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“Servir la science” École Polytechnique Charitable Trust is launching its 3rd fundraising campaign in the UK



LONDON - École Polytechnique Charitable Trust hosts the UK launch of the Fondation de l'École Polytechnique fundraising campaign after the official launch in France last November. This new campaign aims to raise €200 million over five years, reaching out to individuals and companies.

In an increasingly competitive higher education and research environment, the funds raised will accelerate the implementation of the Institution's strategic plan, boost its attractiveness, and consolidate its role in resolving major contemporary challenges.

"Since its creation in 2007, École Polytechnique Charitable Trust has been working alongside the Fondation de l'École polytechnique and has made a significant contribution to its two previous fundraising campaigns. Philanthropy has already had a major impact on the development of our School, particularly in terms of its internationalisation and the diversification of its curricula. We are now counting on the support of the nearly 1,300 alumni based in the UK and all those with a passion for science to enable École Polytechnique to go even further," says Guillaume Cassou (X 1998), Chairman of École Polytechnique Charitable Trust.

"In the last two decades, “Servir la science” is the most ambitious fundraising campaign for École Polytechnique. With this campaign, we intend to continue to support the ambitions and development projects of École Polytechnique, and thus contribute to writing its history”, adds Frédéric Oudéa (X 1981), Chairman of the Fondation de l'École polytechnique.

"More than ever, we need science and scientists who are capable of understanding the complexity of the world in a systemic vision. École Polytechnique's uniqueness, which combines multidisciplinary excellence, service to the general interest and close links with the business world, is a tremendous asset for France and Europe in the current transition. With the renewed support of the French government, and thanks to this campaign, we want École

Polytechnique to take a decisive step towards its future by reaffirming the role of science as a source of progress, sovereignty and humanism,” explains Laura Chaubard (X 1999), President and Director General of École Polytechnique.

Three strategic priorities

More than 88 million euros in donations and pledges have already been collected from private individuals, companies and foundations for this new campaign, which will fund more than 70 initiatives divided into 3 strategic priorities:

- **Nurturing talent**

France and Europe’s competitiveness depends on the training of its talent and the attractiveness of its institutions. The campaign will help to attract the most talented profiles to École Polytechnique, and to support student and teacher mobility. It will also strengthen diversity by pursuing existing initiatives implemented in favour of equal opportunities, and by initiating new programs, particularly in research.

- **Advancing research and breakthrough innovations**

École Polytechnique is a major contributor to solving societal challenges. The new campaign will make it possible to invest in fundamental research, which paves the way for the emergence of new technologies, and numerous research projects designed to meet the systemic challenges of climate, bio-engineering, sovereignty and defence.

- **Making the campus a model of sustainability and attractivity**

Almost 50 years after École Polytechnique’s move to Palaiseau, support for campus development projects is a new feature and a priority of the new campaign to provide an attractive, sustainable environment for all. The funds raised will be used to invest in strategic real estate projects that meet the highest international standards.

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ABOUT ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE / École Polytechnique, also known as L’X, is a higher education and research Institution that cultivates multidisciplinary and scientific excellence. L’X combines research, education and innovation at the highest scientific and technological level. The Institution promotes a culture of excellence with a strong emphasis on science, anchored in humanist traditions. Through its range of training programs – Bachelor of Science, École Polytechnique engineering program, Masters of Science and Technology, Executive Masters, Continuing education - École Polytechnique trains leaders with a strong multidisciplinary scientific culture by exposing them to both the world of research and industry. With its 23 laboratories, including 22 joint research units with the CNRS, École Polytechnique works at the frontiers of knowledge on major interdisciplinary challenges in the scientific, technological and societal fields. École Polytechnique is a founding member of Institut Polytechnique de Paris.

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ABOUT THE ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE CHARITABLE TRUST / The École Polytechnique Charitable Trust is a sister organization of the Fondation de l’École Polytechnique. Its aim is to accompany the Fondation in its fundraising efforts in the United Kingdom. It is managed by a Board of Trustees, chaired by Guillaume Cassou (class of 1998). The École Polytechnique Charitable Trust is registered with the Charity Commission (n°1121995) and benefits from the UK tax system of Gift Aid.

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