The Dublin City University campus began as the Glasnevin Model Farm in 1838 and ever since has been a seat of learning and inquiry.

During the 1870s in the Albert College, valuable agricultural research was being carried out to develop new crop varieties and improve breeds of livestock. In 1890 the College pioneered the use in Ireland of a French method of treating fungal infection - this became the first successful treatment for potato blight.

In 1980 the National Institute for Higher Education, Dublin (NIHE) opened and over ten thousand students a year now pursue their education at Dublin City University. Today DCU is educating the students and recruiting the scholars who will build Ireland's future.
Scholarships provide a naming opportunity for you, a loved one or a corporate supporter. They may be created in celebration of a special occasion, or in tribute to the memory of a life well lived.

While gift details remain confidential and your wishes for anonymity will be respected, donors who create a scholarship at Dublin City University begin a strong and enduring relationship with the university and are placed in a very special community of its friends. We would be delighted to welcome you as a lifetime member of the university’s Leadership Circle.

Leadership Circle Programmes and Services

To show our appreciation to Leadership Circle members, we offer services that acknowledge your gift, keep you informed about research and programme achievements and provide you with opportunities to interact with the university community. Some of these opportunities include:

• Invitations to the annual dinner, the seasonal reception and other events hosted by the President of DCU.
• Invitations to events of interest to members such as speaker’s series, symposia, lectures and concerts
• A subscription to the DCU Times magazine published semi-annually.

With regard to your named scholarship you can expect to receive annually:

Correspondence from us with news, where available, of the latest student to receive your scholarship, or updates on the research outcomes that your gift to post-graduate study has supported. Where appropriate, the scholarship student’s letter of appreciation will also be forwarded.
When considering who should benefit from your scholarship gift at DCU, you can do what means most to you:

**Access Scholarships**

Of all the initiatives undertaken by DCU, this is one of the most important – to address the financial burden that may deter bright, deserving young people from taking their rightful place at university. Students enrolled through the Access Programme may come from under-served areas of the country or have experienced socio-economic disadvantage. Once at DCU they receive academic guidance and financial assistance in the form of scholarships at a cost of approximately €2,000 p.a. each. The Access Programme was initiated by DCU in 1990 and was the first of its kind in Ireland. It is now the largest and most far-reaching programme in the country with representation from most of the island of Ireland. DCU is very proud of its commitment to these students and to those who will follow them. It is private contributions that make these scholarships possible. You can designate your scholarship for students from specific counties, or those studying a particular academic discipline.

**Academic Merit-Based Scholarships**

We are fortunate to attract brilliant scholars to Dublin City University at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Their contributions enrich our academic climate in the classroom and throughout our campus community. Academic merit-based Scholarships allow us to recognise outstanding achievement while continuing to recruit the brightest minds to DCU. You can reward students in a particular year or area of study.

**Sports Scholarships**

Dublin City University is proud to house an elite Sports Academy focusing initially on Gaelic Football, Athletics and Tennis. The programme ensures that students can achieve both their academic goals and athletic dreams through world-class coaching, state of the art facilities and course flexibility.

This programme will bring Ireland’s Olympic talent to the Games while also developing the athlete holistically and academically through higher education. You can direct your scholarship to students from a particular area of the country or within one of the sports we focus on.

**Postgraduate Research Fellowships**

Dublin City University has gained worldwide recognition for the work of many of its key researchers and their teams in fields as diverse as ethics, physical sciences, computing, nursing, law and government, biotechnology, the humanities, engineering and business as well as those specifically investigating early detection and treatment of motor-neurone disease, cancer, multiple sclerosis and diabetes. Postgraduate students who are capable of competing to the highest international standards are essential to the well-being of research in Ireland. Postgraduate Research Fellowships enable DCU to recruit the most talented students, recognise their scholarly contributions and reward their dedication through the provision of world class training and education. You can direct your Fellowship to any of our Schools or Faculties.
Your named scholarship can be contributed by means of a significant gift to be endowed in perpetuity, or by funding a scholarship with an annual donation.

**Here’s the difference:**

**Annually Sponsored Scholarships**

Your gift is pledged over several years and is directed to students and the programmes that support them. This is an effective way to help students and experience the culture of Dublin City University from your perspective.

**Gift levels are:**

- €8,000  Access Scholarship (over 4 years)
- €10,000  Academic Merit Scholarship (over 4 years)
- €20,000  Sports Scholarship (over 4 years)
- €27,500  Postgraduate Fellowship (1 year)
- €55,000  Master’s Degree Fellowship (over 2 years)
- €82,500  Doctoral Fellowship (over 3 years)

**Ways to Give**

One generation plants the tree, another gets the shade. Creating an endowed scholarship at Dublin City University is like planting a tree - generating an annual scholarship in perpetuity for students.

Your gift is invested and a portion of earned interest is disbursed each year as a scholarship. Endowed scholarships are the foundation of a sustainable, perpetual funding base for student and research support. They are created with a major gift of €50,000 or more that may be contributed over time, and can be structured to annually generate a full degree programme of support, or a 1-year scholarship.

**Permanently Endowed Scholarships**

- €50,000  Access Scholarship
- €70,000  Academic Merit Scholarship
- €120,000  Sports Scholarship
- €180,000  Full Access Scholarship
- €240,000  Full Academic Merit Scholarship
- €440,000  Full Sports Scholarship
- €600,000  Postgraduate Fellowship
- €1,100,000  Master’s Degree Fellowship
- €1,650,000  Doctoral Fellowship
- €2,400,000  Research Professorship

**Building for the Future**
The DCU Educational Trust is a registered charity (CHY 8960) established in 1988 to advance the development of Dublin City University. It is by building philanthropic relationships with friends, corporations, alumni, foundations and community groups that the DCU Educational Trust demonstrates the unique culture of Dublin City University and the power of higher education to change lives.

Staff of the DCU Educational Trust are pleased to discuss with you the designation of your gift of student support and the creative ways in which you may structure your contribution.