Make your passion your legacy

Bequest pack
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When William Charles Wentworth proposed the idea of Australia’s first university in 1850, he imagined “the opportunity for the child of every class to become great and useful in the destinies of this country”. We’ve stayed true to that original value and purpose by promoting inclusion and diversity for the past 160 years.

Shortly after the University of Sydney was established, prominent Sydney figures began to support our approach to education with bequests. It is this tradition of giving and giving back that improves lives and social outcomes and welcomes students from all walks of life.

Bequests play an important role in keeping us at the forefront of life-changing research and education. They ensure we attract and support the most talented students and enable us to carry out research and teaching in the best facilities possible.

By leaving a gift in your will, no matter how small or large, you can make an enduring contribution to the advancement of learning and discovery – for those who work and study here today, and for those who will work and study here in the future.

Of course your family comes first in your will but a small share of whatever is left can make a huge difference and gives you a chance to honour your memory, or a loved one. These are just a few of the areas you can support:

- health and medicine
- science and engineering
- animal welfare
- arts, culture and music
- student support.

For generations, the generosity of people like you has had an important impact on the work we do. Without gifts in wills we could not drive innovation, advance knowledge and pursue discoveries. Thank you.

Dr Michael Spence AC
BA ’85 LLB ’87
Vice-Chancellor and Principal
Your lasting legacy: what’s your passion?

We know that leaving a bequest is a carefully considered decision. It is your opportunity to support a cause and create a legacy in your honour or in memory of a loved one.

You can direct your generosity to areas of our work that you are most passionate about.
Advance health and medicine

With your help, our interdisciplinary research can transform the lives of individuals and families affected by illness.

Your bequest can help our researchers tackle some of the 21st century’s greatest global health challenges, including obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer and dementia.

Our researchers are among the best in the world. Their work contributes to the greater understanding of the causes of disease that will lead to improved treatment options and, in many cases, prevention of diseases that cause premature death or long-term disability.

Before Robert Storr passed away from liver cancer in 1992, he left a bequest to support medical research into this devastating illness and related conditions.

Robert’s visionary bequest of more than $8 million to the University is making a major contribution to the fight against liver cancer and other common liver diseases. His significant gift has not only funded decades of innovative medical research but will continue to fund, in perpetuity, the Storr Liver Centre.

Thanks to Robert Storr’s generous gift, the Storr Liver Centre is leading the charge in translational research and achieving life-changing outcomes for people with liver disease.
Innovate in science and engineering

Leaving a bequest can help propel the progression of science and technology.

Creating Australia’s next generation of science and engineering talent has never been more important. A bequest supporting science and engineering will drive measurable impact and help meet challenges in healthcare, infrastructure, food and the environment.

Lawrence and Betty Browne’s bequest acknowledges the role of engineers in society. Lawrence Browne (BE (Civil) ’46) was the son of a coalminer, but humble beginnings never stopped him. After graduating, he forged a widely respected career. Lawrence always acknowledged the scholarship that enabled him to go to university. He wanted to provide the same opportunity to aspiring civil engineers who may lack resources.

The Lawrence and Betty Browne PhD Research Scholarship in Civil Engineering started as a gift, but with Betty’s passing in 2015 came a generous bequest. It will support scholarships on the basis of financial need as well as academic merit, and drive progress in engineering.

The Mass Spectrometry Core Facility provides the technology for researchers to develop innovative applications for life scientists and clinicians.

Professor Salah Sukkarieh is dedicated to the advancement of agricultural robotics.
Care for disadvantaged animals

With your support we can give the best possible care to some of the most vulnerable animals.

Every year the University of Sydney’s veterinary teaching hospitals in Camperdown and Camden see countless animals that require veterinary care but have no one to pay for their treatment. We attend to stray dogs, animals belonging to homeless people or elderly people, as well as injured wildlife.

The Animals in Need Fund makes sure that any animal in need of veterinary care is well looked after. It also helps find loving owners for homeless animals.

Debra Pinkerton (BA ’78 DipEd ’79 MA ’88), an alumna of the University, has dedicated a bequest to support animal care through the School of Veterinary Science. Debra loves companion animals and knows the economic importance of healthy farm stock.

“The training of veterinarians is critical to the health and wellbeing of people and animals in urban and rural communities, whether these animals are our domestic pets or livestock. I elected to leave a bequest to the University because their focus is on evidence-based veterinary training to ensure world-class veterinary professionals.”

Debra Pinkerton (BA ’78 DipEd ’79 MA ’88)
The arts, music and culture are a hugely enriching basis to any society. From developing a fresh perspective on climate change to making economics about people, not numbers, the world needs the arts more than ever to tackle the pressing social, political and cultural changes of our time.

Your bequest can help the arts flourish in Australia and internationally. You can also support our libraries, museums and art gallery to maintain and expand their extensive and unique collections, which only exist thanks to the generous support of our donors.

Challis Bequest Society member and heritage consultant Graham Brooks (BArch ’72) has spent his life preserving buildings and notable structures. He has left a bequest to create a travelling scholarship for a postgraduate architecture student.

“This legacy is part of a family strategy to give something back to the University that has done so much for us. Ultimately, what we’re looking to do is provide opportunities for someone else to do what we’ve done.”

Graham Brooks (BArch ’72)
Support our students

Your generous bequest can relieve the financial burden of study. Scholarships allow students from a diverse range of backgrounds not only to pursue their studies but to focus on them fully.

We are also committed to working in partnership with Indigenous communities to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation, tackle inequities, and connect with our country’s past, present and future.

You can leave a bequest to education by supporting or establishing a scholarship, bursary or award in a particular area of study or research.

Or you can help us encourage children from low socioeconomic backgrounds to enrol in higher education by supporting our flexible entry schemes, outreach programs, and other academic support.

With a family tree full of doctors and a strong belief in education, it was no surprise that Liselotte Brasch chose to create a legacy that would support students at the University of Sydney School of Medicine.

After the passing of her husband, the late Rabbi Rudolph Brasch AM OBE, Liselotte left a bequest to establish a scholarship in her husband’s name as a way of honouring their relationship and leaving a lasting legacy.
The Rudolph Brasch Scholarships not only help disadvantaged students studying medicine to pursue their dreams of becoming a doctor, but contribute to producing the best possible medical graduates of the future.

“She faced many obstacles in her life and I think that leaving the bequest is her way of easing the path of students experiencing financial hardship.”

Gary Bortz, speaking of his late Aunt Liselotte.

Endowed scholarships

An endowed scholarship is offered in perpetuity, helping generations of future students. Creating an endowed scholarship requires a minimum donation of $135,000 for an undergraduate scholarship (value as at 2018) and $557,000 for a postgraduate scholarship (value as at 2018).

Non-endowed scholarships

A non-endowed scholarship is given over a finite period of time with the whole donation or bequest spent on the scholarship. Gifts of less than $135,000 that are intended to support student scholarships are treated as non-endowed scholarships.
Challis Bequest Society: a tradition of philanthropy

Bequests have played a critical role in the evolution and legacy of the University.

On his death in 1880, philanthropist John Henry Challis left us an estate worth more than $40 million in today’s currency.

More than 125 years on, his gift still inspires engineering marvels, literary classics, legal reforms, historic discoveries, philosophical insights and medical advances.

Bequests, both large and small, play a vital role in shaping our future.

The Challis Bequest Society

We appreciate the generous commitment of our alumni and friends who have named the University of Sydney as a beneficiary in their will. The Challis Bequest Society recognises the important place our benefactors have within our University family. Named in honour of John Henry Challis, the society welcomes supporters who have chosen to leave a bequest to the University.

By letting us know you have included the University in your will, you will receive a special membership package. You will also receive access to a range of additional benefits – from exclusive member events and behind-the-scenes tours to updates on our latest discoveries.

We hope you will join us and other benefactors who share a passion for changing lives.
Leaving a gift in your will is a simple process, but we recommend you seek legal advice before drafting a will or updating an existing one. We are also happy to talk it through with you.

The following bequest wording is suggested to indicate your intention to make a bequest to the University.

If you require assistance with more specific endowment language, please contact our Planned Giving team on +61 2 8627 8811 or planned.giving@sydney.edu.au.

**Bequest wording**

**General purposes**

“I give [% of my residuary estate / insert dollar amount*] to The University of Sydney ABN 15 211 513 464 (“University”), for the general purposes of the University.”

**Specific purpose – research**

“I give [% of my residuary estate / insert dollar amount*] to The University of Sydney ABN 15 211 513 464 (“University”) for research in the field of [insert general description of area of research, eg, cancer, electrical engineering].”

**Specific purpose – scholarships/bursaries**

“I give [% of my residuary estate / insert dollar amount*] to The University of Sydney ABN 15 211 513 464 (“University”) to establish one or more scholarships and/or bursaries for [insert general description of area to be supported if required, eg, medicine, Australian history, music]. [Each scholarship/bursary is to be called [insert name of scholarship/bursary] in the area for which it is awarded.]”

**Faculty or academic college**

(for example, Sydney Conservatorium of Music)

“I give [% of my residuary estate / insert dollar amount*] to The University of Sydney ABN 15 211 513 464 (“University”) for the general purposes of the [specify faculty or academic college] or its successor.

**Inflation clause**

If the bequest to the University specified in a will is a fixed dollar amount, please also consider inserting an inflation clause. Suggested wording is:

“The bequest amount of $...... is to be adjusted for inflation by applying the following formula: $A = $...... x B/C where:

- \( A \) represents the adjusted amount payable to the University;
- \( B \) represents the Consumer Price Index All Groups, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities (“CPI”) figure published quarterly by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as last published before the date of my death; and
- \( C \) represents the CPI figure last published before the date of this my will.

If at the time of my death the CPI is no longer calculated and published on a quarterly basis, then I direct my executor(s) to adjust the amount of $...... for inflation using such other statistical measure as is chosen by my executor(s) in their absolute discretion.”
Documenting your bequest

By documenting your bequest with the University, you allow us to recognise and thank you for your future contribution as a member of our Challis Bequest Society.

If you would like more information about leaving a gift to the University in your will, please contact the Planned Giving team.