



The Grad Club, the beloved institution on Queen's University campus, is facing imminent closure caused by post-pandemic challenges, unforeseen major maintenance issues, and increased costs. We need your help!

It isn't a secret that this unique space holds profound significance for the tens of thousands of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and Kingstonians who have visited 162 Barrie Street for over six decades. Since 1963, the Grad Club has been a refuge for communities to make connections, share and learn, and find respite from the pressures of academic and professional life. It plays an indispensable role in bringing people together and providing a welcoming environment for the university community and beyond.

Aside from being a social and co-curricular hub, the Grad Club serves as a vibrant cultural center on campus and in Kingston as host of renowned writers, speakers, musicians, drag performers, comedians, and other artists. Its rich history within the LGBTQ2+ and international student communities further underscore its importance as a safe space, providing a supportive environment for all.

If you're reading this, you're part of the immense collective that has supported and benefited from the Grad Club over the years. Now, the Club is in a perilous situation, grappling with the after-effects of the pandemic and the trickle-down impact of the financial challenges currently faced by Queen's.

We are actively fundraising \$100,000 to meet current obligations and keep the Grad Club open. Your donation will contribute to maintenance, infrastructure, loans, and increased rent (+400%), preserving the Grad Club as a cherished institution for generations to come. Moving forward, the Grad Club will restructure its business model to ensure the space fulfills its mandate and keeps the soul of the Club intact, while strengthening its financial position to weather future unforeseen circumstances and financial pressure.

We are committed to ensuring that the Grad Club can continue to foster community engagement, culture, and inclusivity at Queen's and in Kingston, but we can't do it without your help. Thank you for your consideration!