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We are recognising your generosity.

On behalf of the entire Imperial College London community, I would like to thank our generous donors. We are grateful for your support. I hope that as you read this report, you will see how your support is helping Imperial to bring tremendous benefits to society through our talented and inspired graduates, our research discoveries, our start-ups and our influence on policy.

Around the world and throughout history, people have looked to universities to produce learned members of society and create new knowledge. Our graduates and our scholars produce solutions to the toughest challenges humanity faces. I believe that this is appropriate to our mission. We have confidence that our research and education will lead to discoveries, will unlock answers to tough questions and will change the world for the better.

One challenge we face today is to reach those who see universities as elite institutions, with little to do with them. We have a responsibility to make our discoveries and innovations relevant to those who can most benefit from them. We are opening our doors to our community in new and important ways, as you can see from the story about the Invention Rooms in this report.

Every day at Imperial we read about astounding research breakthroughs, exciting student inventions and impressive ways we are bringing our work to benefit society. In this Annual Fundraising Report, we are sharing a little bit of this activity so that you can see the impact of the support we receive from alumni and friends.

From initiatives aimed at young people in our local communities, to state-of-the-art facilities, to scholarships for the next generation of medical researchers, we see the power of philanthropy in supporting the great talent at Imperial to make a difference in the world.

Thank you for giving to Imperial.







We are a community of donors.

This year 9,681 alumni and friends gave to Imperial College London, raising an amazing £51.5 million. Every donation makes a vital difference. Your generosity fuels scientific discovery and helps unlock student potential. Together, we change the world.

£51,509,285

Our alumni, friends and supporters this year raised over £51.5 million for research, education and campus development.

4,405 first-time donors

Welcome! We're grateful for your support.

4,365 alumni gave back

Your generosity helps secure Imperial's future.

Donations from 87 countries

You're an international community; your generosity stretches around the world, from Argentina to Vietnam.

American connection

Thirty years ago, the Imperial College Foundation was created to make it easier for US alumni to donate. As we celebrate this anniversary, our thanks go to the 2,333 US-based donors for continuing to support Imperial from afar.

In the club

127 members

The Imperial 1907 Circle recognises the exceptional generosity of those giving £5,000 or more a year. We were honoured to welcome 127 members this year.

339 members

Membership of the Imperial 1851 Circle – which celebrates those giving £1,000 or more a year – increased by over 50% to 339 this year.

131 graduation gifts

Thanks to all the graduating students who made a donation during graduation this year.

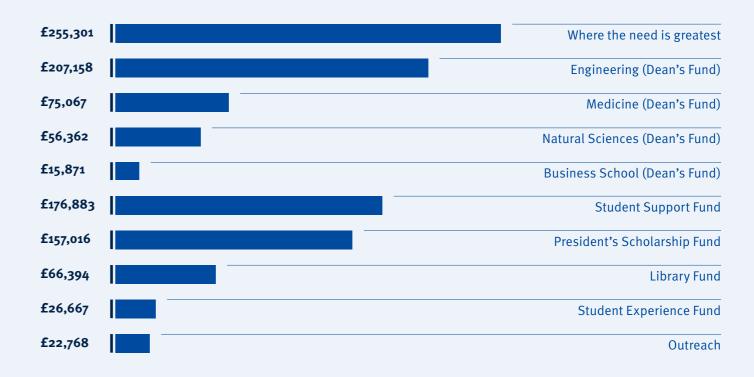
1,373 volunteers gave their time

Imperial's international alumni network relies on the dedication of volunteers who give their time and talent. We're especially grateful to the 220 people who volunteered as members of alumni group committees.

Your gift, your choice

Our 10 fundraising priorities touch every aspect of life at Imperial – from enabling research, to enriching the student experience. Whatever you chose to support in 2016–17, your donation has made a real impact.

£1,059,487 raised



Investing in the future

In 2016–17 the College received over £1.4 million from legacy gifts, providing vital funding for research, education and campus development.

Making a legacy gift is a special decision and an expression of very personal values. We're grateful to the 70 people who committed to remember Imperial in their will this year.

Call to action

145 student callers took part in this year's telephone campaigns, raising £279,764 through nearly 4,000 conversations.

"Participating in the telephone campaign was such a meaningful experience, not only when receiving donations from alumni, but also learning about their life experiences and reconnecting them with our College community."

Student caller Daniel Chipchase Biology with Management



An inspirational year.

Your support has impact here on campus – and touches lives around the world. Whether you give your time or give financially, thank you. Here we share some of the year's highlights.

Life savers 1

A US \$13.5 million donation from Good Ventures will support the Schistosomiasis Control Initiative at Imperial to treat an additional 27 million people in some of the world's poorest countries for schistosomiasis, a common parasitic disease in the developing world, which causes chronic ill health and severe pain.

Director's chair 2

Mary Reynolds joined Imperial in May 2017 as Director of Development, a role to which she brings over 20 years' fundraising experience, gained in universities, charities and the arts in the UK and Canada. Mary said: "Imperial's researchers and students are changing the world – it's a privilege to be part of that exciting mission."

White City welcome 4

A special reception brought nearly 200 alumni and donors to the I-HUB to learn more about the College's vision for research, education and societal engagement at the new White City Campus.

Family ties 5

The Imperial Family and Friends Fund is a new vehicle for parents of Imperial students to support College projects aimed at enhancing the student experience. One of the first to give after the fund's launch this year was Mei Hung, whose son Tim is currently in his second year of an electronic and information engineering degree. We're grateful to all those family and friends who gave this year.

Physician funding 3

Doctors with research experience as well as clinical expertise play a vital role in translating scientific breakthroughs into treatments for patients. A recent £5 million gift from the Lees Charitable Foundation, chaired by Dr Richard Lee (Chemical Engineering 1960, PhD 1964), will provide new scholarships for physicians wishing to do a PhD as part of their medical training.

The Foundation's gift will create The Lee Family – Faculty of Medicine Scholarships, an endowed scholarship programme offering one full fellowship every two years, in perpetuity. The first awards will be made in the 2018–19 academic year.

Imperial's clinical-academic programme provides opportunities for doctors to do a three-year PhD as part of their vocational training, giving them valuable research experience that can be linked to their clinical discipline. If doctors understand the scientific characteristics of a disease and the everyday problems patients face, they are better able to bring a holistic perspective to the study of disease and to their work with patients.

The Lee Family has a long-standing connection to Imperial, and several generations of the family have studied at the College since the 1950s. Over the past 15 years the Lees Charitable Foundation has supported students and research at Imperial, including through the Lee Family Scholarship, which offers two fully funded PhD opportunities each year. With the creation of the endowed Lee Family – Faculty of Medicine Scholarships programme, the Foundation is building on an illustrious legacy of philanthropy.

- Schistosomiasis can be safely and effectively treated with modern drugs, for as little as 33p per child, per year.
- **2** Mary Reynolds, Director of Development at Imperial.
- Dr Richard Lee at a 2017 event hosted by the Alumni Association of Hong Kong, with Professor Maggie Dallman OBE, Associate Provost (Academic Partnerships) and Professor Alice Gast, President of Imperial.
- 4 Imperial 1851 Circle member Dr Martin Cole (Botany 1955) at the I-HUB reception.
- Mei Hung was one of the first to donate to the Imperial Family and Friends Fund.













An inspirational year An inspirational year















Lasting legacy 6

Although Dr Gloria Borley (Geology 1960, PhD 1962) sadly passed away in June 2016, her connection with Imperial lives on through her £1 million legacy gift for PhD scholarships, which will provide opportunities for students working on treatments for neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's.

Flying start 7,8

A unique facility for testing prototype flying robots opened this year, thanks to a generous donation from Imperial alumnus Brahmal Vasudevan (Aeronautical Engineering 1990). Researchers at the Brahmal Vasudevan Multi Terrain Aerial Robotics Arena are developing flying robots for a range of humanitarian and industrial uses. Potential applications range from search and rescue operations after natural disasters to repair work in industrial environments that are hazardous for humans.

Honoured memory 9

A gift of £1 million made by the Burman family honours the memory of the late Sidharth Burman and recognises the work of his doctor, Professor David Taube. The donation will create the Sidharth Burman & Professor David Taube Chair in Renal Medicine and will support research into better treatments for people with kidney disease.

- **6** Dr Gloria Borley was a long-time friend and supporter of Imperial.
- **7** Brahmal Vasudevan speaking at the opening of the aerial robotics arena.
- 8 The Brahmal Vasudevan Multi Terrain
 Aerial Robotics Arena at Imperial's South
 Kensington Campus is the first of its kind
 in Europe, enabling engineers to test the
 next generation of aerial robotics for urban
 environments and extreme conditions.
- 9 The 2015 Global Burden of Disease Study found that kidney disease was the 12th most common cause of death worldwide, accounting for 1.1 million deaths worldwide. Current therapies such as dialysis and transplantation are costly and inaccessible to patients in the developing world.
- 10 Staff and students volunteered as part of Giving Day, to help raise awareness of the impact of alumni donations on life at Imperial.

24 hours to make a difference 10

Giving Day is a simple idea. Over the course of 24 hours, the Imperial alumni community gets together with a single aim: to raise as much money as possible for projects aimed at supporting students and celebrating our shared connections with the College. We reached over two million people throughout the day, connecting with supporters around the world through email, social media and via a special Giving Day website.

Back at the South Kensington Campus, a stall in the Sherfield Building provided a focal point for activities, with staff and students volunteering to raise awareness of the impact of alumni donations on student life. Students and staff could also make a donation – either by dropping spare change into one of many collection buckets or by giving at the cash registers when making a purchase.

"Giving Day isn't just about raising money," says Andrew Flather, who organised the event. "It's also about raising awareness of the impact of philanthropy and showing just how much we can achieve when we work together as a community."



We are transforming lives.

Meet some of the young people whose lives were touched by your generous support for students in 2017.

President's Scholarship President's Scholarship

"I am proud to represent Imperial."

Orla WilliamsMedicine



For Orla Williams, a President's Scholarship is helping her gain valuable experience in global health, and offer medical assistance to people around the world.

"I never thought it possible that I could be the recipient of such an award. I am extremely proud to represent Imperial and I am trying to use my scholarship to both further my own interests, and to help others.

I have always been interested in how the provision and distribution of healthcare can differ around the world. My scholarship has granted me the opportunity to travel each summer of my degree, and to gain experience in different health and education sectors. Last summer I travelled around Myanmar, Indonesia and Singapore. In Myanmar, I spent time with representatives of UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services) and expats working in the Departments of Health and Home Affairs. I learnt of the challenges the country faces, post colonisation and military rule, with a healthcare system in its infancy.

Imperial's societies add a whole extra element to university life – you can take part in so many, and everybody is so welcoming. This year I am chair of the Student Action for Refugees society, running the Imperial division of the UK-wide campaign 'SolidariTee'. I am also a President's Ambassador, which enables me to represent the College at public events and regularly give campus tours.

It is both an honour and a privilege to receive a President's Scholarship. It has added an unparalleled dimension and opportunity to my studies in medicine. Thank you."

"I feel like I belong here."

Marta-Stefania
Ungureanu
Mathematics and
Computer Science





"When I was in primary school, I read in the newspapers about smart Romanians studying at top universities in the UK and USA, and I always wanted to be one of them. Now I am at Imperial, I feel like I belong here. It is so inspiring to meet other students from all around the world.

Moving to another country is never easy, but my President's Scholarship was very helpful, enabling me to pay my rent and settle into my new home.

In my first year I lived in Xenia Hall, right in central London. Every evening, I would walk home across the Golden Jubilee Bridge, admire the views of the London Eye and Big Ben, and think: 'I made it'.

I would like to thank everyone who supports the President's Scholarship Fund. What you're doing

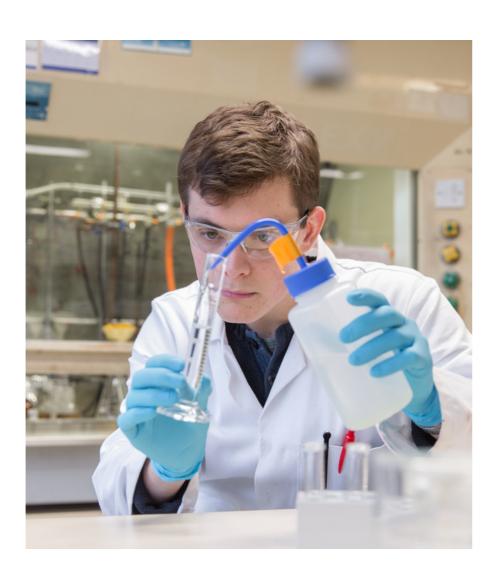
is wonderful – helping students regardless of their background, nationality or anything other than their academic performance. Apart from the financial help, the award also boosts our confidence. It says to us: 'we believe you can do it.'"



To learn more about the President's Scholarship Fund, please contact Mariah Bush, Regular Giving Manager on +44 (0)20 7594 9330 or visit imperial.ac.uk/giving Dean's Fund – Natural Sciences Dean's Fund – Engineering

"I'd like to express my gratitude."

Michael Howlett Chemistry



Overseas research placements expose students to new ideas, building their confidence and broadening horizons. Your support for the Dean's Funds means that more students like Michael Howlett (Chemistry) can access careerdefining research opportunities.

"My main motivation for doing a research placement was to gain international experience in an area of chemistry I hadn't encountered before. I wanted to move out of my comfort zone and develop new interests. My placement took me to the Tanner group, at the University of British Columbia, which is working to produce a test molecule for a novel antibiotic. Being in a new place pushed me to make the most of it and now I'm definitely keen to stay within my current field of work as a research chemist. I never would have considered applying for this

opportunity if it weren't for the bursary. It has had an impact on the work I do, my performance, and my confidence and enthusiasm since returning to university. I'd like to express my gratitude to all those who support the Dean's Funds. You're enabling people like myself to get vital, real-life research training and, in doing so, you're investing in projects that improve lives. Thank you."

"I will follow in your footsteps."

Samuel GarcinAeronautical
Engineering



Thanks to your generous donations to the Dean's Funds, we were able to offer Samuel Garcin (Aeronautical Engineering) a helping hand when a change in family circumstances led to financial difficulty.

"My family's financial situation changed dramatically after my father fell ill. At the time, I seriously considered stopping my studies. Thankfully, I received a lot of support from the College and my bursary from the Faculty of Engineering Dean's Fund greatly helped me cover my living expenses. I enjoy all the opportunities we have at Imperial to take on leadership roles – whether it's through clubs and societies, or student-led technical projects. I am currently leading a team of 21 students in designing and building a 2.5m wingspan Unmanned

Aerial Vehicle (UAV). I believe UAVs will continue to revolutionise multiple industries and I am very keen to work in this field.

To everyone who supports the Dean's Funds, I would like to say thank you so much for your help. Being able to obtain some emergency financial support allowed me to change my situation, and gave me the motivation to make the most of my time at Imperial. I promise that I will follow in your footsteps and join the donor community when I make it big."

"I actually shouted for joy."

Shirlyn Yen Business School

A social enterprise pioneer in her native Taiwan, Shirlyn Yen was awarded the prestigious Riley Family Scholarship to study for an MBA at Imperial College Business School.

"I'm one of the founding members of UnLtd Taiwan, a programme set up in 2014 to support social enterprise in Taiwan. We provide training and mentoring, as well as access to grant funding. The aim is to use business thinking to amplify the impact of enterprises that aim to do good in society. We work with entrepreneurs in various fields, from supporting older people to live independent lives to improving agricultural and food standards.

Why did I choose to study at Imperial? The Business School is renowned for finance and entrepreneurship, which resonates with my future career goals around social entrepreneurship and investment for social impact. London is also one of the most dynamic cities for the social impact sector, making networking much easier.

I received the Riley Family Scholarship, which covers my fees and living expenses. Thanks to the scholarship, I can study at Imperial without being burdened financially. That means when I finish my MBA, I won't be under any pressure to find a job in a sector with higher salaries. I can keep working in social impact, the field I love, and where I want to build my career.



I was at work when I received an email saying that I'd been accepted for the scholarship. I actually shouted for joy. Discovering that I had been selected for such a competitive scholarship was one of the best moments of my life."

The Riley Family Scholarship was established in 2015 thanks to the generous contributions of Stuart and Joanna Riley.

"The Riley Family Scholarship is giving talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds the chance to realise their ambitions. We could not be more grateful to Stuart and Joanna Riley for their continued support."

Paul Mburu Head of Development Imperial College Business School



"We have a whole world ahead of us."

Haydn OrmeEarth Science and Engineering

Four years ago, the first Thermo Fisher Scholars began their studies at Imperial: bright students in engineering and natural sciences who had been chosen for this prestigious award. As she graduates, Haydn Orme (Earth Science and Engineering) reflects on the opportunities her scholarship offered her.



"There's a real family feel at Imperial. In the undergrad room, people from different year groups were always mingling, sharing experiences and helping each other out. Thanks to my scholarship, I could take up a lot of opportunities I could not otherwise afford, such as attending the British Science Festival and going on a sailing voyage with the Jubilee Trust, where I joined a crew of disabled and able-bodied people working together to sail a tall ship from London to Southampton via France.

My scholarship also supported me in doing a summer research project in my second year, which led into my final year MSci dissertation. I was studying how faults and fractures grow in the sediment build-ups that occur when one tectonic plate moves under another. We found that they have different growth evolutions, so I focused my project on working out why that was so. I presented my findings at the American Geophysical Union conference in San Francisco – the biggest geology conference in the world. It all came together so nicely, and it was my scholarship that gave me the security to give it a try in the first instance.

The ongoing support from Thermo Fisher Scientific enabled me to enjoy all aspects of university life, without worrying about money. I want to say thank you very much to Thermo Fisher Scientific for supporting me and my peers. We now have a whole world ahead of us."

"Since 2013 Thermo Fisher Scientific has supported 40 students, greatly enhancing our education programme and forging strong links between academia and industry. We are sincerely grateful for their ongoing support for Imperial and its students."

Marcus Rees-Roberts Head of Development Faculty of Natural Sciences



Be inspired at The Invention Rooms.

Sitting on Wood Lane, a short walk from the Westfield Shopping Centre and the iconic BBC Broadcasting House, is what looks like an unassuming office block. But inside, nothing could be further from the truth.

With support from alumni and friends, Imperial has transformed the building to create The Invention Rooms: a vibrant and exciting place for people of all ages and backgrounds to learn new things and to share in the excitement of making and discovery.

The Invention Rooms is home to a number of Imperial initiatives focusing on 'making' – the process of designing, building and testing creative ideas.

One of the most innovative of these spaces is the Reach Out Makerspace, which aims to use hands-on making activities to connect children and young people with science and technology.

At the Makerspace, children learn how to use equipment, such as 3D printers, laser cutters and woodworking machinery, to turn their creative ideas into reality. Imperial staff and student volunteers provide advice and guidance.

The Mega Maker Challenge is a free 10-week programme of workshops and after-school activities for young people aged 14 to 18. Participants work with Imperial staff and students to develop their ideas, then use the resources available at the Reach Out Makerspace to build and refine their designs. Over time, participants gain new skills, grow in confidence and get an insight into careers in science and technology.

As the first cohort of Mega Makers near the end of their Challenge programme, we visited the Reach Out Makerspace one evening to see first-hand the impact of the wonderful generosity of donors who supported outreach and engagement in 2016–17.





The Mega Maker Challenge after-school club begins at 16.30pm, with many of the students coming straight from school. Once at the Reach Out Makerspace, it's bags in lockers and time to find a seat in the ideation space – where teaching, thinking and design work take place.

16.45

Each session begin

Each session begins with an introduction to a new skill. This week the students are learning about 3D printing. After the presentation participants get the chance to try out the 3D printing equipment.





A shared dinner – provided by the Reach Out Makerspace – helps to bring the group together and keeps energy levels high for the remainder of the session. For many participants, it's a quick bite before getting on with their individual work. Be inspired at The Invention Rooms Be inspired at The Invention Rooms



Mega Maker Challenge participants have access to a range of equipment, including 3D printers, laser cutters and woodworking tools.



Fostering creativity is one of the central aims for the Mega Maker Challenge. The last hour of each session is given over to independent working, where participants can practice using any of the tools and techniques they've been introduced to, and start developing their own projects.

> Another session over and time to tidy up ready for the next day's activities. Kate Mulcahy runs outreach and engagement activities at the Reach Out Makerspace and was part of the Challenge programme. "The young people taking part in the Challenge says Kate. "The resources here give them a means for expressing that in a creative way. They grow in confidence and learn skills that will be useful in whatever they go on to

"This completely new initiative in White City is possible only because of the generosity of our funders: Elsevier Foundation which enabled us to create the programme, the Berkeley Foundation for enabling us to expand it, the Mohn Westlake Foundation and Garfield Weston Foundation for helping to build it, and Humphrey Battcock for helping to secure its future."



Imperial student mentors are on hand to provide advice and support when needed. Involving students in activities at the Reach Out Makerspace helps build links between Imperial and the local community.

team that developed the Mega Maker are brimming with ideas and energy," do in their lives."

Mary CrowleyTrusts and Foundations Manager



Better health for people and planet.

Could better environmental management help to protect biodiversity and human health? With philanthropic support from the Grantham Foundation, an Imperial PhD student aims to find out.



Grantham research student Hiral Shah is not your average PhD student, but his unconventional career path has proved good preparation for an exciting and unique research project at the Grantham Institute, one of Imperial's six global institutes, which focuses on climate change and the environment. Born in London and now aged 28, Shah has a degree in chemistry and a Master's in public health and health economics. His varied experience also includes working in health insurance, researching interventions to stop rabies deaths in India, and consulting with pharmaceutical and medical technology companies for the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence back in the UK.

Now he is one year into a PhD that aims to tackle several major global issues at the same time. Shah is investigating whether environmental management can deliver benefits to human health as well as to biodiversity.

"We live in a globalised world, where activities in one nation can have widespread social and environmental consequences elsewhere. For example, the commodities we consume in the West have resulted in deforestation in other nations. This has led to a substantial loss of biodiversity," Shah explains. "But does this also lead to a greater risk of infectious diseases in these countries and, if so, what can we do about it?" To answer these questions, Shah is combining research on sustainability with ecology, infectious disease epidemiology and economics.

"Globally, the population is rising and there's an increasing demand for commodities like meat and palm oil. Simultaneously, people are moving from rural to urban environments, bringing humans into much closer contact with animals. That's important because we know that around 60% of human diseases originate from animals. When we encroach on animal habitats, we alter ecosystems. This may be responsible for a rise in emerging infections such as Zika or Ebola."

He is also looking at which countries are driving these threats to human health and biodiversity, and asking if there are any 'upstream' interventions that would bring mutual 'downstream' benefits for the environment and health: "What would happen if governments implemented a tax on deforestation for consumer countries, or created national parks to limit deforestation? Could this preserve biodiversity and save people from infectious diseases too? Could it reduce carbon emissions and air pollution?"

Shah's supervisor at the Grantham Institute is Dr Kris Murray, whose expertise ranges from biogeography of infectious diseases, to snake bite ecology. He is also surrounded by colleagues from an astonishing variety of other disciplines: "It's pretty cool to be at the Grantham Institute where people are researching so many different areas that all somehow link back to the environment, like hydrology, earth sciences, chemical engineering, business and physics. I'm picking up different skills, different perspectives, and taking my research across different domains."

Funding for Shah's PhD comes, via the Institute, from the Grantham Foundation. This brings an important emphasis, not only on carrying out research with impact, but also on communicating the results. Since joining, he has had communication training, as well as help and advice on writing blogs and briefing papers, all thanks to the Science and Solutions for a Changing Planet Doctoral Training partnership hosted at the Grantham Institute. "If we're going to solve global problems like climate change, infectious diseases and biodiversity loss, we need to reach a wider audience. To do that, researchers need good communication skills," he says.

According to Shah, this outward-looking attitude, combined with the range of expertise of Grantham Institute colleagues, creates an ideal niche for his interdisciplinary research: "I feel extremely lucky to get funding to study this topic, and I hope that my research has an impact in the world. I also hope I can stay at the Grantham Institute and Imperial, where I can continue doing world-class research, and help build a future with healthy people and a healthy planet."

The Grantham Institute – Climate Change and the Environment was established in 2007 with generous support from the Grantham Foundation. We are sincerely grateful for a further gift of £4.7 million made in 2017, which will support the Institute until 2025.

To learn more about the Grantham Institute, please visit imperial.ac.uk/grantham

 Hiral Shah is a PhD student in the Grantham Institute.



Leading the fight against parasitic diseases.

Could leadership skills strengthen efforts to control schistosomiasis in West Africa? A new research project led by Imperial's Schistosomiasis Control Initiative aims to find out.

Schistosomiasis is a parasitic disease affecting millions across the developing world. Imperial's Schistosomiasis Control Initiative is working with partners across sub-Saharan Africa to deliver safe and effective treatment. "Our ambition is to strengthen health systems in the countries we work with, to empower our in-country partners and give them the confidence to take the leadin their treatment programmes," says Nadia Ben Meriem, who is an advisor for the SCI-supported treatment programme in Côte d'Ivoire. "And training is an important part of that."

Nadia has recently returned from Côte d'Ivoire where she was delivering a training course on leadership skills for health workers, in partnership with the country's ministry of health. "The course is for people involved in running treatment programmes for schistosomiasis and other neglected tropical diseases. The aim was to help people feel empowered to influence, to become a catalyst for change and to lead others towards a shared goal."

The Côte d'Ivoire training is part of a wider SCI research project which is looking at whether nurturing leadership skills can make health initiatives in the developing world more effective. Numerous studies have highlighted the need for better training in leadership skills for government health workers but, as yet, few ministries of health provide it. Over the next two years, the SCI team will be providing leadership training and evaluating

its impact on, for example, project management and programme effectiveness.

Over 15 people in Côte d'Ivoire have now participated in the course, with very positive responses so far. "With this training, I have gained confidence," says Dr Aboulaye Meite, who coordinates the country's schistosomiasis treatment programme. "The training captured the attention of the audience, with great examples that were easy to follow, allowing all to participate and interact."

"This research project is about understanding what training people need to be effective health leaders," explains Nadia. "We're so grateful to everyone who donates to support the SCI. Your generosity helps us to deliver treatment to those who need it – and to safeguard the future of schistosomiasis treatment programmes. Thank you."

Schistosomiasis is a parasitic tropical disease that affects millions. It causes chronic ill health and malnourishment and, left untreated, can cause organ damage. With its partners, and supported by philanthropic donors, SCI provides the technical assistance and training required to deliver treatment to millions of people every year across Africa and in Yemen.

 Children and young people in Côte d'Ivoire.

Smarter, safer and greener building façades.

Thanks to a £200,000 donation from Civil Engineering alumnus Chris O'Dea, Imperial can begin to tackle an important engineering challenge that has a new immediacy in the aftermath of London's 2017 Grenfell Tower fire.



Named after O'Dea's architectural cladding firm, the new Techrete Lectureship in Façade Engineering will create an opportunity to research the systems we use to form the outside skin of buildings, and to introduce façade engineering to undergraduates. The new lecturer will seek ways to improve the performance of cladding systems so that they help to provide an optimal environment within the building, resisting rain, wind and fire, while looking good and perhaps even helping to clean up pollution.

Nick Buenfeld is Head of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Professor of Concrete Structures at Imperial. He explains: "If you're building a house you will probably make it out of bricks, but if you're building something larger, it is usually constructed with a frame which is then covered in a façade. Façades are one of the most expensive and risky elements of a large building. This is a really important area but, surprisingly, there is very little academic research on façades."

The new lectureship comes at a pivotal moment in the department. Earlier this year, the College announced the launch of the Imperial Centre for Infrastructure Materials. This ± 5.4 million Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council-funded centre will work to improve building materials, making new constructions more sustainable, economic and durable.

Professor Buenfeld continues: "The new lecturer will benefit enormously from the Centre, which will be opening up in the second half of 2018. We have a strong reputation for our expertise in structural engineering, for example, in how we design and build frames and bridges, as well as in formulating better materials, especially concrete. This new focus on façade engineering will perfectly complement those two areas."

Professor Buenfeld is poised to begin recruiting the new lecturer, but says it could be challenging: "It will be tricky to find excellent candidates because there are so few people currently working in this area in academia. I think our best bet will be someone who trained in civil engineering and then worked in façade engineering, perhaps as a consultant. Chris O'Dea will help here, with his unparalleled industry knowledge."

What exactly the new lecturer researches will depend on their capabilities and interests, but Professor Buenfeld says that the Grenfell Tower tragedy raises some important research challenges. Other opportunities include developing façades that are self-cleaning or can absorb carbon dioxide from the air. The new lecturer might also investigate how to reduce the carbon footprint of cladding systems. This could include reducing the amount of cement used in concrete,

with cement production being one of the biggest contributors to carbon dioxide emissions.

Professor Buenfeld expects that the new role will encourage existing staff who are working in structural engineering, building physics and materials science to collaborate on new façade engineering research projects, and sees potential for a Master's course on the subject. In the meantime, civil engineering students at Imperial will begin to benefit from learning about façade engineering in far greater detail than elsewhere.

He adds: "This funding has acted as a spur to get Imperial more focused on façade engineering, helping us to tackle this important unmet need. With the developments in research and teaching that result from it, this funding will have an impact on the way future buildings look and behave."

Nick Buenfeld, Head of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Professor of Concrete Structures.



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We are grateful to all those who gave in 2016-17.

These pages celebrate the generosity of those who give £1,000 or more.

These leadership donors and legacy pledgers enable Imperial to achieve its mission of excellence in research and education, for the benefit of society.

Our online donor listing recognises all donors who gave in 2016–17.



Imperial is a place where great people come together to do great things. Our alumni, friends and supporters are a vital part of this exciting community. Your support enables Imperial to achieve so much. On behalf of all of us, thank you. Over the last year, your donations have touched student lives, fuelled ground-breaking research and helped to build a world-class environment for research and learning. There is so much that we can do together. We look forward to finding new ways to connect with you in the months and years ahead, and to share the wonderful impact of philanthropy at Imperial.

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Sarah Porter Waterbury
Vice President (Advancement)

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