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**welcoming:
the future
KING'S**





King's imagines a path forward that is more inclusive, more diverse, and as intellectually challenging as ever. We are fortunate to attract academically curious students to our rigorous programs. We must now weave new perspectives into this fabric. We want underrepresented students to see themselves reflected in the faces on campus and the ideas in the classroom. We've already begun this work, but there's more to do. We envision a welcoming community for all who choose to study here. We'll all be stronger for it.

This is the future King's.

King's has long been the small university that thinks and acts with outsized purpose.

It owns a unique niche in Canadian higher education by combining the country's first and best great books program with one of its first and most distinguished journalism schools, unique interdisciplinary humanities programs, and cutting-edge graduate programs in creative writing. It is the university for thinkers and creators who are lovers of ideas, books, writing, scholarly conversations, the fine arts and learning in community.

Now King's aspires to becoming something more: a university that opens the doors to the transformative education it provides to students from all backgrounds and communities by opening *itself* to being transformed by the knowledge, insight, culture and wisdom that inclusivity will bring to the Quad.

The King's that emerges will provide an even more transformational education to its students that better prepares them for fulfilling consequential lives beyond King's in times of unprecedented change. It will be a King's that makes even greater contribution to the future of the humanities, journalism and creative writing and to the communities it belongs to and that support it.

It will be a King's that lasts as it blends what it is with what it is in the process of becoming.





The Future King's Campaign

Key to accomplishing King's goals is a **\$15 million** fundraising campaign. Quietly launched in February 2020, a date chosen to mark the centenary of the transitional decade from King's College, Windsor to King's College, Halifax/Kjipuktuk (1920-1929), support for the campaign has already reached \$10 million.

The goals of The Future King's Campaign coalesce in three priority funding areas:

Empowering Student Success and Access

Goal: \$2 million

To make a King's education equitable and accessible with:

- New financial awards to attract and support the best students from diverse backgrounds and experiences;
- Tutoring and academic support programs; and
- Funding to allow study abroad, attendance at conferences, and trips to galleries, theatres and other educational and cultural events.



Expanding and Diversifying the Educational Experience

Goal: \$2 million

To expand, enrich and diversify the education experience with:

- New faculty positions in fields of existing and new academic strength;
- Special lectures, mentorships, visiting scholars, and residencies for artists, writers and poets;
- Curriculum and program expansion and upgraded learning spaces;
- Initiatives that build community outreach and develop experiential learning in public humanities and journalism.

Enhancing Excellence and the Cultural Life of King's

Goal: \$1 million

To improve, modernize, diversify and enhance the beauty of King's campus with:

- Residence improvements to Cochran Bay;
- A restored foyer for the Arts and Administration Building; and
- Improvements to the functionality, inclusiveness and accessibility of college spaces.

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Through this work, and with your help, our academic learning and living community—the future King’s—will be strengthened and enriched in all its dimensions.

We invite your participation.

The back story

In 2016, the University of King's College embarked on a journey of rejuvenation. At a time when the university faced slumping enrolments and deep financial difficulties, the Board of Governors gave President William Lahey a comprehensive mandate to protect and advance the university's unique academic mission in the humanities, journalism and creative writing, to increase and expand the supports available to students, and to make King's a leader in what Universities Canada calls "inclusive excellence".

Since then, King's has made dramatic progress.

- Faculty renewal has been advanced, including five new tenure track professors to make our faculty more reflective of the diverse community King's aspires to be.
- A new MFA in fiction has been added to an original MFA degree in creative nonfiction, leading to the reconfiguration of the School of Journalism into the School of Journalism, Writing and Publishing.
- King's has stepped forward to be perhaps the smallest university to commit to implementing the Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education.
- A historic scholarship for African Nova Scotians has been reinstated, a tuition waiver program for students who were formerly in care has been established, and King's is working with Mi'kmaw partners to create an undergraduate cohort of Mi'kmaw students who are being funded to study journalism at King's and to address the underrepresentation of Indigenous voices in Canadian media.
- New scholarships and a new approach to scholarships that puts greater emphasis on in-course scholarships—along with an expanded bursary program that includes "no questions asked" emergency bursaries—are helping to expand who can afford to learn at King's.
- Three of the university's historic residences have been restored to their original beauty and given modern functionality and a fourth has been given a new entry and internal improvements to make it accessible.
- King's has adopted a bold plan under Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act to become an accessible community in and outside of the classroom.
- King's has become a leader in sexualized violence awareness, prevention and response.
- Students, faculty and staff are now supported by a Sexual Health and Safety Officer, an Equity Officer, and an Accessibility Officer, while students are more comprehensively supported by an expanded mandate and staff for the Office of the Dean of Students and by expanded academic advising in the Office of the Registrar.
- King's has also rejuvenated its athletics program, including with unique-in-Canada Deane Little academic scholarships for varsity athletes, ensuring that the competitiveness of King's teams reflect its academic values and excellence.



Now it is time to accelerate the pace and depth of the progress we are making.

Building on President Lahey's mandate, King's faculty have developed a new Academic Plan for the future that outlines the educational priorities for King's students in a vision that takes equity, accessibility, inclusiveness and Canada's journey towards Reconciliation as the "foundation that supports everything we do here". The Plan aims to ensure that learning at King's deeply engages with the fast-changing complexity of the twenty-first century, including by giving students the long view that comes from studying the great books that are the "unacknowledged legislators of the world".



With partners like you, we will continue this work and welcome the future King's together.



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