This year marks the 233rd anniversary of the foundation of RCSI. Since 1784, the College has been at the forefront of healthcare education and training, setting standards that have been recognised throughout the world and improving human health through research and innovation.

In 2017, we honour that heritage by setting new benchmarks for excellence in the education and training of healthcare professionals who will lead the delivery of optimum patient outcomes globally in the 21st century.

Looking forward to the next chapter of the College’s tradition of developing new areas of healthcare, we are now embarking on an initiative, the RCSI Healthcare Management Institute, which will draw on our expertise to shape how health services are delivered in the future.

RCSI already houses numerous national healthcare professional centres across national audit, clinical and systems research, surgical policy, healthcare leadership, quality management and continuous healthcare professional development. No other higher education institution in Ireland is so uniquely equipped with the vital links required to drive change and innovation in the healthcare system.

The RCSI Healthcare Management Institute brings together the already successful Institute of Leadership with a new Healthcare Outcomes Research Centre and a new Quality & Process Improvement Centre. The Institute will enhance RCSI’s role in supporting health service delivery across the dimensions of education, research and service and will support our approach to clinical education more broadly as it aspires to create leaders in healthcare.

Ultimately, the Institute aims to bring about meaningful change in the delivery of patient-centred healthcare in Ireland and globally through our network of Alumni worldwide.

Looking to the future, A DAY TO IMAGINE THE FUTURE
Our educators develop and define education programmes and courses to better address the evolving challenges of healthcare practice and provision, while continually leveraging technical innovation to maximise the effectiveness of the learning experience.

RCSI recently became the first higher education institution in the world to release a fully interactive virtual reality (VR) medical training simulator on the publicly available Oculus platform, furthering our commitment to exploring new technologies to enhance education. The RCSI VR Medical Training Sim app puts medical professionals and trainees in the shoes of the emergency department trauma team leader where they must assess the patient, make life or death decisions in real time and perform life-saving operative procedures as a surgeon would in a real emergency room.

Our researchers map new discoveries in clinical and applied research, inspiring international commercialisation strategies to facilitate more efficient delivery of better healthcare solutions to patients globally.

RCSI’s Strategic Academic Recruitment (StAR) Programme is an ambitious initiative that has been established to accelerate the delivery of innovative, impactful research in the health sciences including the creation of novel medical devices and the development of new therapeutics and new diagnostic tests. The engagement of top-tier visionary researchers is strengthening collaborative links with industry to transfer the benefits of our research to clinical practice as speedily as possible. The expertise of researchers already recruited to the programme spans a range of areas such as epilepsy, Alzheimer’s disease, cardiovascular disease, drug delivery, nanomedicine and cancer.

Our surgeons are sought after globally for their scientific knowledge, quality of patient care and work ethic, as well as their technical expertise and innovation born of a rigorous training pathway shaped by skilled and experienced surgical trainers.

This autumn, RCSI will open the largest clinical simulation facility of its kind in Europe, housed in our new academic and education building in Dublin City Centre. The new building on York Street will provide an emotionally rich educational experience for students and surgeons alike. Trainees will be able to learn safe surgical practice and develop operative skills, reinforcing the importance of surgical training to patient safety. The new building will be home to 4,500 students and staff and 420 surgical trainees, including emergency medicine trainees.