

MISSION STATEMENT

Khyentse Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded by Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche in 2001 to establish a system of patronage that supports institutions and individuals engaged in the study and practice of Buddha's vision of wisdom and compassion.

The mission of **Khyentse Foundation** is to be an effective vehicle with the necessary resources (capital, volunteer power, knowledge) to support Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche's projects and to translate his vision into action.

WHY A FOUNDATION?

Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche has been teaching the dharma around the world since the 1980s, while supporting a number of projects and institutions that he either initiated or inherited. Gradually, it became clear to his friends and students that the benefit of these activities could be expanded through thoughtful organization and collaboration on a global scale. A foundation could serve as a conduit for the generosity that Rinpoche's vision inspires. **Khyentse Foundation** is now the central channel for financial contributions to support Rinpoche's activities worldwide.

HOW DOES THE FOUNDATION CARRY OUT ITS MISSION?

Since the inception of **Khyentse Foundation** in 2001, we have slowly built the infrastructure to enable us to follow in the footsteps of King Ashoka and become an effective patron of Buddhism. Under the guidance and inspiration of Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche, the Foundation has worked hard to translate the vision of supporting Buddhadharma into action. To that end, Rinpoche has identified and prioritized **five projects** as means to establish a system of patronage. These **five projects** form the basic framework for **Khyentse Foundation** to deliver its wide range of support services described in this brochure.

I. SCHOLARSHIPS

Economic considerations often restrict students who wish to attend teachings or undertake retreats. **Khyentse Foundation** scholarships provide financial assistance on a matching basis to enable students to pursue their study and practice. This helps to ensure that the Buddhadharma is available to all those who seek it. Naturally, such assistance is awarded on merit and need, regardless of nationality or ethnic or cultural background.



WHO RUNS THE FOUNDATION?

The Foundation is a collaborative volunteer effort of students, friends, and sponsors around the world. We have project committees and country representatives in Asia, the Americas, Australia, and Europe. There is no physical office, and all executive officers serve on a volunteer basis. Rinpoche serves as chair of the board.

For a complete list of volunteers with contact information and biographies, see the [Khyentse Foundation](#) web site.

WHO DOES THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT?

In the few years of the Foundation's existence, its support has already touched thousands of lives, from Tibet, India, and Thailand to the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia. We emphasize the study and practice of Buddhism, and our funding supports Tibetans, non-Tibetans, monks and nuns, lay students and practitioners, scholars and teachers, translators, and researchers from all the different Buddhist traditions. For more information about some of our grant recipients, see the [Khyentse Foundation](#) web site.

Partial list of KF Grant Recipients:

Fragile Palm Leaves Foundation, Nonhaburi, Thailand
Gampo Abbey, Nova Scotia, Canada
International Network of Engaged Buddhists, Thailand
Jonang Foundation, California, USA
Monastic Vikramasila Education Society, Ladakh, Northern India
Nitartha Institute, Nova Scotia, Canada
North Sikkim Academy and Dhungkar Foundation, Mangan, North Sikkim
Rimé Foundation Translation Project
Sihu Buddhist Institute, Sichuan, China
Thosamling Institute Library, Dharamsala, India
Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center, New York, USA
Vajradhara Gonpa Three Year Retreat Centre, Kyogle, NSW, Australia

Offering alms provides a great opportunity for ordinary people to create a karmic link, to practice generosity, to practice detachment, and to accumulate merit.

— *Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche*

II. ENDOWMENT FOR MONASTIC EDUCATION

A stable monastic tradition with a strong emphasis on philosophical studies and long-term retreat is the root of Buddhism as a living tradition. The Foundation has created an endowment fund for the maintenance and upkeep of Rinpoche's monastic colleges in Tibet, India, and Bhutan, where over 700 students, monks, nuns, and lay practitioners depend on Rinpoche for their basic needs.



Photo: [Mattieu Ricard](#)

HOW DOES KHYENTSE FOUNDATION FIT IN WITH THE REST OF RINPOCHE'S ACTIVITIES?

Khyentse Foundation is one of the three pillars of Rinpoche's work. The foundation works very closely with Siddhartha's Intent, an international collection of Buddhist centers that coordinates Rinpoche's teachings. The third pillar, Lotus Outreach, is a secular charity dedicated to improving the living, educational, and cultural conditions of children and underprivileged communities.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Through the support of many people, the Foundation has met several of its initial goals ahead of schedule. But our work will continue until all sentient beings have attained realization.

We invite people to share the merit of building this support system for Buddhism.

Photo: **Mattieu Ricard**

“Khyentse Foundation’s projects are among some of the more beneficial projects for encouraging Buddhist wisdom. The Foundation has been providing strong support over a number of years to the Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center, the core purpose of which is to preserve the endangered literature of a remarkable tradition and to make it available through digital distribution.”

— **E. Gene Smith,**
Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center

III. PUBLICATION PROJECTS

The Foundation is establishing an endowment to fund a number of core projects, while raising separate project-based funds for other unique preservation and translation efforts. The objective of the Publication Fund is to make Buddhist texts, ancient and contemporary, readily available to all those who wish to study the dharma. Efforts are concentrated on projects that support the preservation, translation, and distribution of Buddhist texts in all traditions and lineages.



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The many and varied activities of **Khyentse Foundation** can hardly be captured in these few pages. We encourage you to explore our web site to learn about the latest news and updates. The Downloads page offers audio, video, and slideshow presentations that bring each project to life. A number of documents are also available on the site, including the *Communiqué* newsletters, scholarship applications, donation forms, and links to original texts by Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche, all free of charge.

While browsing the **Khyentse Foundation** web site, look for these four download icons:



PDFs – *Communiqués*, Donation Forms, Scholarship Application Forms, Annual Reports, Investment Guidelines, and other resources



Slide Shows – Images of events and projects in Sikkim, Australia, India, and the West



Videos – A growing library of videos, including an overview of the Foundation, spotlights on specific projects, and a special feature on the inauguration of DKCL Institute



Audio – Podcasts of teachings and greetings from our founder and other downloadable audio



IV. EDUCATION PROGRAMS

4 Rinpoche has the long-term vision of supporting future generations of Buddhist students and practitioners through innovations in education systems worldwide. The Foundation is exploring new models of education, based on Buddhist principles of compassion and nonviolence, coupled with academic excellence.





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To join the KF email list, go to khyentsefoundation.org, click About Us, and then click Contact. You will receive regular *Communiqué* newsletters with updates about special events, publications, and Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche's activities. You may also receive announcements of Rinpoche's teaching schedule from Siddhartha's Intent. Your information is kept strictly confidential, and is not shared with any organizations outside the Khyentse Mandala. If you have any questions or comments, please contact your local [Khyentse Foundation](http://khyentsefoundation.org) representative.

“Khyentse Foundation is to be celebrated for its invaluable contributions to Buddhist scholarship and teaching around the world. The Foundation’s foresighted support and promotion of the academic study of Buddhism will, no doubt, play a significant role in the preservation and adaptation of the Buddhist heritage.”

*— Professor Robert Sharf,
University of California, Berkeley*

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V. UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIPS

To promote the academic study of Buddhism, **Khyentse Foundation** helped create a new faculty position in Buddhist studies at the University of California at Berkeley. The Foundation is now working to establish endowed positions at other universities worldwide.



Photo: Mattieu Ricard

“Khyentse Foundation reaches out to Buddhist communities at several levels, without any sectarian bias. The emphasis on education and on cultural preservation goes to the heart of the problems faced in this rapidly changing world. Education with compassion is one of the greatest contributions that an individual or organization can make toward a better world.”

**— Professor Peter Skilling,
Fragile Palm Leaves**

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