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QED Initiatives Trust

The QED Initiatives Trust (formerly Econ Trust) is the only fund held by the Queen's Economics Department that is not ear-marked for a particular purpose. Instead, it is used at the discretion of the Head of the department to support a wide array of student and faculty initiatives. These may include:

- social events that generate interaction between students and faculty, such as the Fourth Year Dinner and the Graduate-Faculty Christmas party;
- supporting undergraduate students who are involved in a wide variety of educational activities, including conferences at Queen's and elsewhere;
- supporting initiatives by student groups on campus that include significant participation by economics students;
- supporting projects that facilitate research by faculty members and students;
- supporting graduate students by defraying costs of attending conferences and helping to cover research expenses; and
- helping to pay for a few courses taught by adjuncts and teaching fellows that might otherwise have to be cut.

There are no funds in the University's budget for the Department to support many of these important activities. Thus donations to the Economics Trust play a vital role in the life of the QED.