The point of a good College is to provide both real nurture and creative challenge for its students. What makes us who we are is this blend of generous encouragement and constructive stimulus. Our ambitious plans for the coming years show that we are committed to putting all this on a still more secure and lasting foundation – transforming our learning environment, extending our international awareness and guaranteeing a welcome to any student who has the ability to make the most of belonging to this community. The College today is a confident, companionable, lively place; I hope you will help us to enhance this wonderful heritage as we pass it on to a new generation.

ROWAN WILLIAMS, MASTER, FEBRUARY 2017
Magdalene has thrived on the generosity of supporters over the centuries and more Members and Friends are contributing to the College than ever before. We now want to enrich our estate to ensure that our students have the best possible facilities to succeed. The College’s commitment to academic excellence includes the provision of financial support, the best possible teaching and pastoral care and building a new library. This will offer both spacious work areas with excellent IT facilities and the creation of a social hub for students, Fellows and visitors alike. We currently have one of the smallest library collections in Cambridge, inadequate space for our students to study, and our historic archives are scattered around the College. We have been granted planning permission for an imaginative new building which incorporates library, archive and gallery elements whilst remaining sympathetic to the architecture of the College.

This booklet outlines our ambitions for the future: securing our undergraduate bursaries so that everyone able to study at Magdalene can do so undeterred by financial concerns; supporting our graduate students and early career Fellows in the current difficult financial climate for academic research; conserving our historic estate and restoring the Pepys Building once the new, state-of-the-art Library has been built. The College has identified the delivery of this new building as one of its highest priorities. Its importance to our academic standing, and our ability to continue to attract the best students, cannot be overstated. We believe the Campaign is vital to secure the future foundations for Magdalene. It can only be realised with your help.
“My bursary allows me to forget about money worries and actually get on with my undergraduate course on a day to day basis. This is perhaps the greatest gift of the bursary and I cannot thank you enough.”

1ST YEAR UNDERGRADUATE
THE UNDERGRADUATE BURSARY SCHEME AT MAGDALENE

“...I simply could not have afforded to study at Cambridge without this bursary...if I am one day in a financial position to support students at Magdalene myself, I will do everything in my power to help students from low-income backgrounds like myself.” 2ND YEAR UNDERGRADUATE

Our undergraduate bursary scheme, introduced in response to the higher fee structure created in 2012, has been running for five years. It has been financed in the main by Members as committed as we are to the idea that no one should be deterred from coming to study at Magdalene because of financial reasons.

Our efforts to raise funds for student bursaries have been so successful that the Student Loan Company now automatically assesses every single student applying for a maintenance loan to ascertain whether they are also eligible for a Cambridge Bursary.

We are committed to raising yet more money to support every undergraduate in need of help. Almost 20 per cent of Magdalene Members and Friends contributed to the Student Support Fund during the past financial year; it is clearly a cause close to the hearts of many of our alumni.
SUPPORTING POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ACADEMICS

“...the bursary has helped me to complete my doctoral thesis...the only alternative would have been to delay submission for more than a year...I feel it has been as valuable as the three-year research grant from EPSRC, even though it has been only for five months...” 4TH YEAR DOCTORAL STUDENT

Our graduate student population has grown exponentially over the past 30 years and we now have around 250 registered postgraduates. At the same time, the financial climate for our brightest graduates wishing to pursue further study has become much more challenging. We have created a Hardship Fund for graduate students who run into financial difficulties and we are also able to support a number of PhD students whose funding runs out before their research is completed – all thanks to the generosity of Members.

The competition for Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs), first academic placements for early career researchers, is fierce and we receive hundreds of applications for just three such positions in College. Our JRFs play an important role in College, enriching academic life, teaching undergraduates and introducing new areas of research to Magdalen.

We are continuing to raise funds in support of our graduate students and hope that we will be able to create a fully funded post for a fourth JRF.
A NEW LIBRARY FOR MAGDALENE

Three main elements reflect Magdalene’s role as an academic community – the Library, the Hall and the Chapel. Traditionally these elements were of a greater scale and architectural status than all other College buildings, as is still seen in most Colleges, including newly-built ones. The historically and architecturally significant Pepys Building houses the Pepys Library as well as the existing College Library which is small and cramped with an inadequate book stock falling below the standard of most other College libraries in Cambridge.

We are operating in a competitive field of higher education. Our success depends on attracting the best undergraduates, graduate students and Fellows, who can choose between Magdalene and other Cambridge Colleges or rival institutions around the world. When in College, our students rely on facilities to help them maximise their academic potential. At the present time, our College Library is noticeably inferior to the library provision in other Cambridge Colleges; indeed many having new or refurbished libraries. It is a weak point in terms of our image, attractiveness to applicants and support of academic excellence.

Our goal is to build a high quality, durable and environmentally sustainable new library building that will significantly enhance this important component of the College’s facilities. It will enhance our effectiveness as an academic institution while maintaining and reinforcing the pastoral provision for the entire community of the College.
THE COLLEGE LIBRARY

90% of Magdalene undergraduates surveyed agreed that books have a relevant role today and the College Library should be a silent space with a much increased book stock...

The College Library moved from the present Old Library rooms in First Court to the Pepys Building in 1960. It expanded in stages up to 1992 and now occupies the ground and first floors of the Right Cloister and the ground floor of the Left Cloister.

The Library has 64 workspaces but some of these are small, and the actual capacity is lower. This provision is inadequate, particularly around examinations in the Easter Term. At this time, extra desks are crammed into the Left Cloister section and additional revision rooms have to be provided in Cripps Court.

The College Library provides 24 hour access for resident Members and yet there is no common room in the Library for students to meet, chat, refuel or unwind.

The staff area is inadequate and awkward to access from the Right Cloister. The heating is poor and there is a lack of power sockets for students’ laptops with very limited IT facilities. There are just two toilets, no lobby space or lockers for students and no disabled access. The new Library will remedy all of these issues.
THE ARCHITECTS AND THE BUILDING

The College arranged an architectural competition to build a library reflecting early 21st century design. The competition was won by Niall McLaughlin Architects, an internationally recognised practice which designs high quality modern architecture and has won several prizes. The winning design shows a strong emphasis on the inventive use of building materials, utilises the qualities of light and highlights the relationship between the building and its very special surroundings.

The building will be a significant enhancement to the College estate:

The new College Library floor area will offer three times as much space (including informal areas) as that available in the present Library in the Pepys Building.

The new Archive Centre will include a workroom for the use of students, researchers and historic archivists and will be on the ground floor. It will provide plenty of space for all the archival documents currently stored in five different parts of the College and allow for the addition of future materials.

The Gallery, also located on the ground floor will enable us to stage exhibitions including a stunning collection of East Anglian paintings soon to be gifted to the College. It will also provide a large enough indoor space for Fellows, students and Members to congregate before special College occasions in Hall.

The Central Reading Room on the first floor will rise to the full height of the building, exposing the beauty of the interior design and flooding the building with natural light.
‘Phase II’ of the Campaign will involve the restoration and re-configuration of the ground floor of the Grade I listed Pepys Building. The newly available space will offer great opportunities to the College and the scope of the project will be developed in detail once the build of the new College Library is underway.
The importance of the Library was self-evident in the pre-digital age when most knowledge was held in books, journals and paper records. But what is its relevance today when, in principle, all information is available digitally?

The Library remains the focus of the undergraduate students’ academic life. By providing a high quality library building the College underpins its mission that it is an international academic institution, where students are academically ambitious, hard-working and high achieving.

Libraries are changing to meet the demands of new technologies and different ways of learning and teaching. The College Library is very well used by our students and we found – when conducting a survey in 2015 among resident students – that over 90% of our student body wants to work in a quiet study space, a traditional library free from distractions. The new Library’s primary role is thus to provide our students with a dedicated workplace.

Every part of the new Library will have internet access. Digital resources, as well as up-to-date scanning and copying facilities will be available. The book stock in time will be almost doubled to make up for the current shortages of books in most subjects. The College will gain 10 more seminar rooms for teaching and group study.

The new College Library, together with the refurbished Pepys Building will support our vision to combine an outstanding heritage from the past with an ambitious and forward-looking ethos in support of academic excellence today.
£25,000,000
over five years

£1,200,000
Archaeology and site preparation

£10.6m
The building

£0.8m
External works and landscaping

£1.3m
Professional and design fees

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We invite all of our Members to take part in this Campaign and every gift, large or small, regardless of its designation will make an enormous difference to our success in reaching our target. A gift of £13.34 per month (with Gift Aid) over five years will add up to £1,000 and everyone giving at that level will have their name recorded on the ‘Wall of Benefactors’.

The new building, the heart of this Campaign, provides a number of naming opportunities so that Members, Friends of the College and their families can leave a lasting legacy or honour the memory of a loved one for generations to come.

There is also scope for those able to make exceptional contributions to name the Law Library, the Students’ Social Area, one of the three magnificent Reading Rooms in the College Library and the dedicated Archive Centre.

Bursaries and Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students can also be named.

If you would like more information please contact the Development Director to discuss your gift in confidence by telephone +44 (0)1223 332160 or by email development.director@magd.cam.ac.uk
Donations to the Future Foundations Campaign can be made over the five year period. The table below provides some examples of how gifts made by UK taxpayers can be donated in a tax efficient way.

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We invite all of our Members to take part in this Campaign.

A gift of just £13.34 per month (with Gift Aid) over five years will add up to £1,000! Everyone contributing at this level will have their name listed in the new building regardless of the designation of the donation.
Every gift to Magdalene contributes to the campaign for the University and Colleges of Cambridge