

A Global Endowment



About UWC Red Cross Nordic

Established in 1995, UWC Red Cross Nordic College (UWC RCN) is situated in Flekke, Norway. The school is one of a total of 18 United World Colleges (UWC) worldwide.

Now, more than ever, the world needs future leaders capable of tackling humanity's most pressing challenges. UWC is committed to nurturing these leaders who can navigate cultural and social differences, collaborating to discover collective solutions to our shared problems.

Every year, UWC receives applications from young people living in over 150 countries and territories around the world. We select and fund students from deliberately diverse cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds, giving them access to a transformational UWC education.

Offering the world-renowned International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), UWC schools and colleges equip students with the skills, values and perspectives to go out and impact the world.

Each year our global alumni network expands, amplifying our impact on a truly worldwide scale.



UWC Education: Our experiential programme challenges our students to engage with the world and to amplify their experiences and learning to be of service to their communities in the future.

Red Cross Values: Being a Red Cross school, our program empowers students with the seven Red Cross Principles, fostering a lifelong commitment to service and helping others, both within our college community and beyond.

Nordic Focus: The College was established and run in cooperation with the Nordic nations. Our programme enables students to develop an understanding of Nordic values like equality, sustainability, and social responsibility.



2700+
UWC alumni



154
countries & territories represented



82%
students on scholarship

The UWC Endowment Fund

UWC has embarked on a major fundraising initiative, supported by the launch of the UWC Endowment Fund in January 2024. The fund is managed by an experienced team of investment professionals. It will protect the value of donations and provide an annual source of income in perpetuity. This will allow us to invest in young people, drive education innovation and expand our global reach.



The launch of UWC Endowment Management has allowed us to establish a robust structure to receive strategic donations that will underpin all of UWC’s activities.

Investing in young people

We support the development of high potential young leaders, particularly those from under-resourced communities affected by conflict or impacted by the severe effects of climate change. By learning and living together with students from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, we foster autonomy and instill a

sense of authentic ownership and responsibility in their education and development. This growth mindset equips them to solve problems both personally and collaboratively.

Education innovation

UWC has been at the forefront of educational reform, changing the direction of education globally. Over fifty years ago, we helped pioneer the International Baccalaureate, which now serves almost two million students annually across 5,800 schools in 160 countries. As the world evolves, we continue to lead in curriculum innovation and experiential learning, preparing young people to tackle the most complex global challenges. Our approach fosters skills in organisation, team-building, leadership, self discipline, responsibility and civic competence at higher levels compared to non-UWC peers. For example, we design learning modules that interconnect physical, ecological, social and economic issues, addressing global concerns such as transitioning away from polluting energy sources.

Expanding our global reach

We aim to establish new UWC schools and colleges in all parts of the world. By working with key partners, we will offer a UWC education to more young people in Latin America, Africa, South-west Asia and Oceania/the Pacific. We want to maximise the reach and potential of our alumni by strengthening their connections with each other and beyond. The transformative work and leadership they undertake in their communities will not only amplify the UWC mission but inspire new generations of students.

In the first six months, the UWC Endowment Fund has grown to almost 50 million USD. Our goal is to increase this to 300 million USD and to eventually reach two billion USD.

Endowed scholarships

Every year, UWC raises funds to provide scholarships for our students. In 2023, we raised 73m USD to provide UWC students with much-needed financial aid.

To ensure we can keep supporting students, the UWC endowment will become a perpetual source of funding. It will enable us to build on our mission and maintain multi-generational equity by funding our scholarship programme into the future. The UWC endowment belongs to current and future students and will provide needs-assessed scholarships to deserving students in perpetuity.

The UWC Endowment fund aims to provide needs-based scholarships to at least 50% of the 3,000 young people admitted annually through our 157 national committees to one of the 18 UWC schools.



The impact of a scholarship

Lea Komba is an RCN alumna of the class of 2024 from Angola. During her time at RCN, Lea was a very passionate changemaker; she loved public speaking and politics, as her co-years and teachers would say.

“RCN was, as Daniel Toa-Kwapong taught me, “my miracle.” At RCN, I had free space to develop my passions and to believe in myself and my big dreams. I learned more about responsible leadership and kind leadership and developed different ways of seeing the same thing, which I think is essential.”

Currently preparing for her first year at St Olaf College In Minnesota (USA), Lea plans to continue taking the RCN mission wherever she goes and dreams of building a better future for her country.



How your endowed scholarship gift works



Philanthropists, Eijk and Rose-Marie van Otterloo, have committed 13 million USD as a matching fund. This means that every new donation to the UWC Endowment Fund before December 2025 will be matched by an extra 50%*. UWC aims to raise 26 million USD by December 2025 to fully activate the match donation.

Why endow scholarships?

Traditional scholarship funding has to be renewed annually otherwise the student scholarship ends. Making an endowed gift means that you are securing scholarships in perpetuity, providing sustainability and creating a lasting legacy for the future.

Can I direct my support to fund particular students?

Yes, we can discuss how you would like to direct your gift. For example, you can choose to support students from a particular region, gender or socio-economic background, based on what you're passionate about.

*subject to match eligibility.



The UWC Endowment Fund is managed on a not-for-profit basis by UWC Endowment Management (UWCEM). The funds will be invested in financial markets with a target 7% growth and 3-5% distribution.

The UWC Endowment Fund is open to UWC entities only. Assets invested and distributions remain the property of the investing UWC entity. Gifts may be eligible to be given tax efficiently.

Thank you!



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“Join us, in this critical moment, to equip a new generation of leaders for peace and a sustainable future. Help to create the global leadership the world needs now.”

Faith Abiodun
Executive Director of UWC International