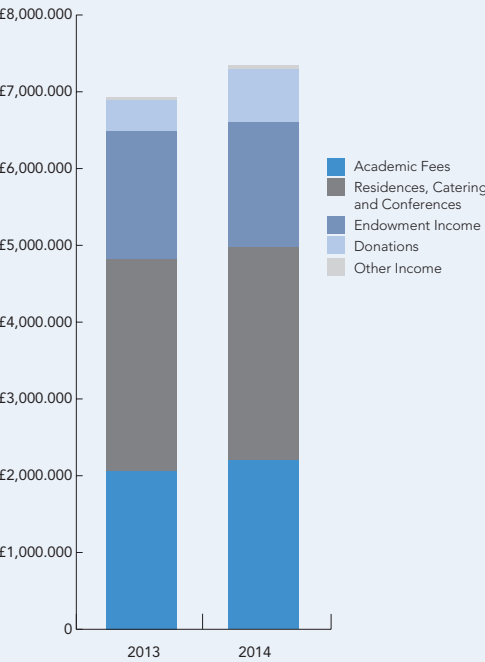


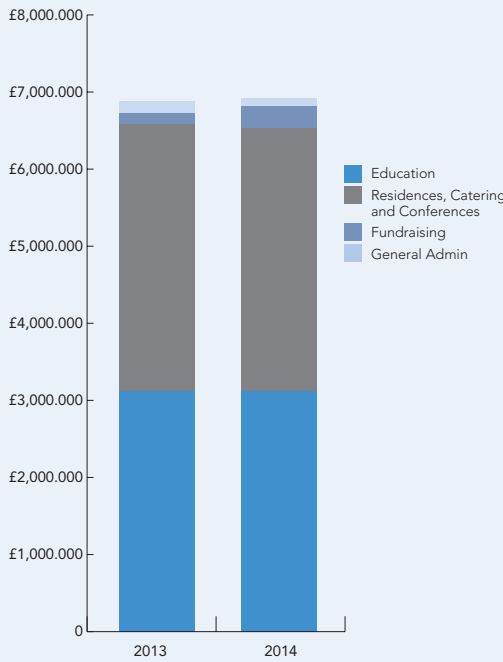
Finance and Philanthropy

Income from our endowment, along with annually generated funds (fees, conferences, etc.) provides a balanced budget. Donations help us to meet unexpected expenses and plan for the improvement of our educational provision.

INCOME 2013 – 2014



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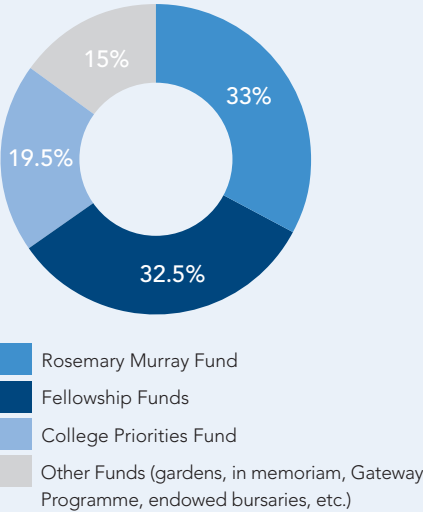


The Cost of Education

Increased fees for students don't mean more money for College. They are mostly used to make up for government cuts to University teaching provision. The College isn't better off but our students are being asked to pay more, through government loans.

Because of the way we teach at Cambridge, it costs £17,000 to educate each undergraduate. There is an obvious shortfall, which is currently about £2,500 per student per year, covered by the College.

DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS



THE COST OF EDUCATION



Your support meets our greatest opportunities and, most significantly, our core purpose: the provision of world-class education.

A Gift for the Future

A great deal of what we currently are able to offer has been made possible by those alumnae and friends who have remembered Murray Edwards, founded as New Hall, in their Wills. Such support is essential, allowing the College to plan for the future.

In honour of our legacy donors, we have launched the Murray Society, which has seen tremendous initial success thanks to your generosity. This past year, we have had 19 confirmed new legacy pledges with promised gifts totalling over £4.5 million.

If you would like more information on how to join the Murray Society and leave a gift to the College in your Will, please contact **Megan Schaible** in the Development Office (ms2230@cam.ac.uk).

"I was incredibly lucky to be accepted at New Hall in 1959 by the inspirational Miss Rosemary Murray. Those three years gave me a wonderful education and an unforgettable experience of the value of pursuing truth and knowledge for their own sake. I think there has never been a more important time to pursue these goals than now, and to continue to aim at the highest standards of scientific enquiry – including in the arts subjects.

These are the main reasons for my choosing to leave a substantial proportion of my money to Murray Edwards College. The friends I made then, the welcoming back of the alumnae, the focus on opportunities for women's education and the outstanding leadership of the college confirmed my decision to support what I most value and where I think it will make the most difference."

Dr Sheila Coates (1959, MML)



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Looking Ahead

Supporting Priorities

The benefits of annual giving to the College are great. Annual gifts to the College Priorities Fund create a foundation of support for the College to rely on year on year to meet opportunities which are beyond our normal expenditure. It also allows the President and the Bursar to be flexible when unexpected needs arise. This support goes directly to protecting our heritage Grade II buildings and improving the lives of our current and future students. It allows the value of your gift to have wider reach as it is combined with the support of your fellow alumnae to provide maximum impact for College priorities.

Every Gift Counts

If every Murray Edwards, New Hall alumna gave just £5 a month, or £60 a year in honour of our 60th Anniversary, we would raise over £1,000,000.

If you would like to discuss a gift with the Development Team, please email us at: development@murrayedwards.ac.uk

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Murray Edwards College
founded as New Hall



DONOR REPORT

2014



What a momentous year it has been ...

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you as we reunited for our special 60th Anniversary Celebration during Alumnae Weekend last September. As I reflect back on the history of the College and the way in which it has shaped all of our lives, I am confident that the continued commitment of our alumnae and friends reflects our significant and unique ability to impact the lives of women through education.

To all of you, alumnae and friends who give to Murray Edwards, I want to say a sincere thank you. Your support over the years has enabled the College to reach the point where we are today – a place where we educate women, regardless of social and financial background with skills to change the world in which we live. I hope these few pages give you a real sense of what your generous donations have achieved and provide an inspiration to continue your support of the College as we look towards the next 60 years.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to the College.

Dame Barbara Stocking
(NH 1969)

YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL

This year, thanks to the generous donations from alumnae and friends, we were able to:

- Fund 40% of every Cambridge bursary awarded to Murray Edwards students at up to £3,500 per award, upon which over a quarter of our students rely
- Award 39 Blues scholarships, 18 Graduate research grants, 8 Language course scholarships, 2 Music scholarships and 62 Travel awards for internships and volunteering totalling over £30,000
- Provide 43 College Bursaries for Academic Needs and Student Hardship totalling £20,500
- Fund the on-going restoration of our Grade II heritage buildings, which this year included re-tiling the Orchard Court walkway, refurbishing student accommodation kitchens, and installing WiFi in all public space and student rooms in College
- Provide £180,000 of funding for a new 3 year Fellowship in Law
- Provide £250,000 for a Fellowship in Maths, which will be a linked appointment with the Faculty of Pure Maths

Ashley Nguyen
(MEC, 2013)

Telethon 2015 ...

This was my second year as a caller for the Murray Edwards telethon. As a witness to the incredible generosity and wealth of memories that our alumnae shared during last year's campaign, it was an easy choice to want to do my part for the College again this year. I know from experience that the telethon is one of the best and widest reaching opportunities for networking with alumnae. It was exceptionally moving and inspiring to hear your stories and listen to your enthusiasm and desire to contribute to the future of the College and students like me. This year, over half of those we called decided to make a gift with over £230,000 in pledges raised! As a beneficiary of past contributions, I am proud to have been a part of something that I know will genuinely make a huge difference in the lives of future students. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the telethon and thank you all for taking the time to chat with and inspire future alumnae like me.

Rowanne Willett
(MEC 2012, back row 4th from right)



Murray Edwards College Telethon Team 2015



Academic Excellence

Attracting the best academics will ensure that the Fellowship continues to develop as a vibrant, well-rounded academic community, fostering an environment of academic excellence throughout the College.

Law Fellowship

Law has always been a popular and successful subject at the College. At Murray Edwards, we have a thriving community of just under 20 undergraduates reading Law, and up to ten postgraduates taking the Masters in Law (LLM) or Masters in Corporate Law (MCL). The College has its own Law Society, which is organised by the students, and involves talks, dinners and mooted competitions. Our results in Law are very good, with Murray Edwards students at both undergraduate and postgraduate level regularly producing results which put them at the top of their cohort.

Thanks to your support, we are now at 100% of our goal to raise £180,000 to appoint a new three year Fellowship in Law.

Odette Murray, will join the College as our new Law Fellow in October 2015.



Engineering Fellowship

We have a long and important history of Engineering at Murray Edwards. At any time in the College we have almost thirty Engineering students, demonstrating our significant contribution in the STEM field, as this represents over 12% of women in this subject area at the University.

With just two fellows currently overseeing the Engineering programme within the College, this is a key opportunity to expand our reputation for academic excellence at Murray Edwards, New Hall.

As a College for women, Murray Edwards is in a unique position to support women undergraduates and in turn has the ability to strengthen the results of women in Engineering with this teaching Fellowship, ensuring a role model in the field is leading tutorials throughout the students' Tripos.

Our aim, in three years' time, is to be known as a College for women that consistently matches the average Firsts for men in Engineering at Cambridge, which is 30%.

We are off to a fantastic start with nearly 60% of the Engineering alumnae phoned during the Telephone Campaign, choosing to support this great cause. We are now over £50,000 towards our goal of £180,000 for a three year Fellowship in Engineering.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS



Your contributions to initiatives like The Rosemary Murray Fund, College Priorities and The Gateway Programme have allowed the College to provide a range of opportunities for our current students.

Here you will find just a few examples of what your donations accomplished this year. To read more about these and other College stories, visit our blog *Murray Edwards College: Going Places*.

From left to right:
Flora McFarlane (MEC, 2013) Tennis Blues Funding Recipient.
Connie Fisher (MEC, 2011) Gateway Challenges Internship Funding recipient.
Phoebe McFarlane (MEC, 2013) Music Scholarship Recipient.



STUDENT STORIES

I would like to say a huge thank you to the college donors for awarding me money from College funds earlier this Summer. The money allowed me to undertake a 10 week independent research project at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in Hinxton where I was screening for novel protein-glycan interactions involved in malaria. The chance to carry out my own research project for the first time was particularly exciting and the experience has further confirmed my interest in medical research and encouraged me to apply for a PhD after my undergraduate studies. Overall I thoroughly enjoyed my internship and am very grateful to have been awarded the funding.

Alicia Caunter (MEC, 2012)



Ou Qi, mapping
northeast China

After a terrible earthquake hit my home country of China, I knew I wanted to help make sure devastation like this could be avoided in the future. With the support of the Rosemary Murray Fund, I spent over one month in the Northeast of China. I trekked through the forested jungle, large mountains and rocky coasts, and produced a geological map for the Jiashan and Shoushan region in Xingcheng City. This was the first mapping project completed by a Cambridge University student in China. the experience allowed me to complete my academic requirement and helped me build new connections with Chinese geologists, which I believe is very valuable. I am truly grateful for the generosity of the College and the donors without whose support, this project would not have been possible.

Ou Qi (MEC, 2012)



Amy in Vietnam

Backpacking for the first time was one of the best experiences of my life so far and has only made me want to go travelling again after University. I wouldn't have been able to do it without the Gateway Funding and it has improved my independence, confidence and problem solving skills as for the first time I had to fend for myself in a completely different environment. Travelling opened my eyes to the different culture there and how people live and cope in harsh conditions. Overall, it was an incredible experience that I would recommend to anyone and I am extremely grateful to the Gateway programme for allowing me to fulfil one of my dreams.

Amy Hawking (MEC, 2013)