken in 2021-22 included:

- refurbishments of 70 and 72 Storey's Way
- North Court roof and window improvements
- West Court roof
- Sheppard Flat renovations
- Solar panel installations
- Website replacement



Energy costs and sustainability

The Green Impact Project for Churchill College was awarded a Platinum (top) award for the fifth year in a row. The College has achieved its goal of sending no non-hazardous material to landfill this year, re-eliminated use of single-use plastic and reduced chemical cleaning products by 20%. The College generates over 100 tonnes of waste a year which is entirely either recycled or used to produce power and a new compactor has enabled a four-fold reduction in waste collection.

72 Storey's Way was refurbished during the year and all natural gas has been removed, heating now being provided by air source heat pumps and solar panels providing electricity. Solar panels have been installed on North Court and the College now generates a seventh of its electricity usage through solar power on site.

Biodiversity improvements continue to be implemented across the College site. The beehives have flourished this year producing 180 jars of honey, which are being sold in College. An additional acre of planting includes wildflowers and native bulbs planting. Asphalt and cement-based roofs are being replaced with "green" roofs and the College has received bronze Hedgehog Friendly Campus accreditation for the first time.

The College considers environmental sustainability as part of all its forward thinking and long-term investment.



Donations Received 2021-22

The table below lists the total amount of donations received into just some of the many funds available to support at Churchill.

Fund	Total
Annual Fund	£32,542
Boat Club	£37,340
Creative Workshops	£702,048
Foreseeable Hardship Fund	£160,330
Friends of the Archives Centre	£43,028
Southern African Bursary	£9,344
Student Support Fund	£238,596
Summer Opportunities Fund	£24,369
Think Forward Fund	£192,936
Tizard Opportunities Fund	£6,516
Winston Churchill Top Up Bursary Fund	£120,852

The turbulent economic outlook continues to provide significant uncertainty for the College's finances. This challenging situation is likely to endure for the foreseeable future and we may have to adapt our expectations of what can be achieved.

Fortunately, the College is in a strong financial position and can look forward positively to the continuing challenges ahead. With the ongoing support of our donors and the constructive attitude of students, staff, and the Fellowship, we are confident that the College will successfully weather this turbulent economy.

Donations in the year totalled £4.3m, compared with £2m last year. We would like to thank everyone that has supported the College.

Our donor community

2,400 donors

262 more donors than previous year

537 donors made their first gift

65 countries represented by donors

227 alumni donating for 10+ years

13 alumni donating for 20+ years

1963 year group with highest % participation for giving



Donors enjoying the exclusive biennial Donor Garden Party in July 2022

Donor Recognition Circles

We have a variety of giving circles at Churchill to recognise significant philanthropic commitment to the College. Members enjoy various benefits based on their circle including special event invitations and College Fellowship rights. To find out more, get in touch with the Development Team (development@chu.cam.ac.uk).

Winston S Churchill 1958 Society (planned legacy gift)	90 legators
Oak Circle (£10,000+ in preceding 5 years)	94 donors
Patrons' Circle (£25,000+ in preceding 5 years)	49 donors
Master's Circle (£100,000+ in preceding 10 years)	38 donors
Benefactors' Circle (£500,000+ in lifetime)	16 donors
Benefactor Fellow (£1million+ in lifetime)	5 Fellows
Winston S Churchill Fellow (£5million+ in lifetime)	1 Fellow

Think Forward Campaign Update



The Think Forward campaign focuses on the College and its people, aiming to raise £6million a year to support future students, researchers and the sustainability of all the College's operations by increasing our endowment. Over £12million has now been raised towards the Think Forward campaign since its soft launch in late 2020, with over £4.5million of this during the 2021/22 financial year.

Embracing digital fundraising, our first-ever Giving Day 'ChuGives' was held in March 2022. During this 36-hour period our entire community of alumni, students, Fellows and staff were encouraged to join together, from all over the world, to celebrate the best of the College and support key projects benefiting Churchill students. 110 people chose to make their first gift to Churchill College as part of Giving Day and, reflecting the College's diverse, international population, gifts came from donors living in 27 different countries.

With the support of more than 400 donors, over £240,000 was raised for the priority projects in the Think Forward campaign,

including over £73,000 for student support and almost £20,000 for the College's endowment. Additional support was raised for The Bill Brown Creative Workshops and building work is well underway to convert the College's old oil stores. We look forward to updating you about this exciting space for innovative interdisciplinary projects in next year's Donor Report. The impact of the incredible response to the launch of the Summer Opportunities Fund during Giving Day is highlighted on pages 10 and 11.

Forming part of our 60th anniversary celebrations, ChuGives celebrated all things 'Churchill College' including of



course the Churchill ducks. Quackson provided alumni with the opportunity to reminisce about being in Cambridge as the College community submitted requests for him to visit their favourite student haunts around town.



Each and every gift is appreciated and appeals like Giving Day really do show the impact made possible by your combined generosity. Potential donors are significantly encouraged to make a gift when they know that their donation will unlock match funding, and so a special thank you goes to those donors who have made exceptional matching gifts for the College's fundraising appeals this year. If you have not yet been approached

by the Development team and have the capacity and desire to make a significant philanthropic donation to help future Giving Days or telethons, please do contact Fran Malarée, Development Director, about offering match funding.

By the time this Donor Report is published, the College's second Giving Day will have taken place (8-9 March 2023). As well as introducing a fund to reduce the sizeable gulf between international and home fees for EU students, it will seek to grow the Women in Science Bursary Fund as we mark 50 years of Women at Churchill, and build on last year's launch of the Summer Opportunities Fund.



IMPACT OF GIVING

Summer Opportunities Fund

The Summer Opportunities Fund allows the College to support undergraduate students to access research projects without incurring additional debt, affording them the chance to develop their lab skills and cultivate a passion that they might have towards research. As they add experience to their CV, they can expand their network of contacts by working as part of a team on a research project as part of a team and explore something that they may later pursue as a career.

Summer Opportunities are all about exploring beyond the curriculum. For example, unlike undergraduate labs, summer projects enable students to learn the skills of investigating unknown reactions without knowing what is going to happen. The freedom to control exactly how to apply the techniques learnt during practicals and to develop the skills of building their own experiments is very different to anything undergraduate students experience as part of their formal studies.

The generosity of donors to this fund meant that seven students were supported to take up summer placements in 2022 without the worry of funding their accommodation and living expenses, and of course those who undertook projects in Cambridge could benefit from the comfort and familiarity of College

It was not only science-based projects that were undertaken. Dr Rita Monson, Senior Tutor, was impressed by the variety of projects proposed by the student applicants last summer.



“Experience, such as summer lab placements, work in archives or internships remain extremely important... It will remain my focus to continue striving to make sure that all of our students have these types of opportunities moving forward and are able to launch themselves into their lives beyond Churchill in the strongest possible position.”

Amro Ibrahim (U20) spent eight weeks completing both bioinformatics and wet lab work at Addenbrooke's hospital researching sequences that are sensitive and specific to celiac disease.



“Contributing to science in a tangible manner that could affect future research and maybe even treatments was extremely enjoyable to me.”

Not only does the experience and confidence gained during these eight weeks positively impact their continuing undergraduate studies, but the opportunity to try out real-world research also has the potential to shape the future career trajectories of participants.



Anca-Luiza Cotirlan (U19) After working in a bio-organic lab making ruthenium complexes with ligands and analysing their properties to discover their potential as catalysts, Anca is hoping to embark on a PhD after graduation, which is also of course dependent on her securing funding.

“I knew I wanted to do research, but I wasn't entirely sure if I wanted it to be in a lab or if I wanted to go into more field research or something computational, so I think this really helped me identify what

part of chemistry I like and what type of synthesis I want to do in the future. This summer project gave me confidence that I am in the right place and I have the right skills to be a great researcher.”

We are extremely grateful to the donors who supported the Summer Opportunities Fund during the past year. By donating to a fund like this, your gift has a wider-reaching, longer-lasting impact than just the eight weeks of the summer project.

“It changes potentially the entire course of a student's life when they start doing research, let's say a year earlier for example, and realise that they love it and then in the future, as a result of that, [they] might help millions of people.” (Amro)

Hannah Clarke (U19) investigated RIFIN binding to LILRB1 at the Higgins Lab, University of Oxford.

“With the financial support of the bursary, I had the option to choose a summer placement in a highly regarded lab working on host-parasite interactions. This has boosted my practical experience, allowing me to gain many new skills and increasing my confidence in the lab. Beginning my masters, I value having worked alongside a highly motivated postdoc in a great lab, providing the opportunity to develop further professional contacts in the field I intend to work in. Thank you!”



Thank you for your generous support of the Summer Opportunities Fund.

Churchill College Boat Club

The College held a special dinner in June 2022 to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Canon Duckworth's founding of Churchill College Boat Club (CCBC) and remember the contribution many alumni, Fellows and friends of the College have made to the Club over the years. The alumni and students in attendance celebrated quite a few other achievements – though not the best campaign for the first men and women's boats, the first women are still high up in the top division. The second women went up seven places, in the new boat Robert Fulton (by far the most successful boat on the river for CCBC this year) so were awarded blades.



We also raised awareness of the need to raise more funds for the CCBC endowment so that students can row without having to find funds to do it – with a higher state school intake than other colleges we would like to encourage all students to try rowing without being out of pocket.

CCBC is very grateful to MathWorks, its sponsor, and to the outgoing President, Sue Brown (G83) who has been President

since 2005 and committed time and energy to the Club, as well as much coaching. We also thanked Kieran Heal (U16 and G20), a true stalwart of the Club and College having held many different positions in the College JCR, MCR and CCBC committees over the years as outgoing Overall Captain.



In September 2022, during Association Weekend, CCBC members past and present gathered at the Combined Colleges Boathouse for the boat naming of a new women's IV, The Lorna Montgomerie. The boat was bought and named in memory of Lorna Montgomerie (U72) who sadly died in 2019. Lorna was one of the first thirty women to matriculate into Churchill College when it first accepted women in 1972, and in 1974 she was the College's first rowing blue, along with Helen Ilieve (U72), when Cambridge beat Oxford.

The majority of the funding for the new boat was generously donated by Lorna's friends, the rest being made up by general CCBC donations. After speeches from the Master, Helen Ilieve (U72) and Lauren Price

(U21, CCBC President), the boat was named by John Anderson (U73) to commemorate his late wife. Their children Neil and Ruth were present alongside many of Lorna's friends and current members of CCBC.



The College is extremely proud to have two students in the University's prestigious rowing programme and hopefully many of you will have enjoyed watching their success in the victorious Blondie crew in the 2023 Gemini Boat Race this March. A particular thank you to everyone who made an additional gift to help the College support these two talented rowers to fund their training. You can read more about third year NatSci student Iris Powell (U20) and MPhil Biotechnology student Nicky Wojtania (G22) on our website: <https://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/news/news-and-events/a-stroke-of-sporting-excellence-from-churchill-college-rowers/>



It is fantastic that so many students are given the opportunity to develop a passion for rowing through CCBC, and with such a fantastic club, it is no wonder that

many alumni continue to row long after graduating. One such alumna is Sarah Carlotti (U14). Having learnt to row at Churchill, she is now with Thames Rowing Club and won the Wargrave Challenge Cup at the 2022 Henley Royal Regatta. As a student she had been one of the spare pair for the Boat Race in 2018 and was part of the Churchill W1 who ended up 9th on the river in May Bumps 2018.

And so to name just a few highlights, CCBC continues to inspire the current generation of Churchillians on the Cam. In December 2022, NW1 and NW2 had great results at Emma Sprints. NW1 came 2nd overall in their division, beating Wolfson NW1, Newnham NW1, and Emma NW1, but lost to Caius NW1 in the final. NW2 beat Homerton NW2, but lost to Murray Edwards NW2 due to a disqualification (however our NW2 were first over the finish line with a quarter boat length between them).

February's Bedford Head was an opportunity for M1 to show off some powerful rowing on the 1.6km course, winning double pots over both events, and then in March's Getting On Race Churchill W3 qualified for Lent Bumps for the first time ever. The snow and flooding didn't dampen spirits, with plenty of bumping for all crews in the 2023 Lent Bumps.

It is thanks to the generous support of our donors that all students have the opportunity to try rowing with CCBC regardless of their financial background, and that the College has been able to build such a successful CCBC over the past sixty years. Thank you for your continuing support of the Boat Club.

The MCR's Super Short Summaries Competition

Churchill MCR's two-minute thesis competition, Super Short Summaries, was held on 19 November 2022 in the Wolfson Hall. With your support, thanks to an overwhelming response to our appeal for donations, a range of financial prizes could be offered.

First prize:

The Raymond (U64) and Susan Williams Prize £175

Runner up:

The IV men's crew at 1969 May Bumps and Bevyn Jarrott (G66) Prize £100

Runner up:

The Rosie Johnston (U73) Prize £100

People's Choice award:

The Audrey Canning (U75) Prize £100

Eleven of the College's postgraduate students, ten PhD and one Masters student, explained their research in just two minutes, with the help of one slide with no animations. Presenters explained what their research was about, why it was interesting, and what they had found. Since the event was aimed at a general audience, they were also asked to explain terminology, and avoid jargon. The eleven talks covered a fascinating variety of research subjects from Multidisciplinary Gender Studies to Polar Science and Linguistics.

"Hearing about the diverse range of research that Churchill PhD and Masters students are carrying out was both exciting and inspiring. Events like these that bring together our hugely talented postgraduate students and Fellows are vital to the dynamic and collaborative atmosphere at Churchill College."

Dr Mairi Kilkenny
Senior Postgraduate Tutor

As well as providing a way of connecting the academic research community at the College, both MCR and SCR, and to enable the wider Churchill community to find out more about the research that our community of postgraduates are conducting, this competition also provides an important opportunity for skills development.

"Communicating your research in an accessible way is an important skill to have, however it can be really challenging to do. This competition provides an opportunity for the postgraduates to practise this skill."

Lorrie Jacob (G21)
MCR Academic Officer



The talks were judged by a panel comprising the Master, Professor Dame Athene Donald, the Senior Tutor, Dr Rita Monson, the Senior Postgraduate Tutor, Dr Mairi Kilkenny, and the MCR president, Michaela Taylor-Williams (G19). The audience were invited to vote for their favourite presenter to decide the People's Choice Award, and the quality of presentations was such that an extra Runner up award was funded by the judges.

Runner up prizes were awarded to: Belquis Haider (G21), a second year PhD Student in Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, for her talk on interacting with brains using microtunnels and mini-fitbits to understand how memories get lost in Alzheimers Disease; Gunnar Felix Lange (G19), a fourth year PhD Student in Physics, for his talk using the concept of quantum donuts to explain his research; and Ayanda Mhlomo, a first year PhD student in Multidisciplinary Gender Studies, for her talk about historical intergenerational trauma transcending intergenerational boundaries.

Both first prize and the People's Choice Award went to Katrina Kechun Li (G18), a fourth year PhD Linguistics student, for her clear and engaging explanation of the research she has carried out on the rhythm of tone languages.

"I vividly remember how I struggled with presentations and communications in English when I first started the PhD. I wish to thank all who have witnessed this progress. It is an encouraging experience that I will treasure for life."

Katrina Kechun Li (G18)
Winner of The Raymond (U64) and Susan Williams Prize in 2022

Thank you to everyone who made a gift in support of the prize fund for this competition. Your generosity means that Super Short Summaries can be an annual event for members of the MCR in perpetuity.

My donor story

Susan Poland

(U77)

"I am pleased to contribute in a tangible way to the well-being of women reading STEM subjects."

Susan Poland matriculated in 1977, when the student body was significantly male-dominated and there were just a handful of undergraduates studying law. Just as it is today, the environment then was very welcoming to foreign students and she enjoyed the experience of living in a different country.

"I recognised – and was often reminded – that as an American I was different from English undergraduates, but in all the ways that were important to me at the time, we were similar. I felt accepted at Cambridge and strengthened by it, which has enabled me to keep moving forward in professional environments where I often felt (and was treated as) more of an outsider than I ever did as an American woman at Cambridge."

Churchill gave Susan the opportunity to read law when the Ivy League law schools in the United States did not, and this one, significant opportunity enabled her to pursue many others. The law degree led to an LLM at New York University, to passing the New York Bar exam and to beginning her career at a top New York law firm. Susan's student days at Churchill influenced many areas of her personal development, since a Cambridge education extends far beyond one's formal academic learning.

"In addition to having to master difficult subject matter in a short period of time,



I learned how to stay afloat in an often all-consuming, demanding environment. I learned how to draw upon the example of my peers and friends."

One of the areas of student support that Susan feels especially passionate about is financial support for female undergraduates studying STEM subjects. Her support for the Women in Science Bursary Fund was prompted by a speech given by Professor Dame Athene Donald in 2015.

"I was surprised to learn that women students in STEM subjects and indeed women scientists at all levels were encountering the same obstacles that I had experienced at one stage or another in the legal profession during my 35-year career. Fortunately, many of those issues had become historical relics in the legal profession by 2015."

Susan's philanthropy is inspired not only by a sense of thanks for the impact her time at Churchill made on the course of her life, but also by the University as a whole and what it will continue to mean to future generations of students.

"I am motivated by gratitude but also by the continuing example of Cambridge itself, by which I mean its standards, its intellectual rigour, its ability to recognize and respond to change in the form of the widening participation initiatives, Cambridge Zero and student mental health support, and its ability to scrutinize itself on controversial issues."

The Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States

This year we celebrate 60 years of the Churchill Scholarship, originally established at the request of Sir Winston Churchill as part of the founding of Churchill College. It fulfills his vision of deepening the US-UK partnership in order to advance science and technology on both sides of the Atlantic, ensuring our future prosperity and security.

Each year the Foundation generously funds 18 scholarships, comprising of 16 Churchill Scholarships in science, mathematics, and engineering, and two Kanders Churchill Scholarships in science policy. It is for one year of Master's study. The award covers tuition, roundtrip airfare to the UK, visa fees and health surcharge, and a stipend that is set 5% higher than the UK Research Council standard. Recipients are eligible to apply for a \$4,000 special research grant. The total value is around \$65,000.

Scholars are selected on the basis of academic and research achievement. With the aim to provide accomplished scientists, mathematicians, and engineers with the tools to maximize their future impact.

The Foundation began in 1959 without a founding benefaction, but instead with a group of enthusiasts who shared Churchill's vision. The first donors were corporate, and Gillette provided the bulk of the early funding as well as offices for administration purposes. By the 1990s, the largest source of funding was individual donations. Today, around one-third of their annual budget is raised through annual gifts, the remainder from investments.

The College is extremely grateful for the Foundation's ongoing support and we look forward to welcoming many more successful applicants in the future.



1963 the first Churchill Scholars arrive

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Coming together to celebrate the past and support the future



Class Giving is a way that alumni are able to leave a lasting legacy at the College by joining with their contemporaries to support Churchillians of the future. When attending a reunion event to reconnect with old friends and celebrate the anniversary of your matriculation, a donation to your Class Gift helps to ensure that future generations are able to fully embrace their student experience here. The individual support and targeted Bursary funding made possible by your donations to Class Gifts enable the most financially disadvantaged students to continue to thrive here.

Churchill has a proud tradition of welcoming students from non-traditional Oxbridge schools and regions forged by a desire to help combat entrenched social and economic disadvantage by improving equality of access and opportunity. With the debt for a UK student after a three-year undergraduate degree at Cambridge now averaging an estimated £55,380, the ability to provide students with financial support is critical to continuing to encourage as diverse a field of applicants as possible.

68% of Churchill undergraduate students receive the full Cambridge Bursary of £3,500 each year as they are from families

with incomes lower than £25,000, and this level of support is only sustainable thanks to generous donor support. Each Class Gift aims to raise £100,000 which is enough to endow a full Cambridge Bursary that will provide an undergraduate student in significant financial need with the same educational opportunity enjoyed by previous generations of Churchillians.

The 1977–81 Bursary Fund

Number of donors	123
£s raised	£121,103

The 1977-81 cohort returned for their reunion in 2019 and, thanks to the generosity of 123 donors and Peter Hughes (U77), Anne Morrison (U78) Simon Henry (U79), Niall McLeod (U79), Shaun Parker (U80) and Susie Clements (U81) who championed the cause amongst their years, the 1977-81 Bursary will be awarded in perpetuity. The 2022 recipient is Medical student **Rahul Khan (U17)**.



"I am incredibly thankful and grateful to be able to receive this bursary. Studying medicine is an incredibly difficult process,

made even harder by the fact that the course is six years and with that comes additional financial pressures.

Having this support has meant that I have been able to focus my time fully on the course and not have to concern myself with getting a part-time job whilst studying. As a result, I've been able to focus my energy on further developing my skills and enhancing the skillset I need to practice as a safe and effective doctor. Throughout this past academic year the support from the Bursary Fund has allowed to me to take part in many different research projects and I have been able to present my work at many national and international conferences. These projects have also been published in a range of different medical journals. I truly believe that these achievements may not have been achievable without the level of reassurance I felt as a bursary recipient. These extra research projects have helped me in securing a highly competitive academic foundation programme post, in which I have a dedicated four months purely for pursuing my passion in orthopaedics and trauma research. I am greatly inspired by the work of the Class Fund and I hope that I too one day am in the position to help Churchill students fulfil their potential."

The 1988-92 Bursary Fund

Number of donors	59
£s raised	£83,773

The pandemic meant that the 1988–92 group were not able to return to College to celebrate in 2020 as planned, but their delayed reunion dinner took place in September 2021. Though the total funds raised so far have not quite reached the target to endow a full Cambridge Bursary in perpetuity, the 1988-92 Bursary is making a real difference to its current recipient **Molly Cushing (U21)** who is studying History.

"I've enjoyed challenging myself academically to develop my analytical and argumentative skills through studying the periods of history I'm most interested in, especially the early modern period of British history, and to explore the subject under the instruction of world-renowned academics.



The bursary will allow me to make the most of the opportunities that Cambridge has to offer without having to worry about budgeting – I'm able to try things that I'd never be able to outside of the University, such as attending debates at the Union, enjoying May Balls, going to Formal Hall and participating in races with the Boat Club, without having to worry about the strain that such costs would place on my daily living expenses.

Thank you for offering your continued support to the College community and ensuring that all Churchill students are on a level playing field of opportunity when it comes to making the most of the short time we have here, to enjoy the College and the University and all the amazing opportunities they offer."

Thank you to all donors to both the 1977-81 Bursary Fund and the 1988-92 Bursary Fund. In the next Donor Report we will also be able to update you on the progress of the 1995-99 Bursary Fund appeal which was launched in 2022 and is still on its way to its £100,000 target.

Looking Forward

Message of thanks from the Development Director

Whether you were able to give £10 or £10,000 last year, this Donor Report aims to not only thank you as a valued donor, but also to demonstrate what is possible with the combined generosity of our supporters. If after reading its contents, you feel unsure about how your support impacted the College in 2021-22 and would like further information, please do feel able to contact me on an individual basis.

Whilst this Donor Report is focused on the achievements of the past financial year and reflects on the progress that has been made possible thanks to your donations, the Think Forward Campaign is of course all about the future. We continue to focus on the College and its people, and supporting future students, researchers and the sustainability of all the College's operations by increasing our endowment. As set out in the latest edition of Churchill News, the Think Forward Campaign aims to grow the endowment to fund continuing success in research, creativity, access, the future.



The worsening economic climate is already bringing fresh challenges (to us all) this financial year, and the funds raised in the Think Forward Campaign will be instrumental to the College being able to rise to meet these as we move through 2023. We are therefore extremely grateful that our community of supporters is growing year-on-year. 2021-22 welcomed gifts from 262 more donors than the previous year, which itself had had 148 more than the year before.

With 537 donors making their first gift to the College during 2021-22, we look forward to our new donors joining the 227-strong group of longstanding supporters who have been loyally donating for ten years or more. A special thank you to the incredible thirteen who have been donating for over twenty years. Perhaps we can all aspire to join their ranks.

This Giving Day (2023) we had the opportunity to share what Churchill College gives us, and Churchill College gives me hope that together we can address the world's challenges. The College was founded with the vision to contribute to innovation, knowledge and research in science and society, and to make the world a better place. By helping the College to provide the best possible learning environment and support for undergraduate and postgraduate students to achieve their full potential, your

gifts are helping to effectuate that founding vision. Thank you for playing such an important part in ensuring that Churchill's tradition of academic excellence continues long into the future.

Thank you for Thinking Forward with us,

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