



The Prince Philip Fund

The Prince Philip Fund: honouring a legacy, endowing the future

HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, made an immeasurable contribution to the Academy and the engineering profession for over four decades. He worked tirelessly to support the Academy from its inception in 1976.

We will always be indebted to Prince Philip for his passion, support, and advocacy, which have enabled us to grow and thrive as a leading National Academy delivering societal impact and inspiring people from all backgrounds into the profession.

Our ambition for The Prince Philip Fund is for the vision of our Founding Senior Fellow to drive improvements for future generations.

We seek to build the capacity, and the capital, to enable us to make a substantive and distinctive impact on the most important shared challenges we face. From public health threats to climate change, technological disruption and barriers to social mobility, the scale and complexity of these challenges demand a systems response – a response to which engineers can make a unique contribution.

Achieving societal impact and system change takes time and is rarely linear; there are no easy solutions to problems of this complexity. Effective responses require experience and expertise, long-term commitment, and flexibility. We recognise this, which is why The Prince Philip Fund is designed as an unrestricted fund in perpetuity.

This will enable us to prioritise our investment and work to ensure that we are addressing interconnected issues, with the right partners, to effect positive and meaningful change.

We invite you to help us honour the unwavering and ambitious vision of our Founding Senior Fellow by supporting The Prince Philip Fund, ensuring his legacy and impact will be realised for many generations to come.



“As the ever-growing human population consumes more and more of the Earth’s natural resources, it is going to take all the ingenuity of inventors, engineers, and designers to maintain the rate of improvements in the developed societies and to bring better standards of living to more and more people in the less prosperous countries of the world.

If this is to be achieved during the 21st century, the challenges for the professional institutions and the Academy will be to make sure, that bright young people, whatever their background, who aspire to do something creative and fulfilling with their lives, can achieve their ambition through engineering.”

**HRH The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh KG KT OM GBE
Founding Senior Fellow**

HRH editorial, Royal Academy of Engineering Ingenia magazine, issue 41 December 2009



Our impact



Message from the President

“The UK’s decarbonisation targets in 2030 and 2035 are fast-approaching and the next five years will be critical to achieving net zero. The Green Future Fellowships represent a significant opportunity during this critical period to develop and scale technologies at the cutting edge of climate research.”

Baroness Brown of Cambridge
DBE FREng FRS FMedSci

Chair of the Green Future
Fellowships Steering Group

Dear Fellows and friends,

The Academy has a proud tradition of driving excellence in engineering, fostering groundbreaking innovation, and addressing some of the most urgent global challenges of our time. Having served as Chair of the Academy’s Enterprise Committee, I’ve witnessed firsthand the transformative potential that lies within our community to push boundaries and pioneer new ideas. I am deeply committed to continuing this legacy and working with all of you to advance our shared mission.

As we look towards the future, we must stay agile and forward-thinking, embracing emerging technologies and adapting to the evolving needs of society. This will require not only our collective expertise and dedication but also essential support from our donors and partners. In particular, The Prince Philip Fund plays a critical role in enabling us to invest where it matters most: supporting innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity in engineering.

Unrestricted donations to The Prince Philip Fund allow the Academy to allocate resources with maximum impact, providing the flexibility to respond swiftly to emerging challenges and opportunities.

This adaptability is vital as we strive to foster cutting-edge research, develop innovative solutions, and address complex, global issues. By supporting the fund, you empower the Academy to back visionary initiatives, from pioneering research projects to educational programmes that inspire the next generation of engineers. Your contributions ensure that diverse voices are heard, strengthening the engineering community and enhancing its ability to tackle complex challenges with a range of perspectives.

I invite each of you to join us on this journey. Together, we can ensure that engineering remains at the forefront of innovation, driving progress and improving lives across the globe. Your support will enable the Academy to continue growing, seizing new opportunities, and fulfilling its mission in a sustainable, impactful way.



Sir John Lazar CBE FREng
President, Royal Academy of Engineering





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“The Engineering Leaders Scholarship was a really good push and driver for me to think I could dream bigger than I did before. The scale of my ambitions went higher.”

Dmitro Khroma

Former Engineering Leaders Scholar
Co-Founder and CTO, Swytch Technolog

“To be part of the Academy’s work in inspiring and supporting engineering innovation and impact is a real privilege. I am particularly enthusiastic about our initiatives to build a truly inclusive workforce, especially through the This is Engineering campaign, and helping young entrepreneurs make the transition to net zero just and sustainable. For this, the Academy needs more unrestricted, flexible funding and that is why I contribute to the Prince Philip Fund, to support the future of a profession that has given me such a fulfilling career.”

Professor Geoffrey Maitland CBE FREng



Fostering a sustainable society and an inclusive economy at the Royal Academy of Engineering



The Prince Philip Fund provides crucial resources that empower the Academy to invest in pioneering new programmes. Unlike restricted funding, which is tied to specific purposes, The Prince Philip Fund offers the flexibility needed to address evolving challenges, drive impact across a wide range of engineering disciplines, and ensure long-term resilience in a rapidly changing world.

In recent years, we have had to navigate unprecedented global challenges, and I am proud of how the Academy’s community has responded. The flexibility of our funding has enabled us to act swiftly in times of crisis, by supporting engineering innovations that addressed public health challenges and providing assistance to startups and small businesses during difficult economic conditions.

Sustainability has always been a priority for the Academy, and we are working tirelessly to promote green technologies and sustainable engineering practices. We are proud to collaborate with governments,

organisations, and universities across the world to drive this agenda forward, and we remain focused on positioning engineering as a leading force in addressing climate change.

It is inspiring to see the growing recognition of engineering’s vital role across the UK and around the world. While significant challenges remain, our community can take pride in its contributions to ensuring that engineering serves society effectively. I am confident that the Royal Academy of Engineering will remain a powerful force for good, and together with our partners and donors we will embrace new opportunities and rise to future challenges with determination and purpose.

Join us in honoring Prince Philip’s memory and legacy by supporting The Prince Philip Fund, helping to fuel innovation and excellence for future generations.

Dr Hayaatun Sillem CBE
CEO, Royal Academy of Engineering

Who are we?

A charity

We deliver public benefit from engineering excellence and technology innovation.

A National Academy

We provide progressive leadership for engineering and technology, and independent expert advice to government, in the UK and beyond.

A Fellowship

We bring together an unrivalled community of leading business people, entrepreneurs, innovators and academics from every part of engineering and technology.

Our vision

Is engineering in the service of society.

Our charitable mission

Is to deliver public benefit through engineering excellence and technology innovation.

We have outstanding convening power nationally and internationally.

We understand how to make systems and innovations make a positive difference to society.

We are trusted for our independence.

Together, we are engineering hope

The Royal Academy of Engineering is harnessing the power of engineering to build a sustainable society and an inclusive economy that works for everyone.

In collaboration with our Fellows and partners, we're growing talent and developing skills for the future, driving innovation and building global partnerships, and influencing policy and engaging the public.

Together we're working to tackle the greatest challenges of our age.

What we do

TALENT & DIVERSITY

We're growing talent by training, supporting, mentoring and funding the most talented and creative researchers, innovators and leaders from across the engineering profession.

We're developing skills for the future by identifying the challenges of an ever-changing world and developing the skills and approaches we need to build a resilient and diverse engineering profession.

INNOVATION

We're driving innovation by investing in some of the country's most creative and exciting engineering ideas and businesses.

We're building global partnerships that bring the world's best engineers from industry, entrepreneurship and academia together to collaborate on creative innovations that address the greatest global challenges of our age.

POLICY & ENGAGEMENT

We're influencing policy through the National Engineering Policy Centre – providing independent expert support to policymakers on issues of importance.

We're engaging the public by opening their eyes to the wonders of engineering and inspiring young people to become the next generation of engineers.




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