

# Annual Giving Programme 2010

RCSI is an extraordinary institution, with an extraordinary history. We have played a major part in leading the way in medical and allied health education in Ireland and overseas. The generosity of our alumni has helped us in raising vital funds to enable RCSI to maintain its position as a world-leader in medical education and to continue to undertake ground-breaking and innovative research.

Each year, graduates of RCSI are invited to make a gift in support of their alma mater. We hope that you will become involved as your investment supports RCSI's incredible diversity of students and your gift is a vital part of what creates the atmosphere of innovation and excellence that is the hallmark of RCSI.

Our goal for the 2010 Annual Appeal is to raise \$250,000 which is ambitious and a challenge, but we believe that RCSI graduates will answer the call. The funds will be directed in the following ways:-

## Research – \$120,000

Research is the cornerstone of a leading institution such as RCSI and we aim to expand research opportunities for student-initiated research projects undertaken with guidance from RCSI clinicians and scientists.

Your support will enable:-

- A gift of \$4,000 per annum will provide an undergraduate student with valuable experience and contribute to significant insights in a controlled research environment.
- A gift of \$2,000 will provide a travel bursary to assist students with travel and accommodation costs for attendance at an international medical and scientific conference

Opportunities are available to establish "Named Funds" in recognition of alumni support over a five year period. Graduates have an option of indicating a particular discipline if they so wish.

## Hardship Fund - \$65,000

We are living in challenging times with the changing global economy and we have found that more students than ever are experiencing unforeseen hardship that could jeopardise their ability to continue their studies.

A gift of between \$650 - \$2,600 will provide emergency financial assistance to those students facing extraordinary financial crises.





*Paula Greally,  
3rd Year Medicine*



*Matthew Bartlett,  
3rd Year Medicine*



*Tyson Chan ,  
2nd Year Medicine*



*Atish Chopra,  
3rd Year Medicine*

### **Student Elective Fund- \$40,000**

Electives are often one of the most vivid and favourable educational memories, expanding student horizons by providing opportunities for medical, cultural and personal experience. Years after graduation, elective term memories still continue to burn brightly.

A gift of \$2,600 will allow us to provide an opportunity for one of our students to undertake an elective in Ireland or overseas.

### **Student Life - \$25,000**

Students have an amazing time in RCSI and once they settle in, the intimate campus size and population makes them feel part of the overall College community. There are so many clubs and societies that it means that everyone can find something to enjoy.

Funds raised in support of student life, will help to revitalize the heart of the student recreational area as well as providing students with extra-curricular opportunities that complement the academic experience, preparing them for life beyond RCSI.



*Robert Niznik,  
3rd Year Medicine*



*Maryanne Siu,  
2nd Year Medicine*



*Paul O'Mahony,  
3rd Year Medicine*



# Special Projects Marking 200 Years on the Green

## Library Fund –

### Historical Collection - \$260,000

The archives are the basis of the history of RCSI and an essential part of its heritage. These records created in the running of RCSI include the minutes of meetings of the College from 1784, its Council from 1844 and of its various committees. The archive also comprises muniments, architectural drawings, personal diaries and photographs.

Of prime importance, especially this year as College celebrates 200 years on St Stephen's Green, are the conveyance (accompanied by a site-map) of the land on St Stephen's Green and the minute books of the Building Committee. These document in detail the construction of Surgeons' Hall from 1805 to 1810.

The architectural drawings of William Murray allow us to trace his ingenious alterations of the 1810 College building into the 1825 façade we see today.

The diaries and news cuttings of Sir Charles A Cameron uniquely supplement the biography of this accomplished Victorian and College historian.



The diaries of Thomas Heazle Parke LRCSI (1857-1893) record his time as medical officer to the Emin Relief Expedition led by Henry Morton Stanley across Africa from Zaire to Zanzibar.

The photographs capture notable people and occasions: the College after its 1916 occupation; charter day dinners; honorary fellowship conferrings; graduates and staff.

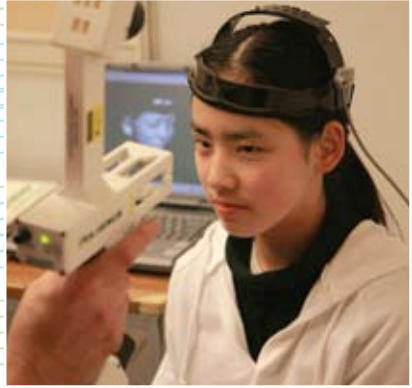
The care and preservation of these archives is specialised and costly. Your donation ensures that this irreplaceable material from your College's past can last into the future.

## Tom Garry Research Fund in Anatomy - \$40,000 (funding for 10 years)

The great tradition of anatomy teaching in RCSI began with Abraham Colles and Tom Garry was the keeper of the flame for more than half a century. Many RCSI graduates owe their careers to Tom Garry, an anatomist, who had



an amazing fund of knowledge with supreme storytelling skill, and wonderful practical demonstrations. For many students, anatomy can seem daunting, but Tom Garry could clear such feelings in a heartbeat. His legacy lives on in RCSI today where some of his pupils are still teaching and his wisdom is being passed on to the current generation of students. If you would like to commemorate Tom Garry, then please make a donation in support of the Tom Garry Research Fund in Anatomy which will support new developments in anatomy teaching.



*Tom Garry*



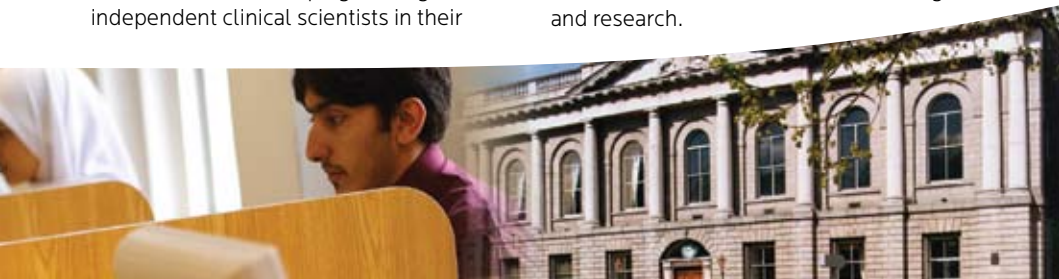
### **Clinician-Scientist in Ophthalmology - \$160,000 (3 years funding)**

A key component of RCSI's Research Strategy is to recruit and nurture world-class clinician scientists to undertake cutting edge translational and clinical research which can advance RCSI's priorities in biomedical research and healthcare. The Clinician Scientist Fellowship Programme offers a customised and structured learning, research and development environment with the aim of developing leading independent clinical scientists in their

respective fields. They will serve as catalysts to foster strong collaborations between research groups and institutions locally and internationally, coupled with being mentors for younger researchers.

A key strategic appointment is the position of a Clinician Scientist in Ophthalmology under the guidance of Professor Conor Murphy, who has joined RCSI from the University of Liverpool as Professor of Ophthalmology and Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital.

Professor Murphy is the leading expert on cornea disease in Ireland and has exciting plans for his research on herpes simplex virus which involves identifying new therapeutic targets to help alleviate the significant burden of this blinding condition. This position is critical to making our translational vision research programme a reality and your support will assist Professor Murphy's translational research efforts and continue RCSI's long tradition of excellence in education, clinical training and research.





**Any Gift You Chose to Make Will Have a Direct Impact on the Lives of Students at RCSI**

*Participation builds success and your support and generosity is greatly appreciated!*

**Making Your Gift**

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- credit card
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