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As Jesus College approaches its 450th anniversary, we are excited to embark upon the 2021 Campaign to raise vital funds to ensure the future of this venerable foundation.

For over 400 years Jesus College has been proudly committed to excellence and meritocracy. With a long and notable history of accepting students of merit from non-traditional backgrounds, our aim has always been to help the brightest minds develop their full potential. It is this reputation, combined with our high standard of teaching and nurturing environment, which has led us to be recognised as the leading College for student satisfaction.

In a time of financial uncertainty, cuts and reduced funding for students, it is essential that we take action to protect the values and standards which Jesus College are so proud to enshrine.

The situation could not be clearer, nor more stark. Major cuts in government funding for higher education teaching have meant the funding for the teaching of Humanities and Social Sciences at universities in the UK has been almost completely removed. The teaching of Science subjects has also had funding cut by 40%.

The tutorial system for which Oxford is rightly lauded is threatened by this reduced government funding. These cuts and the requirement for additional provision of bursaries means that the College receives very little material gain by the recent increase in fees and subsidises undergraduate education by approximately £3,500 per student per year*.

For students leaving with debt, the option of going on to a further degree is becoming more challenging and opportunities from better funded universities overseas are a draw for top graduates.

The 2021 Campaign will enable Jesus College to offer future students and Fellows the same unparalleled opportunities that so many before them have enjoyed, by securing tutorial fellowships, scholarships and bursaries for generations to come.

* The average cost of undergraduate teaching is £16,000 per student per year. Fees cover £9,000 of this, with the rest subsidised by the University and each college.



THE 2021 CAMPAIGN WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR THREE MAIN PROJECTS

TUTORIAL FELLOWSHIPS

The tutorial system is a crucial element of a world-class Oxford education. However, income from government and student fees cover only half the cost of an undergraduate education at Oxford. The University and colleges to fund the remainder. In order to maintain the excellence for which we are renowned, we aim to secure the future of the College's Tutorial Fellowships, by the endowment of 22 Tutorial Fellowships in perpetuity.

STUDENT BURSARIES

Jesus College encourages students from all financial backgrounds. As such we contribute to the University's generous package of bursaries and fee waivers. In addition, Jesus College also gives further top-up funding to those students who qualify for a bursary, making it one of the least expensive places in the UK to study. In fact, approximately a quarter of the College's students require financial support in order to be able to study at Jesus.

We wish to establish an endowed fund to support future bursaries ensuring no student of ability is deterred from studying at Jesus College because of lack of funding.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Competition for top graduate students is fierce as many institutions overseas are able to offer fully-funded places. As a result, Oxford is losing many of its best graduates. Yet bright graduates are vital to Oxford's ability to attract leading academics undertaking world-class research. We would like to establish an endowed fund, to make at least 12 fully-funded graduate scholarships available at Jesus College in perpetuity.

The history and reputation of Jesus College has always been shaped by those to whom it opens its doors. In difficult and uncertain times, it has never been more important to protect the values of meritocracy and excellence Jesus College was built on.

Over the last four centuries, the future and legacy of the College have been carefully protected by its patrons and alumni. That responsibility now falls to all of us.

With your help, we can ensure that the impact of research and teaching at Jesus College is sustained in the future.

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