

Oriel College Donor Charter

Oriel College is deeply grateful to all donors for their generous support, and is dedicated to treating donors with the highest level of care and respect. Oriel is an institution that since its very beginning has relied on philanthropic support to advance its mission and sustain academic freedom. Such generosity allows intellectual curiosity to flourish, leading to breakthroughs that can benefit us all and help to maintain Oriel, and the wider Collegiate University, as a world-class teaching and research institution.

At the heart of the College lies the commitment to academic freedom. The College values and safeguards its autonomy and the freedom of inquiry by students and staff, and does not accept gifts when a condition of such acceptance would compromise these fundamental principles.

We will:

- Inform donors of the way we intend to use donated resources, and of our commitment to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- Keep donors updated about the impact of their philanthropy and the College's evolving needs and priorities.
- Provide the College's most recent published financial accounts and other relevant financial information in an easily accessible format.
- Respect donors' rights to privacy and fully comply with the Data Protection Act of 1998.
- Appropriately acknowledge, recognise and publicise donations in consultation with donors, and respect anonymity where requested.
- Provide progress reports and updates to donors on supported activity.
- Keep donors informed of the recruitment process and appointment where they have supported an academic post. As part of our commitment to academic freedom Oriel, and the wider University, reserves the right to itself to nominate candidates and manage the search and selection process.
- In the case of financial support for students, the College will undertake to inform and involve the donor as appropriate on the selection processes and outcomes. As part of our commitment to academic freedom Oriel, and the wider University, reserves the right to itself to make the final approval of funding awards for students.

How your donation will be used

- All donations, when undesignated, will be used for such purposes as the College judges will best advance its academic priorities and charitable objects.
- Where the donor wishes to express a preference for the application of their donation, the College will take the greatest care to ensure that such wishes are carried out.
- Where the donor restricts the application of their donation, the College will apply the gift to the purpose originally intended. The academic priorities of the College may change from time to time. Should this happen, alternative uses for restricted donations will be discussed with the donor or the donor's representative.
- All donations will be acknowledged promptly.

The College welcomes support from individuals, trusts and foundations, and organisations, and is delighted to discuss ways in which relationships may be fostered with potential donors.