Donor charter

The University of Sydney has a long and distinguished history of support from benefactors who share our belief in the importance of excellence in research and teaching. Our future success increasingly depends on the generosity of alumni and friends to help us achieve our goals, and we are committed to developing a relationship of mutual trust and respect with all our donors.

The University of Sydney’s commitments

To use gifts in accordance with the intentions of the donor

The University will ensure that all gifts are administered consistently with the letter and spirit of the law and are used in accordance with the donors’ intentions. Undesignated donations will be used to support the University’s academic priorities.

To pursue truth and excellence in research and education

The University reserves the right to decline gifts where acceptance would compromise our fundamental principles, including that of academic freedom.

To acknowledge all donations

All donors will receive an official University of Sydney receipt, and appropriate acknowledgement, recognition and publicity.

To respect the privacy of donors

The University will respect the privacy of donors. The University will provide anonymity for donors who request it. Donor information will be used by the University to maintain contact with donors and keep donors up-to-date with information about the University, its services, events and achievements. It may be passed to groups affiliated with the University, such as alumni organisations and foundations. Donors’ names may be published in the annual honour roll.

To be transparent and informative

Representatives of the University will at all times identify themselves as such when they contact current or potential donors. Once a donation has been made, the University will provide benefactors with regular reports about the way gifts have contributed to our success. It will also make available on request the University’s most recently published financial statements.