

A SHORT HISTORY OF GIVING TO TRINITY



College Shield



Book of Kells



James Ussher

16th Century

1590s

- Dublin Corporation resolves to make the lands and dilapidated buildings of the monastery of All Hallows available for educational purposes freely and in perpetuity. This gift secures a site for the first Irish university and Trinity College Dublin, the sole constituent college of the University of Dublin, is established by charter from Queen Elizabeth I in 1592.
- An appeal for subscriptions to leading citizens in every county in Ireland is launched. Donors include: Sir Turlough O'Neill, the uncle of the Earl of Tyrone, giving £100, and Sir Hugh Magennis, with the gentlemen of County Down, donating £140. The appeal raises £2,047 and the money is applied to building and furnishings.

17th Century

1610s

• James I endows five separate grants of land in various parts of the country, as well as confirming in perpetuity an annual subsidy.

1660s

• The Library is developed through gifts. Henry Jones, Bishop of Meath presents the two world-famous illuminated manuscript gospel books, The Book of Kells and The Book of Durrow. The library of James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh, one of the first alumni of the College, a Professor of Divinity and a Fellow, is also bequeathed to Trinity. It consists of some 10,000 volumes of manuscripts and printed books.

18th Century

1720s

• The Erasmus Smith Trust funds fellowships, professorships and lectureships, student support and makes grants for building work.

1730s

• Claudius Gilbert bequeaths money for busts of 'men eminent for learning' to adorn the Library, with which 14 busts are commissioned.

1750s

• The creation of Front Square begins with £30,000 from the Parliament for a grant to rebuild the West Front.



Front Square

19th Century

1832

• Sir Patrick Dun, the leading Dublin physician leaves a substantial bequest which enables the establishment of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, a teaching hospital in 1832. This remains closely associated with the Medical School and when it closes in the 1980s the sale proceeds are used to construct the Sir Patrick Dun Research Laboratories at St James's Hospital.

1853

• The Campanile is donated by Lord Beresford, the Archbishop of Armagh.

1892

• The College commemorates its tercentenary and an appeal is made

to graduates to fund a building for student societies. The £7,500 raised goes towards the construction of the Graduates' Memorial Building.



Graduates' Memorial Building

20th Century

1903

• Edward Cecil Guinness, the 1st Earl of Iveagh, supports scientific development, providing funds for new physics and botany buildings.



Earl of Iveagh

1908

• The grounds comprising the current Trinity Hall in Dartry come under College's ownership and are used to establish a hall of residence for women. Funding comes from donations by the Chancellor, Lord Iveagh, and Frederick Purser. The site is extended in 1910 with the donation of the adjacent Palmerston House by John Purser Griffith.

1927

• The University of Dublin Endowment Fund is launched. A letter of appeal is circulated to graduates asking them to subscribe to the Fund to assist College 'in the maintenance or further development of its educational activities...' The Fund collects £4,000 by October 1928.

1953

• The Moyne Institute of Preventative Medicine is presented to the College by the Marchioness of Normanby in memory of her father, Walter Edward Guinness, Baron Moyne. Her brother, Lord Moyne, establishes a capital fund for the institute's maintenance. The Marchioness of Normanby continues to fund major extensions to the research space.



Women of Trinity Hall

1954

• The University of Dublin USA Fund is established and contributions have IRS 501(c)(3) tax exemption.

1957

• The Irish Sugar Company donates £15,000 to establish a Department of Genetics.

1965

• The Wellcome Trust Building for Biochemistry and the Biomedical Library is opened.

1967

• The opening of the Berkeley Library. Donors include, Rupert Edward Cecil Lee Guinness, the 2nd Earl of Iveagh; the Gulbenkian Foundation; Lady Mayer; the Chester Beatty Trust; George Dawson; Jack Morrison and the Ford Foundation.

1975

• Dr AWB Vincent founds scholarships to support summer internships for Trinity genetics students in US laboratories.



Pavilion

1980s

- The Law School, with the support of Law alumni, funds bursaries for students from economically disadvantaged areas to study Law.
- The London Trust is founded, later renamed The UK Trust for TCD. It has received over £1 million in donations since its inception.
- The Coca Cola Corporation makes its first gift to Trinity to support a Chair in Drama and in the following decade supports a Professorship in International Integration.
- A bequest from alumnus, Sami Nasr, enables the College to construct the Sami Nasr Institute for Material Sciences.

1985

• Fighting Blindness led by Michael Griffith funds a pilot project to map genes for Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP).

1987

• Trinity College Dublin Association and Trinity College Dublin Trust are incorporated into a single organisation — the Trinity College Dublin Association & Trust. Coming up to the College's Quartercentenary, the Association & Trust raises almost £1 million from graduates.

1989

• The O'Reilly Institute, named in honour of John P. and Aileen O'Reilly, is opened in 1989 by their son, Sir Anthony O'Reilly, who funds half the total building cost.

1992

• The Wellcome Trust funds the Ocular Genetics Unit.

1994

- Trinity Foundation is established as the primary fundraising agency for the College.
- Dr Donald Panoz and Elan Corporation pledge support for the Panoz Institute, a purpose-built facility for the School of Pharmacy.
- The AG Leventis Foundation starts supporting a lectureship in Greek Archaeology and History and later initiates studentships in the Department of Classics.



Chuck Feeney

1998

- Ireland launches the Programme for Research in Third Level Institutions (PRTLI) with an initial investment of €75 million by Chuck Feeney's foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies. It ushers in a new era for research and innovation in Trinity. Chuck Feeney becomes the most generous benefactor to Trinity since its foundation.
- The Smurfit Institute of Genetics is established with support from the EU, Atlantic Philanthropies, Dr Martin Naughton, the Wellcome Trust and Dr Michael Smurfit.

1999

• With funding from Atlantic Philanthropies and Lewis Glucksman, construction begins on the James Ussher Library, providing 750 additional reader spaces and linking the Berkeley and Lecky Libraries.

21st Century

2000s

- The tradition of endowing posts continues with the AIB Professor of Childhood Research; the Bank of Ireland Professor of Contemporary Irish History; Michael McNamara Professor of Construction Innovation at the School of Engineering and the Pigott Lectureship in American History.
- Significant support for other College priorities comes from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Getty Foundation, the Ireland Funds and the Goldman Sachs Foundation.
- The Trinity Annual Fund is launched to facilitate regular alumni giving.
- David Went starts funding the Trinity Access Programmes (TAP) scholarships for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

2001

- The Institute for International Integration Studies (IIIS) is launched with funding from Dr Peter Sutherland.
- Brendan McDonald provides scholarships for students to attend the School of Business.
- Durkan Family & Friends fund the establishment of the John Durkan Research Laboratories in Trinity Centre at St James's Hospital.

2003

- Double Helix sculpture by Brian King is donated by Dr Beate Schuler. Later Dr Schuler funds PhDs and professorships in Chemistry, Science Gallery and the Biomedical Sciences Institute, where a seminar room is named after her father, Dr Wilhelm (Fips) Schuler.
- Dermot Desmond funds a number of initiatives in the College, including TAP, and later provides support for a new Business School development.

2005

• Alumni raise €1.25 million for The Save the Treasures of the Long Room campaign.

2006

 The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA) launched with funding from Irish Life, the Atlantic Philanthropies and the Government.

2007

- Fred Krehbiel supports the Trinity Irish Art Research Centre (TRIARC), while a variety of donors contribute to the Long Room Hub.
- An expanding group of companies the TAP 20 – support the Trinity Access Programmes (TAP).
- The new Sports Centre is fully funded through private support

 a gift from Atlantic Philanthropies combined with a levy voted by the student body.

2008

• The Naughton Institute, a state-ofthe-art nanoscience facility funded by Science Foundation Ireland and Dr Martin Naughton, opens.



Naughton Institute

• Science Gallery, an exploration of the interface between science, technology and culture in a sociable environment, funded by Wellcome Trust, PACCAR Inc and other corporates, is launched. Google provides further funding for its international development. The Irish Times Ltd, having supported other Trinity initiatives, plays a major role as a Science Gallery media partner.

2010

• The Capt. Cathal Ryan Trust invests in the new Lir Academy, a purposebuilt facility to train actors and others involved in stagecraft.

2011

• Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute (TBSI) funded under PRTLI and National Development Plan 2007-2013, opens. The School of Medicine gets a new home in the building as it celebrates its 300th anniversary. Alumni donate considerable amounts with Dr Stanley Quek leading the way.

2012

- Dr Mark Pigott provides funding for the Seamus Heaney Professorship in Irish Writing.
- The legacy of Ellen Mayston Bates allows the establishment of a comprehensive epilepsy research programme.



School of Engineering Students

2013

- Google partners with Trinity to develop a computer science initiative for the 21st century classroom.
- Clinical Research Facility funded by Wellcome Trust and Health Research Board opens in St James's Hospital. The new building also houses the Institute of Cardiovascular Science funded by the Royal City of Dublin Hospital Trust.
- The establishment of the Loyola Institute to promote teaching and research in theology in the Catholic tradition was made possible through gifts made by a number of religious orders and congregations.

2014

• Eric Kinsella, Executive Chairman, Jones Engineering Group, and his wife Barbara fund a new 24-hour student study hall and provide endowment support for scholarships.



Professor Donald Weir

- Since the mid-60's, Professor Donald Weir, a Trinity academic, a scientist of international renown, has supported biomedical research in Trinity and St James's Hospital.
- Terry & Marjorie Neill make a donation to the Trinity Long Room Hub, arts and humanities research institute.
- The Iris O'Brien Foundation funds the neurodegeneration research programme for conditions such as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's and motor neurone disease.

2015

• The Atlantic Philanthropies invests in the Global Brain Health Institute, a partnership between Trinity College Dublin and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) to tackle dementia.

2016

- Ryanair invests in a new key post in the Business School the Ryanair Professor of Entrepreneurship.
- Thapar Educational Trust funds 16 scholarships and two posts - the BM Thapar Chair in the School of Computer Science & Statistics and the LM Thapar Chair in the School of Engineering.
- Simons Foundation supports visiting professors and postdoctoral posts in mathematics as well as neuroscience research.

2017

 Dr Samuel Lam supports a newlyestablished post of the Director of Chinese Studies.

2018

• Paul and Theresa Johnston provide support for the School of Engineering and the new E3 building.