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Endowed Chairs

Investing in global talent at St Andrews





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our continued excellence relies on our ability to attract global talent in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Endowed Chairs offer the opportunity to accelerate research in key areas of interest, spurring critical advances in knowledge and technology and are crucial in positioning the University as a competitive destination for world-class academics and keeping them here for the long term.

Diversity is the hallmark of a rich, vibrant academic community and we are steadfast in our commitment to creating an inclusive environment that welcomes students and staff from more than 140 different countries.

In order to ensure St Andrews can continue to offer world-class learning, research and teaching and to enhance the diversity of our academic leadership, it is vital that we build our endowment to provide long-term funding for academic appointments.

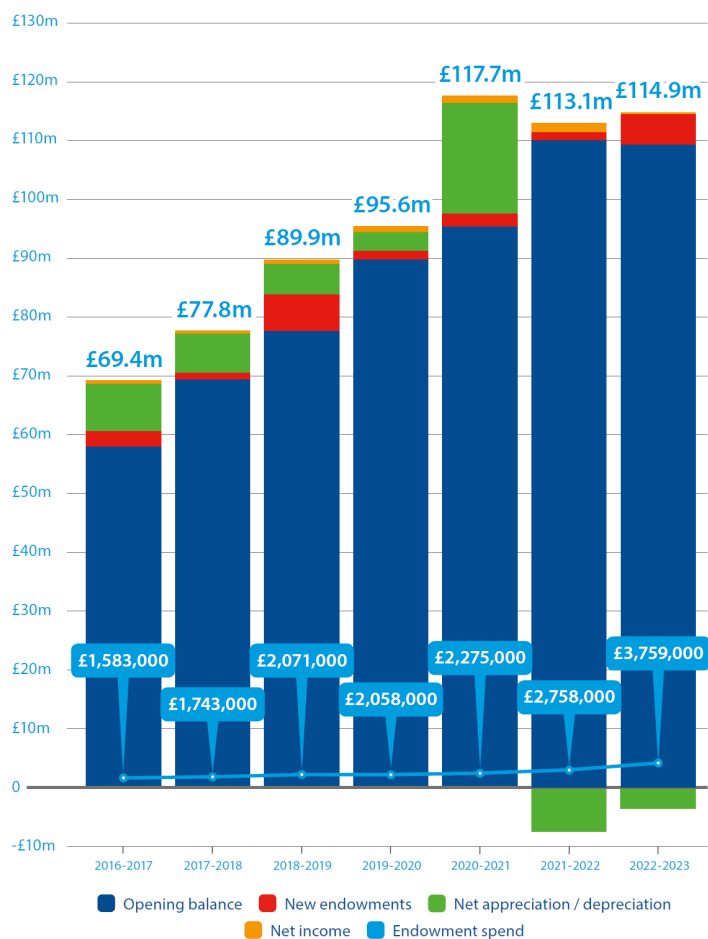
Opportunities to support strategic appointments exist across all Schools however current priorities exist in our new Business School; a new Chair of Energy in the School of Chemistry, to enhance our current expertise in green energy solutions that tackle climate change; and a Chair within the Department of Chinese Studies.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS ENDOWMENT

The University of St Andrews has a small endowment in comparison to our competitors. Despite this, the endowment fund has supported a spend of £3.7m this year towards a number of strategic initiatives. This investment in research, teaching technologies and the teaching experience has helped to attract the best staff and most promising students from around the world. These efforts were recognised when the University was ranked top in the UK by two major UK league tables (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024 and the Guardian University Guide 2024) – the first time any institution has outranked Oxford or Cambridge in both in the same year.

Our investment portfolio was adversely impacted during 2022-2023 by a general decline in worldwide stock markets due to supply and inflation issues and higher interest rates with the total annual return across all fund manager showing a slight increase of 0.6% for 2022-2023.

Over the past ten years however, the total endowment fund (which includes cash, properties as well as equities) has still exceeded the CPI+4% benchmark by 24.2%. This performance is attributed to the fund outperforming in earlier years, whilst in the latter part of the period, a blend of weak market performance and extraordinary inflation has seen some earlier gains eroded.



Institution	Endowment Value at 31 July 2023	The Guardian University Guide 2024 ranking
St Andrews	£114.9 million	1
Oxford (inc. colleges)	£8.06 billion	2
Cambridge (inc. colleges)	£7.8 billion	3
Glasgow	£234.3 million	13
Edinburgh	£559.8 million	14

BUSINESS SCHOOL

The Business School, newly announced in 2023, brings together our existing School of Economics & Finance and School of Management. Uniting these top-ranked Schools means we can build a world-leading offering that combines intellectual leadership with a critically needed focus on sustainability, ethics, and the transformation of industries to meet existential 21st century challenges.

The new Business School will be housed in the 'New College', a £100m development of a major town-centre site which was formerly occupied by the town's state secondary school, and acquired by the University in 2021. The Business School will join the School of International Relations at 'New College' forming a major hub for the Social Sciences in St Andrews, and for the 2000 students and 280 staff in this area.

Harnessing the convening power of St Andrews, both as a university and as a destination, the New College and the new Business School will establish a distinctive executive education offering which will:

- develop the interdisciplinary skills leaders need to address today's global challenges.
- inspire the next generation of leaders to understand the geopolitical framework in which they operate and to be socially responsible, ethical, and original business thinkers.
- place sustainability at the core of our curriculum design, our research agenda, and our behaviours.
- provide a dedicated new space for the Business School's existing Bloomberg Trading Suite.

Faculty Chairs within the Business School, including an inaugural Dean position and Professors in Entrepreneurship, Leadership Development, Marketing, and Strategy will enable us to expand our impact in these strategic areas.



SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY

Chemistry is the science that drives the world around us, from designing new materials to keeping the air we breathe pure, from creating medicines to building efficient ways to generate energy. Now, more than ever, the impact of Chemistry research and discovery is vital to ensure a safe, healthy, and vibrant future for us all.

The School's responses to the Covid-19 pandemic, medical innovation and climate change are creative and ground-breaking. Without skilled human resource and a strong research base in the chemical sciences our ability to tackle these complex problems that face the world will be severely diminished. We want to continue to grow our outstanding scientific community that is genuinely diverse, able to tackle large interdisciplinary problems through leadership and teamwork and is ideally positioned to contribute positively to major societal challenges.

Scotland leads in its pursuit of green energy and tackling climate change. At St Andrews we are committed to a net zero future and research in the School of Chemistry includes:

- world leading work on sodium batteries as a cheaper and more sustainable alternative to lithium which has a finite supply
- exploring the potential of hydrogen power in the real world with our hydrogen powered train
- mitigating the climate crisis through harnessing renewable energy to manufacture new chemicals for a new world, such as new plastics and synthetic jet fuel.
- The creation of a Green Hydrogen Accelerator (GHA), a unique, world-class facility for research and development into the production and utilisation of green hydrogen.

We are seeking support for a new Chair of Energy in the School of Chemistry, to enhance our current expertise in green energy solutions that tackle climate change.



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

A strategic priority for St Andrews over the next ten years is to build on our world-leading science in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and our growing Medical School to continue to develop our biomedical capability. Using interdisciplinary research, scientists at St Andrews are pioneering advances in biomedical science.

In recent years, researchers in the School of Medicine have:

- created a wearable sticking plaster to cure skin cancer by light therapy.
- discovered new molecules which could cure Alzheimer's.
- successfully developed new tools to enable much earlier diagnosis of multiple diseases including TB.
- helped reduce unnecessary antibiotic use to help combat the global health emergency of anti-microbial resistance.
- initiated a national dementia consortium to speed up novel drug discovery in Scotland.

The Mackenzie Institute for Early Diagnosis capitalises on well-established medical research collaborations with the Schools of Chemistry, Biology and Physics, as well as with the School of Computer Science, which is internationally renowned for its specialisms in machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI). This, and other partnerships with the Schools of Geography, Mathematics, and Psychology and Neuroscience offer new avenues of research.

The Centre develops, tests and implements research programmes which have the capacity to achieve substantial improvements to early diagnosis of cancer, dementia and sight loss.

In the School of Medicine and the Mackenzie Institute we are seeking four Chairs of clinical medicine who will facilitate the creation of a biomedical core through the widening of our clinical offer in the areas in which we have strength.

These include a Chair of Infectious Disease, a Chair of Primary Care and other Chairs with expertise in clinical trials in translational medicine that align with clinical specialities needed in Fife.



SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES

The School of Modern Languages (SoML) is one of the largest and most diverse schools of Modern Languages in the UK and has been consistently ranked in the top 5 Schools of its kind across a range of national league tables. Committed to research-led teaching and an approach to language study in which the acquisition of linguistic competence and the study of culture go hand in hand.

The School includes a new Department of Chinese Studies which was introduced in 2021 and is indicative of our commitment to Modern Languages at a point when other universities are reducing their coverage in this area.

The rise of China over the course of the past three decades has been remarkable. Its influence in manufacturing, industry, agriculture and technology and its power in exporting its goods to the rest of the world make it a dominant player in today's economic, political and cultural spheres.

Beyond the Chinese mainland, the Chinese-speaking world stretches from Asia (Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore and Malaysia) to all continents via the Chinese diaspora. There is a crucial role for talented and knowledgeable people who can engage with this complex sociocultural matrix and who can use their expertise to shape our global society in the decades to come.

Our vision is to be a leading centre for Chinese Studies and the Chinese language. Now, with the arrival of renowned academic, Professor Gregory Lee, who heads the Department of Chinese Studies, we have the expertise and leadership to enable us to achieve that vision.

The Chair in Chinese Studies would support, in perpetuity, the presence of a global leader in the field to provide leadership to the development of Chinese Studies at St Andrews.



ALL SCHOOLS

Opportunities to support research focussed strategic appointments exist across all Schools. Such posts will accelerate academic leadership in these areas, enhance outputs ahead of REF2029, grow income, build reputation, and optimise investments made elsewhere. These senior level appointments will be tailored to attract individuals established in their areas and ambitious to change the future. Further information on Schools not highlighted above can be provided.

Art History	Divinity	Mathematics and Statistics
Biology	Earth and Environmental Sciences	Medicine
Business School	English	Modern Languages
Chemistry	Geography and Sustainable Development	Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies
Classics	History	Physics and Astronomy
Computer Science	International Relations	Psychology and Neuroscience





SUMMARY

Prestigious endowed Chairs in our Schools will be a magnet for renowned researchers and teachers and will keep them here for the long term. To guarantee that we can continue to offer world-class learning, research and teaching and ensure diversity of our academic leadership, join us to that we build our endowment to provide long-term funding for academic appointments.

Chairs are funded at a level of **£3million** in the Arts, Divinity, and Science faculties, and **£5million** in Medicine.

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