



## The Prince Philip Fund

## Message from Her Royal Highness

"It must be apparent to all who have the welfare and prosperity of the people of this nation at heart that engineering is by far the most important wealth creating activity in the country. It touches every individual's life from the cradle to the grave."

These were the words of my father at the first meeting of the Fellowship of Engineering, which was founded with his support. As the Founding Senior Fellow, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh was deeply involved in the preparations to create the new Fellowship, which took nearly ten years of discussion and debate.

Some 130 of the UK's leading engineers met at Buckingham Palace on 11 June 1976 and were charged with promoting multidisciplinary collaboration across the profession. Since then, the Fellowship has grown to 1,700, representing the best engineers from the United Kingdom and around the world.

Prince Philip believed passionately in the power of engineering to solve the world's greatest challenges. I am pleased to see that his legacy remains at the very heart of the Academy's work today.

The aims of the early Fellowship were to support British engineering innovation and skills and they were

acutely aware of the importance of sustainable use of resources. They set out their intention to work with the government and to promote the benefits of new technologies. Fifty years later, the Academy's goals reflect similar themes, but with bigger and broader ambitions - in the United Kingdom and worldwide.

Prestige must be earned and the Fellows and awardees of the Academy deserve great respect for their achievements to date, from shaping how the next generation of engineers are educated to building vital links with international counterparts.

The next 50 years will bring global challenges that are bigger, more complex and more urgent than ever, from access to clean water and health inequalities to national security threats. As a profession, you have an obligation to build on these achievements, and turn your collective creativity, expertise, and ambition into a future that works for everyone. No profession is better placed to shape the world of tomorrow.

I congratulate the Academy on its first half-century and wish you well in your mission to engineer better lives.





“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 21<sup>st</sup> 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



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

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we reflect on our inception in 1976. HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, championed our purpose with deep conviction and tireless energy. His immeasurable contribution to the Academy and to the engineering profession spanned more than four decades, and we remain indebted to Prince Philip for his passion, advocacy, and belief in the transformative power of engineering. His support enabled us to grow and thrive as a leading National Academy, delivering societal impact and inspiring people of all backgrounds to pursue engineering.

The Prince Philip Fund was established to honour this extraordinary legacy. Our ambition is to match our Founder’s vision: to build stronger capital and greater investment capacity, enabling us to address the most urgent and complex challenges of our time. These challenges affect entire communities and societies and often involve interconnected social, environmental, and economic factors. Real, lasting progress requires long-term commitment, and flexibility.

Recognising this, the Prince Philip Fund is designed as an unrestricted fund in perpetuity, giving the Academy the freedom to prioritise investment where it is needed most. This approach allows us to confront multifaceted issues alongside the right partners, and to pursue engineering-led solutions that create meaningful change.

With the Prince Philip Fund, the Academy can bring together expertise and ideas which enables us to deliver impact at scale: nurturing innovation, driving inclusive economic growth, and advancing a sustainable future for generations to come.

At our celebration of 50 years of progress, held tonight at St James’s Palace by Royal Fellow of The Royal Academy of Engineering, HRH The Princess Royal, we invite you to join us in honouring the unwavering ambition of our founder.

The Prince Philip Fund will ensure that Prince Philip’s legacy endures, empowering the Academy to continue inspiring excellence and helping to shape a better world for many decades to come.

## The impact you have made possible

**1,000 policymakers** trained to deploy engineering expertise, both in the UK and overseas.

**Enterprise hub** alumni raised an additional £ 3.4 billion in funding.

**This is Engineering** has inspired an estimated 1.6 million young people to consider a career in engineering. Our inspiration activities and school programmes have contributed to an increase in engineering degree course uptake.

Our **Enterprise Hub** has supported **600+ entrepreneurs** in the UK since 2013, who have created **6,100+ jobs**, raised **£3.8 billion**, and grown **1 unicorn**.

We've **supported researchers** who have gone on to create spinouts worth **£118 million**, and in total delivered an estimated economic benefit of **£1.9 billion**.

**1,800 students** from over **70 universities** benefited from our award-winning Graduate Engineering engagement programme.

**The Engineering Responsible AI report** called on the government to promote, prioritise and invest in sustainable AI.

**Seven regional Hubs:** London, Belfast, Swansea, Glasgow, Newcastle, Liverpool, Sheffield.

**Africa Prize alumni** Over 28,000 people employed by Africa Prize businesses.

**Engineering X** launched the first-of-its-kind hub to accelerate Colombia's safe and sustainable energy transition.



## 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.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Lazar'.

**Dr John Lazar CBE FREng**  
President, Royal Academy of Engineering



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"My biggest challenge as an engineering student with Filipino parents born in London has been a lack of engineering role models from my background. Through workshops, events, resources, and the mentorship programme, GEEP offered me many ways to curate my professional profile (including CVs, LinkedIn, and interviews) and discover new engineering industries/roles I may not have known."

Jean Anselm Dela Cuesta,  
Graduate Engineering Engagement  
Programme alumnus

## Driving innovation, inclusion, and long-term impact

The Prince Philip Fund provides essential resources that enable the Academy to invest boldly and strategically in the future of engineering. Unlike restricted funding, which must be used for specific purposes, the Prince Philip Fund gives us the agility to respond quickly to emerging challenges, accelerate innovation across disciplines, and build long-term resilience in a rapidly changing world.

Our new Strategy 2030: Engineering Better Lives, sets out a renewed ambition to harness engineering and technology in the service of society, focusing on three goals: building a sustainable and innovative economy, ensuring technology improves lives, and nurturing an engineering community fit for the future. The Prince Philip Fund is a vital enabler of this vision.

As we drive forward our strategic goal of shaping a sustainable and innovative economy, the Academy continues to drive innovation, , strengthen engineering capability, and support developments that address the climate and nature emergencies. We work closely with governments, international partners, and world-leading universities to ensure that engineering expertise is at the centre of tackling these urgent challenges.

Equally, our commitment to building an engineering community fit for the future has never been stronger.



We are expanding inclusive pathways into engineering, fostering diverse talent, and supporting the next generation of innovators through programmes that span education, entrepreneurship, skills development, and global collaboration. These efforts are embedded in our values of equity, diversity and inclusion, and our belief that engineering must reflect and serve society in all its diversity.

Looking ahead, I am confident that the Royal Academy of Engineering will continue to be a powerful force for public benefit, driving technological breakthroughs to deliver greater prosperity, widening participation, shaping policy, and delivering solutions that improve lives for citizens in the UK and around the world.

I warmly invite you to honour Prince Philip's legacy by supporting the Prince Philip Fund. By doing so, you will help us fuel engineering excellence, empower innovators, and advance our mission to engineer better lives for generations to come.

**Dame Tamara Finkelstein DCB**  
CEO, Royal Academy of Engineering

"Receiving the Engineering Leaders Scholarship has allowed me to pursue opportunities that would otherwise have been out of reach. The support of the Academy has opened doors and enabled me to grow personally and professionally. I'm incredibly grateful for the experiences I've had and the connections I've made as a result."

Rachael Andrews,  
Engineering Leaders Scholarship recipient



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## 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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