The Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund Bequests Program

About the Program

Since 1978 the Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund has provided millions of dollars for the support of medical research in a wide range of disciplines - the development of cultured skin for the treatment of burns and infection, the management of maturity onset diabetes, the control of pulmonary blood flow, fundamental research into the function of the heart and central nervous system, the molecular biology of AIDS and of other infectious diseases, and the study and early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease.

This work, done at the University of Sydney and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has contributed to the increasing power of medical science to deal with human disease in all its forms - to diagnose, to cure and, where no cure is available, to treat. We understand that the power of modern medicine comes from its ability to combine knowledge with care, and that its impotence in the face of some diseases comes from ignorance, from what we do not know.

To maintain and develop the quality of our achievements the Fund needs far-sighted supporters who will make the financial contribution necessary to enable us to continue to support scientific research of the highest standard and value to Australians and indeed, individuals all over the world, for the 21st Century.

Our Bequests Program enhances our ability to fulfil this goal.

Our funds go to research at the University of Sydney and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. They are administered through competitive grant processes which ensure the best research value for our dollar, for your dollar. All grants made by the Fund are disbursed to the University of Sydney for projects nominated by the Trustees at both Universities.

Bequests can be directed towards a special area of research, or for the general purposes of the Fund. A bequest may also be a means to perpetuate a family name or be given in memory of someone.

A bequest to the Fund will advance scientific knowledge which may already have made a significant difference, or could lead to the breakthrough which will make a difference to you or a member of your family in the future.

How Can I Participate?

You may make a bequest to the fund of:
* a fixed sum of money
* income from your estate
* all or part of your estate
* the residue of your estate (anything remaining after providing for other beneficiaries)
* a specific asset such as real estate, shares, bonds, life assurance policy or other items of value

Special Conditions

You may wish to request that your bequest be used in a particular way, for research into a particular type of illness, or to be named so as to preserve a family name or in memory of a deceased relative or friend.

So as to ensure the effectiveness of your bequest it is prudent to consult your solicitor and/or financial adviser. Should you require further information from the Fund, please contact Professor Jonathan Stone or Ms Sue Freedman-Levy at the Fund on (02)9351 6558.

Advice of Bequest Intention

The following are forms of bequest which you might wish to discuss with your solicitor

A. I wish to leave a sum of money to the Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund as follows:
I GIVE the sum of $ ................. to the Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund to be applied for the general purpose thereof in such manner as the Trustees may determine and I DECLARE that the receipt of any proper officer of the said fund shall be an absolute discharge to my executors.

B. I wish to leave a proportion of my estate to the Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund as follows:
I GIVE to the Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund, the whole (or specified percentage; or the residue) of my estate to be applied for the general purpose thereof ..... etc (as above)

C. I wish to leave personal property or real estate to the Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund as follows:
I GIVE to the Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund my property at (insert address) (or my shares; work of art etc) to be applied for the general purpose thereof..... etc (as above.)

If you wish your bequest be used in a particular way (e.g. for research into a particular type of illness, or in memory of someone) or you have any other special requests, these can be inserted after the general words in your Will making your gift. Your special request can be discussed with the Fund before you make your Will.

NOTE:
Bequestors to the Fund can take advantage of a special FREE WILL DRAFTING SERVICE made possible through the generosity of solicitors, Goldrick Farrell Mullan.

Please call the Fund on (02) 9351 6558 for all Bequest enquiries including this service.