£10m Gift Boosts Institute's Vision

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North Elevation, courtesy of Bennets Associates

An anonymous donor has pledged £10m to help transform Edinburgh's former Royal Infirmary into a state-of-the-art home for the Edinburgh Futures Institute.

The gift is the biggest ever capital donation to the University of Edinburgh.

Upon moving into the former Royal Infirmary in 2021, the Institute will be one of the largest centres for interdisciplinary learning and research in Europe.

Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea, Principal of the University said:

"We are deeply grateful for this visionary gift to the University, which will help us to create a truly exceptional teaching and research environment within the Edinburgh Futures Institute. The Institute will challenge us to think differently about how we can affect change, both locally and globally.

"By marrying our world-class expertise in the humanities, arts and social sciences with our sector-defining research in new data technologies, it will produce practical solutions and new approaches for the common good. This generous gift will help realise this vision."

Source: <u>University of Edinburgh Futures Institute</u>.