Telephone Fundraising Campaign
18 March – 1 April 2019

Fitzwilliam makes over 1150 financial awards to students every year.
Thank you for making this possible.
Why does Fitz need donations?

Giving to Fitzwilliam makes a difference. It is a contribution towards changing the lives of academically gifted young people, fostering world-class research, and promoting a new generation of thinkers and doers.

It is thanks to our alumni that this exciting work continues. Our 449 undergraduates and 415 graduates make Fitzwilliam one of the largest Colleges, but we have one of the smallest endowments, and as an endowed charity most of our capital cannot be spent. Alumni generosity makes it possible for us to financially support any student who needs it, to ensure our distinctive buildings are up-to-date, and to provide outstanding educational opportunities for all students.
“The generosity of alumni speaks to the community that makes the college the vibrant place it is. Alumni funding has enabled me to pursue an academic career. I am so excited for the next three years of challenges, trials and consequential achievements, which are made better because I know I have the support and backing those who have come before me.”

Aisha, Architecture 2017
College greatest need

The Telephone Campaign seeks to raise funds for immediate use by the College. By donating to the area of greatest need, you allow us to ensure we can adapt to the changing needs of students and meet the demands of an exciting but challenging research environment.

We have four priority areas towards which the majority of funds raised are channelled. These are Student Support, providing financial help to undergraduates and postgraduates; Widening Participation, encouraging applications from bright students of all backgrounds; Teaching and Research, funding the invaluable supervision system; and Capital Projects, maintaining our distinctive Fitzwilliam buildings. By donating to the area of greatest need, you allow us the flexibility to direct your gift towards where it will have the most impact.
“It’s a huge privilege to work in a context which supports small-group teaching. Weekly supervisions with two students, for example, offer us the scope truly to target our teaching to their particular needs.

Together we work on developing their unique ideas and honing their writing skills. Supervisions and small-group seminars in College also help to foster research-based teaching. This benefits the students and allows teaching Fellows to continue exploring the findings which emerge from the original research so vitally supported by College funds.”

Dr Hero Chalmers, Fellow in English
Fitzwilliam has a proud tradition of welcoming students from around the world from all backgrounds. However, the cost of attending Cambridge can be overwhelming: average debt after a three-year undergraduate degree is now around £54,630. Moreover, many students, undergraduates and postgraduates alike, face expenses greater than the money they can borrow.

We are proud that, thanks to alumni generosity, we were able to make more than 1150 financial awards to students in 2017/18. All gifts, whether to Student Support, Widening Participation, or simply to the area of greatest need, will directly benefit students and ensure Fitzwilliam continues to thrive.
We are indebted to our alumni for enabling the College’s mission. The fees students pay only cover about half the cost of tuition. The supervision system, the opportunity for students to be taught by leading academics and researchers, is at the heart of a Fitzwilliam education, but it is expensive. Similarly, maintenance loans available to undergraduates are often not sufficient, so College steps in to ensure they avoid financial difficulty.

**What will your gift make possible?**

Five donors giving £14 per month (+ Gift Aid) will fund a full Fitzwilliam Maintenance Bursary for one year.

One donor giving £45.20 per month (+ Gift Aid) will fund College supervisions for an engineering student for one year.

One donor giving £400 as a single gift will fund a Schools Liaison Officer week-long visit to 800 pupils in our ‘link area’ schools.
“I am forever grateful to Fitzwilliam College for making it possible to pursue my PhD. It is indeed a blessing to be able to focus on the studies without financial concern. Receiving such kind support really motivates me to put forth my best effort into the research and make my contribution to society in the future. Thank you so much.”

Heeseo, Land Economy 2016