MAKING A BEQUEST
OUR VISION

The University of Adelaide draws strength from its founding values as it fulfils its future research and teaching aspirations.

From our institution’s noble past, to its aspirational present and towards an inspiring future – we have set out to recapture the bold vision of our founding era, which put the University at the forefront of higher education internationally.

We are an international institution that embraces the ideal of the research university, where the union of teaching and research, combined in a search for impartial truth is fundamental; where the small group learning experience is supported by the innovative use of flexible learning technologies; and the ground-breaking work of our world-class researchers crosses disciplinary boundaries to creatively address the world’s great problems.

Working alongside our researchers, striving to solve some of the world’s grandest challenges, our students prepare to take their place as educated leaders and global citizens.

The search for new knowledge is a quest in which we can all participate – your legacy will make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of others.

“Tertiary education and research can have positive life changing impacts. I was fortunate, thanks to family support and a Commonwealth Scholarship, to have the opportunity to go to university, and as a result many more doors opened to me that have provided a wonderful and enriched life. For me, a bequest provides a very satisfying way to give something back to the community, and to open the door to contribute - in a continuing way - to such opportunities for others.”

Merry Wickes, BA (Hons) 1975
A RICH HISTORY OF BENEFACTION

Our University’s founding benefactor, Sir Walter Watson Hughes, set in motion a great legacy.

Sir Walter showed great vision in helping to establish the University over a century ago, but even he could not have known the breadth and depth of the achievements the University has seen. The University of Adelaide now has over 100,000 graduates, more than 100 Rhodes Scholars, five Nobel Laureates, and is among Australia’s leading universities.

From Sir Walter’s first act of generosity, donations and bequests have played a critical role in the University’s development. The public spirit and benevolence that Sir Walter embodied lives on in the donors and bequestors who support the University of Adelaide today.

Your involvement in this proud tradition of giving has never been more valued by the University than it is now.

A far-sighted gift

Peter Waite donated the historic Urrbrae House and estate to the University of Adelaide in an extraordinary act of generosity. One of the most significant philanthropic acts in Australian history, his legacy created one of Australia’s most celebrated agricultural science research and teaching centres which is now undergoing a $50 million expansion with help from other benefactors.

“A liberal patron of learning, he has earned for himself the gratitude and esteem of his countrymen.”

The Register, Adelaide, 1885, reporting on a donation by Sir Thomas Elder to establish evening classes at the University.

Sir Walter Hughes

“We have now reached a point when it behoves us to call science to our aid to a greater extent than hitherto has been done, otherwise we cannot hope to keep in the forefront.”

Peter Waite in explaining his transformational gift, 1913
A BEQUEST IS A LASTING LEGACY OF KINDNESS

Your generosity helps students realise their potential.

Dayna Ziukelis (Dip Lang 2007, B Int St 2007, LLB 2009) had to become independent at a young age after the tragic loss of her mother to cancer. Dayna quickly realised that due to work commitments she would not be able to devote enough time to her studies. She was given that opportunity as a recipient of the 2008 DA Robertson Scholarship.

“The scholarship gave me the same opportunity as other students to prioritise my studies as well as the time to undertake work experience and engage in extracurricular activities that were of great benefit to my professional development and in my subsequent employment.”

DA Robertson

In the 1930s, Donald Alexander Robertson was studying law by day at the University of Adelaide and working nights in order to pay for his university fees and living expenses.

He went on to become a successful barrister. Donald’s granddaughter, Rhona Margaret Seiler says her grandfather never forgot the financial difficulties he had experienced as a law student.

“The struggle to balance his study and work left an indelible impression on him,” she said.

In his retirement, Donald talked to his family of his desire to help students who were experiencing similar financial hardship.

The DA Robertson Scholarship was established by a bequest from the Estate of Donald’s daughter Viney Robertson in memory of her late father, as well as a gift from Rhona, his granddaughter.

“It is a privilege to be able to help students in a small way to face life’s difficulties by helping them to complete their education and embark on their careers.”

DA Robertson’s granddaughter, Rhona Margaret Seiler

“When I received the DA Robertson Scholarship it felt as though a great burden had been lifted.”

Dayna Ziukelis, Dip Lang 2007, B Int St 2007, LLB 2009

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A BEQUEST WILL INSPIRE NEW KNOWLEDGE

Remembering the University of Adelaide with a bequest from your estate is a chance to contribute to our search for the light of new knowledge and discovery.

Norman Polglase studied at the University of Adelaide from 1939 to 1946, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. He and his wife Patricia had known for many years that they would remember the University of Adelaide in their wills.

Established in 2010, the Norman and Patricia Polglase Scholarship is awarded to students commencing a full-time Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or a Masters research program at the University of Adelaide in the Faculty of Sciences.

PhD student Sophie Underwood was honoured to be selected as a recipient of the Scholarship in 2011. Graduating with Honours in a Bachelor of Science (Space Science and Astrophysics) in 2009, Sophie is now undertaking further research in astrophysics and particle physics and is extremely grateful for the support the scholarship has given her.

“The additional funding has aided me in many ways, including paying my living expenses, which enables me to devote more time to my studies, to travel to conferences and to collaborate with a fellow physicist in New York. It has also helped me to form stronger ties with other physicists which will be crucial for future research endeavours.”

“Generous donations like this allow our best and brightest students to pursue their research qualifications without the stress and burden of financial hardship. Students undertaking a Masters or PhD program with us may end up changing the world with the outcomes of their research career.”

Professor Bob Hill,
Executive Dean, Faculty of Sciences

Left: Sophie Underwood
Centre: Norman Polglase at his graduation, 1946
Right: Norman and Patricia Polglase
Our world-class research finds solutions to the world’s biggest challenges and has an extraordinary effect on people’s lives.

Jacqueline Noll, the first recipient of the Veronika Sacco Clinical Research Fellowship under the auspices of the Florey Medical Research Foundation, is investigating new treatment strategies for a type of bone marrow cancer known as multiple myeloma. The Florey Fellowship will enable Dr Noll to establish herself as an independent researcher in a field of cancer research which has not traditionally received much attention.

In her will, Veronika Sacco left a generous sum to the Florey Medical Research Foundation in honour of the University of Adelaide’s most famous alumnus. “She researched thoroughly where she chose to give and she was very impressed with the work of Howard Florey and his Nobel Prize,” said her good friend and executor of her will, Fred Bennett.

“Just the possibility of another Nobel Laureate arising out of her bequest was also compelling.”

Fred Bennett

The University of Adelaide is committed to expanding its research outputs. Our five institutes and 59 centres are set up to ensure we are attending to state, national and global priorities, focusing on the key challenges of critical value to society.

Your generosity can help prepare our students to become tomorrow’s global citizens, contribute to groundbreaking research, solve some of the world’s grandest challenges or discover new solutions to old problems.

“If we can identify key changes in the bone microenvironment we may be able to develop novel treatment strategies to limit the progression of the disease.”

Jacqueline Noll
WHERE WILL YOU LEAVE YOUR LEGACY?

Support the influences that have shaped your life and help secure the future strength of the University of Adelaide for generations to come.

The University can help you identify an area of giving that best fits your wishes. You may consider making a bequest to one or more key areas.

Support our deserving students

The gift of education through a scholarship, award or grant for academic excellence can change the lives of outstanding students and inspire them to make a difference in the world. Your support could provide a scholarship to attract and reward high-achieving students, to recognise the personal attributes and community contributions of well-rounded students, to assist students with outstanding sporting ability, or to help students who would otherwise be unable to study at university.

Research

Recognised as one of Australia’s leading research universities, the University of Adelaide has established a number of world-class research institutes. Your bequest can help fund our research staff and students, their laboratories and equipment, sustaining critical work for the future of Australia and the University’s impact on the world.

Choose a specific area of interest

Direct your bequest to a specific purpose. This might include support for life-giving research, a particular academic area or extracurricular activities such as the Theatre Guild or Adelaide University Sports Association. Where would you like to make the biggest difference?

Preservation and progression

The University of Adelaide is committed to preserving its priceless heritage as a foundation for the future and is dedicated to campus improvements. With your support we can preserve and enhance our beautiful historic structures and invest in new projects that will ensure we continue to provide innovative learning, teaching and research facilities to meet the needs of future students.

Unrestricted gift

Such a gift is designated for the benefit of the University in general, providing discretionary funds that the University can allocate to high priority areas and needs.

Sky’s the limit

Opera singer Sky Ingram’s successful international career has been made possible, in part, through a bequest to commemorate George Boland’s name left to the University by his widow, Josephine Patricia Boland. Both were great lovers of opera.

“The George Boland Scholarship allowed me not only to live in London during my first year at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, but allowed me to attend and partake in the world-class music culture of the city.”

Sky Ingram, B Mus Perf (Hons) 2006

Photo: Raphaelle Photography

Barr Smith Library Reading Room

Roseworthy campus
HOW DO I LEAVE A GIFT IN MY WILL?

Leaving a bequest to the University is simple and will have an impact long into the future.

The gift may be a residual amount (e.g. a share or percentage of your estate), a specific dollar amount or a specific piece of personal property.

Wording for bequests

When considering the University of Adelaide in your will, it is recommended that you seek independent legal advice. Any bequest should be made after family and friends have been considered.

The following guidelines may be used in consultation with your advisers when drafting your will.

Unrestricted bequest:

I GIVE [my estate] or [portion/the residue of my estate] or [the sum of $_____] to the University of Adelaide for its general purposes. I DECLARE that the receipt of the authorised officer of the University for the gift shall be sufficient discharge to my trustees.

Specific purpose bequest:

I GIVE [my estate] or [portion/the residue of my estate] or [the sum of $_____] to the University of Adelaide and I express the wish without creating a binding trust that the funds be used and applied for the purposes of _______ or if the purpose no longer exists then for a similar purpose at the discretion of the Council of the University of Adelaide AND I DECLARE that the receipt of the authorized officer of the University for the gift shall be sufficient discharge to my trustees.

If you are considering making a bequest we encourage you to have a confidential discussion with our Planned Giving Officer about how you may be able to support the University of Adelaide. We work closely with our bequestors to ensure that we understand your intentions, and will be able to fulfill your wishes.

Information about the University's investment strategy and Endowment Fund

Through the generosity of its benefactors and alumni, the University has established an Endowment Fund, which provides income for a wide range of University purposes, including the funding of research projects, prizes to students and scholarships.

The key financial objective of the Fund is to provide long-term capital growth as well as a stable annual income stream in perpetuity. In order to assist with reaching these goals, monies received are invested by the University with professional fund managers.

While the distribution of income from your gift will be managed according to your wishes, it is important to note that investment decisions are at the discretion of the University.

For more information about how the Fund is managed and a summary of its performance go to www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/investmentstrategy

“We are colleagues with a shared interest in giving to an institution which has been a formative part of our own lives, or someone close to us.”

Peter Routley
PhD 1966, Dip Prim Ed 1960

WE WILL THANK YOU TODAY

We greatly value all gifts which have played a fundamental role in the University of Adelaide’s development from its early beginnings over a century ago.

From a proud past to a bright future – the University of Adelaide is grateful to all of those people who, like Sir Walter Watson Hughes, understand the difference that a rounded education, founded on excellence in teaching, learning and research, can make for both individuals and the broader community.

Sir Walter’s legacy is recognised today through the Hughes Bequest Society which recognises the generosity of friends and alumni who remember the University in their will.

The Society enjoys bringing members together for a wide range of stimulating social, cultural and academic occasions, providing opportunities to meet with like-minded people and engage with a dynamic community of students, staff, alumni and donors.

If you have planned a gift to the University, we encourage you to let us know. This will give us an opportunity to recognise your intentions during your lifetime, invite you to Society events and keep you informed about your areas of interest.
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