A word from our Principal

“We are extremely excited as we embark on the latest chapter of our history, developing the vision which will lead to creation of a campus which is fit for today and the future.

“This campus vision is ambitious. It builds on the accomplishments of the past and sets out what we plan to achieve in the future. We will deliver a modern, fit for purpose campus that is innovative, cohesive and courageous in design – one that reflects Glasgow’s status as a world leading place of learning, teaching and research.

“We take pride in continually being responsive and have consulted extensively with students, staff, local residents, business and other interest groups. Our intention is to design diverse learning and teaching environments that will encourage depth and breadth. Our ambition is to create a lasting legacy – a campus for the 21st century and beyond.”

Professor Anton Muscatelli, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Glasgow
Our plan for the future is as significant today as the original relocation to Gilmorehill from the city centre was back in 1870. Now, almost a century and a half later, we look to the future as we unveil our vision for a new world class campus.

The focus of the campus vision strategy and the related investment is one of the key elements of the University’s Glasgow 2020 global vision, which positions Glasgow as a truly global player in international higher education.

An important part of this involves a comprehensive look at our estate – the land we have and will develop, the existing buildings and the structures that might emerge from this unique opportunity.

It is our ambition to create a lasting legacy that will benefit future generations of students, staff and residents of the west end of Glasgow. The campus redevelopment will aim to inspire and will offer a canvass for innovation, imagination and creativity.

Our vision is to create a vibrant campus which supports the diverse teaching and learning environment, as well as providing space that encourages the exchange of ideas and knowledge. Our campus will accommodate cutting-edge research, through collaboration, connection and space.
The University of Glasgow is part of the city’s skyline and the campus redevelopment seeks to respect and enhance the existing historic assets. New buildings will be practical and inspirational, being designed and built to a high quality. We aim to create stunning new campus buildings with open spaces which complement the existing architecture and heritage.
Creating a sustainable campus is one of our main goals. The redevelopment will provide the University with an opportunity to protect the natural environment, use our resources wisely and reduce or remove carbon emissions. We will make best use of our green spaces, and wherever possible extend them. We want the campus to be a place where people walk and do not have to drive. But we also want it to be easily accessible and welcoming to all.
The University of Glasgow vision for the future is far-reaching and will not happen overnight; it will be delivered through a series of phases over the next decade.

The initial consultations have been led by the University and we have already committed to investing at least £80m in new buildings and equipment, along with £55m in refurbishing facilities over the next five years.

Our vision for the future is driven by our desire to respect and learn from the past, whilst always looking to the future with excitement and optimism. We are committed to creating a cohesive and courageous campus which will stand the test of time and be celebrated by future generations.