INTRODUCTION

Thanks to contributions from donors, the Amsterdam University Fund (Stichting Amsterdams Universiteitsfonds) enables dozens of extra facilities for researchers and students at the University of Amsterdam. This support is crucial; many initiatives would otherwise not be possible or could only be implemented much later.

I am honoured to be the chair of the Amsterdam University Fund and I am proud of the way the fund contributes to the university. We strive to be as transparent as possible regarding both income and expenditure. Our efforts were rewarded in the summer of 2017 when the university fund earned the status of ‘Recognised Charity’ from the Netherlands Fundraising Regulator (CBF), making it a recognised charity under Dutch law. The regulations for recognition focus on the social significance of charities, promote transparency and help organisations to further professionalise. The CBF looks at strengths and risks and enquires about the impact of activities. For you as a donor, these regulations are clear and straightforward: recognition allows you to see that your donations are being spent wisely. As a recognised charity, the Amsterdam University Fund contributes to a better world and handles every euro carefully and is accountable for this.

We strive to be as transparent as possible, this is reflected in our quarterly newsletter, during the various gatherings that we organise in conjunction with the projects that are realised thanks to your support and of course in this annual report.

Michaëla Ulrici

THE AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY FUND IN FIGURES

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€ 736,041

FUNDRAISING, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
€ 105,295

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* Total assets of the Amsterdam University Fund, including pledged multiple-year gifts: € 25,415,469. From 2017, as a result of amended reporting rules, assets must include pledged multiple-year gifts exceeding € 1000. This can mean that the loss of a gift can result in lower total assets.

INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING
€ 5,716,274*

* Including pledged multiple-year gifts of € 1,120,000.

SPENT ON OBJECTIVES
€ 1,928,978

DONORS
2,537
INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING

The Amsterdam University Fund received support from 2,537 donors in 2017. They gifted €194,808 to the Annual Fund, €2,157,526 to existing Named Endowment Funds and €120,077 to newly established Named Endowment Funds. Of this amount, €54,300 came from companies and €433,050 from non-profit organisations; the other gifts came from private individuals. In addition, the university fund received two legacies of €3,243,863. Total income amounted to €5,716,274.

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ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund supports special projects in the area of heritage, research, student projects and grants. The Annual Fundraising Campaign is organised to ask for contributions from alumni, staff and friends of the University of Amsterdam. Example projects are selected and highlighted in the campaign. Donors can designate their gift to a specific category or opt to have it distributed across all categories.

HERITAGE: The preservation of historical film material. The photo shows Marike van Roon, head curator of the Special Collections of the UvA.

GRANTS: Supporting international talent. The photo shows Mridula Shobinath, a Master’s student who can study at the UvA thanks to an Amsterdam Excellence Scholarship.

RESEARCH: Helping young people with a learning disadvantage. The photo shows Bowen Paull, assistant professor in Sociology.

Largest gift €2,000
Average gift €70
Most frequently given amount €50

Donors 2,368
Recurrent gifts 1,530
New donors 401
NAMED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Amsterdam University Fund manages 80 Named Endowment Funds, including the Annual Fund. A Named Endowment Fund is a fund with a specific goal for companies and private individuals wishing to make a long-term commitment to science and/or education at the University of Amsterdam. The goals range from providing grants to students and doctoral candidates to keeping book collections of the University’s Special Collections accessible. A Named Endowment Fund is established in accordance with the donor’s wishes and reflects the University’s needs. The goal is formulated together with the donor, so that the appropriate expenditure is ensured, both now and in the future.

A Named Endowment Fund can be set up from €50,000. Many of the Named Endowment Funds accept gifts from third parties. Twenty Named Endowment Funds have specifically been set up to award travel or student grants to promising and talented students. Study associations and groups of students may also apply for one of these grants.

NEW NAMED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Three new Named Endowment Funds were established in 2017.

RIZZOLI SCHRIJVER FUND
The goal of the Rizzoli Schrijver Fund is to provide accommodation to motivated and talented international students at the University of Amsterdam, with priority given to international refugee students from the Foundation for Refugee Students (UAF). The fund also provides student or student travel grants to Italian Language and Culture students.

METSELAAR DEN BOER MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND
The Metselaar den Boer Medical Research Fund was established to finance scientific medical research. It focuses on rare diseases that affect small groups of people and that severely impact the quality of life or are life-threatening.

FRIENDS OF THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FUND
The Friends of the Special Collections Fund was established to support the Special Collections of the University of Amsterdam by, among other things, digitising and maintaining collections and acquiring new works.
LEGACIES

A growing number of people are choosing to bequeath to charity, as they wish to support a cause they believe in also after they have passed. In 2017, the Amsterdam University Fund received two legacies with a total value of € 3,243,863.

HANS DIEBERGEN (1924-2017), on his passing, left around € 3.2 million to the Amsterdam University Fund. Diesbergen studied Economics at the University of Amsterdam, receiving his degree certificate in 1954. Diesbergen believed strongly in the value of scientific research. Thanks to his bequest, Diesbergen’s passion lives on and a new generation of researchers and students can continue their development.

KAREL DIBBETS (1947-2017), on his passing, left around € 45,500 to the Amsterdam University Fund. Dibbets was an impassioned researcher and lover of film. He combined both passions in his life’s work: the Cinema Context database. Via the Amsterdam University Fund, he bequeaths to his life’s work, guaranteeing the long-term survival of Cinema Context.

GRANTS

In 2017, the Amsterdam University Fund awarded € 1,928,978 in grants to special initiatives, studies and projects. Support was allocated to University of Amsterdam students and staff and to study associations connected to the degree programmes.

Total amount
€ 1,928,978

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RESEARCH
The University of Amsterdam is at the forefront in numerous research areas. In addition to major scientific studies, the University hosts many smaller research projects that rely on supplementary funding to continue their work.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BREAST TISSUE
The Gordon Research Conference on Mammary Gland Biology is one of the most renowned conferences in the area of breast tissue, attracting around two hundred scientists each year. Scientists discuss a wide range of subjects, varying from breast cancer to developmental biology. They look beyond the boundaries of their own fields, often resulting in unexpected ideas and new collaborations. Renée van Amerongen, MacGillavry Fellow and associate professor at the Swammerdam Institute for Life Sciences at the UvA, received a contribution of € 10,000 from the Amsterdam University Fund to organise the conference.

SPECIAL CHAIRS
HISTORY OF THE JEWISH BOOK
occupied by Prof. Emile Schrijver.

AMSTERDAM-CHINA LOGIC CHAIR
occupied by Prof. Fenrong Liu.

HIGH-ENERGY EMISSIONS FROM GALAXIES
occupied by Prof. Marat Gilfanov.

THEORY OF HISTORY AND THE HISTORY OF HISTORIOGRAPHY (ROMEIN CHAIR)
occupied by Prof. Wyger Velema.

MANUSCRIPT STUDIES IN RELATION TO THE HISTORY OF CIVILISATION, WITH A FOCUS ON THE MIDDLE AGES (500-1500)
occupied by Prof. Jos Biemans.

AMSTERDAM-CHINA LOGIC CHAIR
Fenrong Liu conducts research in the area of logic. Her work focuses on the logical analysis of information flows and decision-making in social settings, both by individual agents and in groups. In addition, she is exploring the history of ancient logic in China, with a special interest in patterns of argumentation. This chair is established at the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation of the University of Amsterdam.

HERITAGE
Heritage has a significant added value for university education and research as well as for society. It is therefore important that the heritage collections are maintained and are accessible to students, researchers and the public.

ARTIS LIBRARY DIGITISATION PROJECT
The Artis Library received a grant for the conservation and digitisation of a number of highly valuable items in the collection of books on natural history. These items include folios (outsized volumes) and extremely rare, valuable works. The digitisation of these works means they can be used even more effectively in education and research. The digitised works are published online in the image databases of UvA Heritage Collections, allowing a broader public to access the collection of the Artis Library. The fund contributed € 25,000.
STUDENT PROJECTS

A person’s time at university is both an academic and personal journey of discovery, a journey that is cultivated by personal growth outside class. The Amsterdam University Fund therefore supports projects and other initiatives that enhance student life and personal development.

PRACTICE-ORIENTED EDUCATION AT THE FACULTY OF LAW

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GRANTS AND PRIZES

The Amsterdam University Fund makes grants available to Bachelor’s and Master’s students, PhD students and staff. A number of subfunds within the Amsterdam University Fund present prizes as a further incentive to talented students.

GRANTS

Individual travel grants are available for students who are temporarily studying, conducting research or doing a work placement abroad. Student grants are also awarded on an incidental basis, for example to students who would be unable to complete their programme without financial assistance. Study associations may apply for a group travel grant. There is also a grant for PhD students employed as teachers in secondary education and a grant for refugee students.

SEDIMENT RESEARCH IN THE AMAZON BASIN

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‘The sediments contain vegetation residues, which help to reconstruct the composition of the vegetation and changes in the vegetation after conditions like forest fires’, explains Seringe. ‘A fire has a big impact on the vegetation. The occurrence of fire is a sign of human interference since the climate in this part of the Amazon has been, for the last 3,000 years, too wet for natural forest fires to occur.’ The journey to Ecuador was very important to Seringe: ‘This was the first time that I conducted fieldwork for a large research project. Gaining experience in the field was not only valuable to my education, collecting my own samples also gave me a lot of fulfillment. I have started with the analysis of the samples in the laboratory at the Amsterdam Science Park, and it feels amazing to look at the samples that I collected myself. The results of my research will be presented in my thesis. Hopefully this research will lead to a scientific publication.’

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NORTH AMERICA
97 students
Martine van den Boomgaard spent a semester studying at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, United States

SOUTH AMERICA AND ANTARCTICA
19 students
Farah Eslami conducted research at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro in Brazil

AFRICA
18 students
Sofie van der Maarel studied at the École de Gouvernance et d’Économie de Rabat in Morocco

EUROPE
24 students
Timothy Migliore, a student in the Urban Studies programme, gave a presentation at the European Climate Change Adaptation Conference 2017 in Glasgow, Scotland

ASIA
26 students
Jacques Bontje studied at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore

OCEANIA
36 students
Keeke van Paassen, who studies Sociology, took a semester at the University of Auckland in New Zealand

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STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY COMPETITION

Five students of the Master’s programme in Life Sciences at the UvA participated in the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) in Boston thanks to the support of the Amsterdam University Fund. This competition, which is the largest in the world in the area of synthetic biology, challenges teams of students to change the way we produce materials, treat illnesses and generate energy. The fund contributed € 1,500.

PRIZES

Several prizes are presented as a further incentive to talented students, such as prizes for students who have written an outstanding thesis. There are also prizes for students wishing to start a special project, as well as prizes for students and alumni who have rendered exceptional services.

ISAAC ROET PRIZE

Danielle Moreira, Business Administration alumnus, was the winner of the Isaac Roet Prize and the associated cash amount of € 5,000. With her project ‘BeLief’, she seeks to motivate young people in Brazil’s favelas to fulfill their personal potential through online education.

Isaac Roet (1891-1944) was one of the founders of the Royal Netherlands Institute of Registered Accountants. He recorded in his will that a portion of his estate was to go to the promotion of world peace through economic interaction.

UVA SUPPORTS THE FUND

The Amsterdam University Fund is supported by the UvA Development & Alumni Relations Office. The director of the Development & Alumni Relations Office is responsible for day-to-day management. The support concerns administration, communication, fundraising and client management services for the Amsterdam University Fund.

In 2017, the UvA made 3.5 FTEs from the Development & Alumni Relations Office available. As university employees, their remuneration comes under the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities. The associated personnel costs amounted to around € 300,000. These costs were not charged on by the UvA.

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The Board manages the assets entrusted to it, assesses grant requests and disburses grants and scholarships for University of Amsterdam projects in the areas of education, research, student projects and heritage. The Board is also responsible for obtaining new funds. The Amsterdam University Fund is an independent legal entity with an unsalaried board. The director, fundraising client manager, fund administrator and official secretary are UvA employees.

**COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD**

- M.M. Ulrici, LLM (chair)
- A. Vermeer, MSc (treasurer)
- Professor L. Gunning-Schepers
- Professor J.C. Kennedy
- Esq. J. Six, MA
- Professor W. Stiekema

**MANAGEMENT/OFFICE**

- C.E. Wever (authorised director)
- J.J.M. Miggelbrink, PhD (development manager)
- M.T. Otten, MSc (fundraiser)
- R. de Bois, Ma (fund administrator)
- A. Brinkman, Ma (official secretary)

**HISTORY**

Donating for science and education has a long history at the University of Amsterdam. The Athenaeum Illustre, the predecessor of the UvA, was founded by Amsterdam merchants and citizens in 1632. Patrons who wished to foster science and preserve academic heritage found a grateful destination at the University for private donations. In 1889, a committee headed by the Rector Magnificus collected money for the construction of a new aula. This fundraising initiative brought about the establishment of the University of Amsterdam Alumni Association. This alumni association manages the combined assets and awards grants. In 1998, the Amsterdam University Association Fund was set up to manage the assets of the various subfunds. In 2007, the name was changed to the Amsterdam University Fund and the fund began actively conducting fundraising activities alongside its management tasks.

**GIVING FROM THE USA**

Supporters of the University of Amsterdam living in the USA can now easily donate to the fund. Thanks to the Netherland America Foundation (NAF), gifts from U.S. citizens are tax-deductible in the USA. They can donate with credit card, debit card or by check, on NAF’s website: thenaf.org/university-of-amsterdam.
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