It’s a privilege to have been Chancellor of the University since 1998…it gave me the opportunity to be a quiet witness of how Trinity has been evolving and expanding and it was clear to me then that Trinity was ambitious about addressing modern problems.

Dr Mary Robinson  
(LL.B. 1967)  
President of Ireland  
(1990 – 1997)  
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Chancellor of Trinity College Dublin  
(1998-2019)
Inspiring Generations
The Campaign for Trinity College Dublin

At Trinity, our history inspires and informs our future.

Trinity was founded on lands granted by Dublin Corporation in 1592, and since then our College has helped to shape a better-informed and more equal society – in Ireland and around the world.

We’ve achieved this by producing exceptional research, delivering a transformative education and inspiring Trinity alumni to make a positive contribution to the world.

Today we are dedicated to pursuing innovation in education and research, and fearlessly advancing the cause of a pluralistic, just and sustainable society.

Inspiring Generations will enable Trinity to achieve these ambitions and inspire generations to come. Our vision is by no means wholly dependent on philanthropy; but Trinity would not be the place it is today without support from alumni and friends of the University.

Our ambitious Campaign goals are €400m in donations and 150,000 volunteer hours.

In the following pages, you can see how Inspiring Generations will advance Trinity into the next decade and lay the groundwork for us to inspire generations to come.

With your support we will:

• Create a ‘New Generations’ programme to bring the best talent into Trinity from across Irish society and from every corner of the globe;

• Develop Ireland’s first comprehensive cancer care centre, the Trinity St. James’s Cancer Institute;

• Put Ireland at the forefront of scientific research and technological innovation for generations to come with our new E3 Institute, and the creation of Dublin’s Grand Canal Innovation District;

• Ensure that the Old Library and its extraordinary collections continue to exist for future generations;

• Drive forward Ireland’s success in the Arts and Humanities with dedicated funding to support new generations of scholars and expand our Public Humanities events; and

• Build a new Law School to rival the best in the world.

This is what Inspiring Generations will achieve with your help and engagement.

Whether through a financial donation or giving of your time and expertise, you can play an essential part in making this Campaign a success.

My sincere thanks to all those of you who are already actively involved in the Campaign. A particular ‘thank you’ to all the members of the Provost’s Council, a much-valued group of advisors giving us the confidence to launch this Campaign, and especially to the co-Chairs Fergal Naughton and Richie Boucher.

I am calling now on all of Trinity’s alumni, friends and supporters in Ireland and around the world, our staff and students – to join in Inspiring Generations.

Together, we will ensure that Trinity continues to inspire for all the generations to come.

Dr Patrick Prendergast
Provost and President of Trinity College Dublin

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New Generations

*Inspiring Generations* will build on Trinity’s commitment to creating a diverse, inspiring campus that reflects Irish society and the contemporary world. We will do this by attracting new generations of brilliant academics from around the globe with exciting research opportunities. We will also create more pathways that enable diverse and equitable access for new generations of students, empowering them with the confidence, means and ambition to come to Trinity – to fulfil their potential and go on to make their mark on the world as Trinity alumni.

Dr Patrick Prendergast, Provost and President of Trinity College Dublin

Trinity has allowed me to become the person I was meant to be.

Lee Dunphy, B.A. (2012)

As a Trinity engineering alumnus, engineering holds a particular importance for myself and Barbara, and I want to invest in future generations of the profession.

Dr Eric Kinsella, Provost’s Council member

Academic Talent

Academic faculty and researchers are the lifeblood of the University and a fundamental aim of *Inspiring Generations* is to fund new Professorships and tenure-track academic posts across the University. The Campaign will ensure that Trinity continues to inspire and attract the brightest and best educators, researchers and postgraduate students from around the world.

This strategic expansion will play a vital part in enabling Trinity to maintain and enhance its position as a leading global university and to continue to deliver the distinctive Trinity educational experience.
Scholarships

Trinity’s commitment to scholarships goes back to the Foundation Scholarships established in its early years. It gained new momentum in recent years with the Trinity Access scholarships set up to tackle educational disadvantage. Trinity Access has inspired over 3,000 students to come to the College.

The Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities is paving the way for people with intellectual disabilities to become university students and graduates, developing skills that lead to employment and independent lives.

Today our student community reflects the rich diversity of Irish society and Trinity is recognised as a world leader in educational access.

In 2016 PhD Project Awards were established to bring the brightest research talent to the University.

Other scholarships rewarding excellence in particular areas of study or sports are generously supported by Trinity alumni and friends. Inspiring Generations will develop scholarships across the College so that every talented student is able to realise their full potential.

Trinity Access – Transforming Education

Trinity Access works with primary and secondary-level schools to empower and inspire students and teachers and to encourage and strengthen ‘college-going’ cultures in communities that have been under-represented in third-level education. Inspiring Generations will enable Trinity Access to build on 25 years of ground-breaking success and evidence-based research with a three-part plan to:

- Scale outreach programmes to reach over 40,000 students across 100 schools nationwide;
- Develop a Trinity Learning Lab on campus to build outreach and new educational models; and
- Strengthen the support provided to Trinity Access students after they enter the College.
Science Gallery Dublin

Science Gallery Dublin was a world first and remains a pioneer, after over a decade of cutting-edge exhibitions and installations experienced by millions of visitors. It has spearheaded an international network, with Science Galleries now open in London, with plans well advanced for Melbourne, Venice, Rotterdam, Bengaluru and Detroit. Millions of people in cities around the world are also reached through touring exhibitions and collaborations. Science Gallery Dublin inspires the public, Trinity students and the next generation with compelling glimpses into the world-class research and innovation work being done across every discipline in Trinity.

A Campus for the 21st Century

Trinity will continue to develop a physical environment that inspires all who study and work here. While always sensitive to the heritage architecture of the past, we will create new buildings and extend Trinity’s footprint down Pearse Street to Grand Canal Dock.

Dr Patrick Prendergast, Provost and President of Trinity College Dublin

Trinity is part of our past, our present and our future.

Louise Campbell, B.A. (1996)

...You get to the stage in life where you decide this business is about giving back.

Dr Martin Naughton, Provost’s Council member
E3 Institute and Grand Canal Innovation District

A landmark initiative by Trinity that will tackle global challenges across Engineering, Environment and Emerging Technologies; double the number of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students across Trinity; and play a key role in the national drive to establish Ireland as an EU leader in research and innovation.

Work started in 2019 on the first of two new buildings: the E3 Learning Foundry on campus, designed to transform how Trinity educates the next generations of Engineering, Natural Sciences and Computer Science students.

The second is the E3 Research Institute, the flagship of a new Trinity campus at the heart of the Grand Canal Innovation District that will make Ireland a global location of choice for innovation, investment and talent.

Old Library Redevelopment and Research Study Centre

Trinity’s Old Library is the custodian of rare and important works, including the Book of Kells recognised by UNESCO as a Memory of the World, that have inspired generations of students, academics and visitors. Our magnificent Long Room is renowned throughout the world and attracts over one million visitors every year.

Inspiring Generations will enable a critically important three-part redevelopment plan that draws upon the best 21st-century design and technology to safeguard the Old Library structure and conserve the precious collections for future generations. The plan includes urgent structural and environmental upgrades; redeveloping the facilities to put them on a par with the best library and museum experiences around the world; and digitising the priority collections to conserve them and make them accessible online.
Trinity Law School

Over the centuries Trinity has inspired lawyers and legislators who have challenged the status quo and changed the course of history. Trinity is expanding its Law School and enabling curriculum developments that will advance the scope and range of its education, research and civic engagement programmes.

A new building will enhance Trinity Law School’s ability to deliver contemporary legal programmes, educating graduates to become ethical and analytical leaders not only in the legal profession, but across business, technology, politics and social policy.

Trinity Business School

The new Trinity Business School, completed in May 2019, has been driven by a community of business leaders coming together to support a new, internationally recognised business school in the heart of Dublin. Currently the fastest growing business school in Europe, Trinity has joined the top 2% of accredited peers in the world. The new building is enabling ambitious expansion of curriculum, faculty and research across international business, finance, management and entrepreneurship. Trinity is now well-positioned to build on Dublin’s reputation as a global destination for business education.
Cherishing the Humanities

Understanding our rapidly-changing world, and giving it meaning, is the work of the Arts and Humanities. The individual scholarship of academic staff and students is complemented by Trinity’s Arts & Humanities Research Institute and two Centres where cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research and teaching bring the best contemporary scholarship into the mainstream of Irish life.

Dr Patrick Prendergast, Provost and President of Trinity College Dublin

Trinity is the place where I found my voice.
Máirín Whelan, B.Ed. (2011)

The current generation of Trinity students is noted for their activism not only on national issues but international ones. Their dedication to improving the world we live in is inspiring.
Dr Beate Schuler, Provost’s Council member

Trinity Long Room Hub Arts & Humanities Research Institute

A thriving focal point, Trinity’s Arts & Humanities Research Institute inspires us to ask the challenging questions about what it means to be human in today’s rapidly changing society. The Hub supports doctoral students and researchers, facilitates interdisciplinary work across areas such as Digital Humanities and Environmental Humanities, and attracts celebrated academics and thought leaders from around the world to speak on topical issues and societal challenges.

Dr Beate Schuler, Provost’s Council member

Máirín Whelan, B.Ed. (2011)
Trinity Centre for Literary and Cultural Translation

From its home at 36 Fenian Street, the Trinity Centre for Literary and Cultural Translation brings the best of Irish writing to the world and the best of foreign languages and cultures to Ireland. An integral part of the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, the Centre is engaged in educating the next generation of literary translators, building a research community in translation studies, hosting international visiting translators and organising events that showcase the literatures and cultures of Dublin City’s many languages.

Inspiring Generations will further the ambition of the Centre to become a recognised global hub for cross-cultural exchange and intercultural research.

Trinity Centre for Asian Studies

The study of contemporary Asia is a vital part of the work of a global university in this, the ‘Asian Century’. The Trinity Centre for Asian Studies is a flagship teaching and research centre offering Ireland’s most extensive Chinese Studies programme at third level, including a taught Master’s degree. The Centre works to inspire cross-cultural understanding and engagement, with undergraduate modules in Contemporary Asian Studies, Japanese and Korean and a popular public programme of courses and events covering the languages, cultures and history of contemporary East Asia.

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Healthcare Challenges of Our Generation

“Trinity is fortunate to be in a strong position to contribute to excellence in healthcare through collaboration with our partner hospitals, as well as through ground-breaking basic research in the clinical and life sciences. We will continue to focus our efforts where we can make the greatest impact for future generations.”

Dr Patrick Prendergast, Provost and President of Trinity College Dublin

“Trinity is the place where I discovered that our options and possibilities are endless.”

Donald Griffin, B.A.I. (1973)

“All students in Trinity have benefited from philanthropic support... We who have benefited have a duty to make our own contributions, no matter how small.”

David McConnell, Pro-Chancellor of the University and Emeritus Professor of Genetics

Trinity St. James’s Cancer Institute

The Trinity St. James’s Cancer Institute will transform cancer care in Ireland by integrating research, medicine and training with education and clinical trials. This is in line with proven best international practice as well as Ireland’s National Cancer Strategy. Ireland’s first comprehensive cancer care centre will work to improve patient outcomes in prevention, detection and cures for cancer, as well as the treatment of cancer as a manageable chronic disease.

The Institute became the first Irish member of the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI) in 2017. In partnership with St. James’s Hospital, Inspiring Generations will fund the development of capacity; with the goal of building a new, dedicated facility on the St. James’s campus within the next five to seven years.

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Ageing Research

Trinity scientists and clinicians are at the forefront of the drive to understand some of the most challenging diseases prevalent in an ageing population, including Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and Motor Neurone Disease. We’re working to identify causes, improve our defences and ultimately, discover cures. Inspiring Generations will support a range of research projects.

The two flagship projects are TILDA (The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing) and the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI) established in 2015 with a joint grant of $138.4m from The Atlantic Philanthropies to Trinity and the University of California, San Francisco. The goal of GBHI is to train 600 leaders from around the globe dedicated to protecting the world’s ageing populations from threats to brain health.
Join us
We are calling on Trinity alumni and friends to give 150,000 volunteer hours to Inspiring Generations.

By volunteering in the Campaign, you can inspire future generations of creative thinkers across all disciplines.

Support the New Generation of Students
Alumni play a crucial role in helping students to choose their future career paths, by advising on employability, facilitating internships, mentoring and speaking at campus events. Since the launch of Trinity Alumni Online in 2017, over 1,200 alumni have volunteered to mentor undergraduates. This dynamic programme gives Trinity students access to a wealth of insights and expertise from alumni across a whole range of sectors in over 150 countries.

Be an Alumni Ambassador
Our Alumni Ambassadors play an invaluable role at Trinity’s recruiting and showcase events around the world. Their first-hand stories of Trinity days, and insights into how the University has inspired their own lives and careers, give our prospective international students a real flavour of life as a Trinity student and the lifelong benefits of belonging to the Trinity community.

Join an Alumni Group
Committed friends and alumni in groups such as Trinity Business Alumni, the TCD Association and Trust and Trinity Women Graduates organise a diverse programme of activities in Ireland and around the world. These include talks by high-profile alumni, workshops, masterclasses and larger gatherings. Our international network of over 70 Alumni Branches offers an easy way to stay in touch with College news and fellow alumni.

Trinity Alumni Branches
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There are many ways you can support Inspiring Generations. Every contribution, whatever the size, is very welcome and can have a life-changing impact.

If you are interested in making a gift now, remembering Trinity in your will, volunteering or supporting the Campaign in any other way, please email campaign@tcd.ie or find out more at tcd.ie/campaign

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“Let us do something, while we have the chance!
It is not every day that we are needed.”

Samuel Beckett B.A. (1927)
Waiting for Godot