GIFTS IN WILLS

A legacy for a better world

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THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE THROUGH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL.

An education is one of the most powerful gifts you can bestow.

The University of Adelaide was founded through a gift from Sir Walter Watson Hughes, and for over 140 years philanthropy has transformed our great institution.

Use your legacy to make a difference

Gifts in Wills provide vital support to our students through scholarships, enable our researchers to address the world’s greatest problems and provide the finest facilities and equipment for learning and discovery.

Let your passion define your legacy

A gift in your Will can honour your life’s work, pay tribute to a loved one, invest in an area you are passionate about, or leave an enduring legacy to support future generations of students.

Please consider including the University of Adelaide in your Will; your generosity will make a difference for years to come.

“...The Waite Arboretum is a legacy of Peter Waite. It is an experimental rain fed collection of trees informing better species selection for our urban forest, a valuable resource for research and teaching and, in keeping with Waite’s intentions, a tranquil greenspace for the enjoyment of the public.

It was my privilege and great joy to be Curator of the Arboretum for 31 years. My bequest will provide support for this wonderful asset to science and community well-being.”

Dr Jennifer Gardner OAM, BSc (Hons) 1981, PhD 1987

RESEARCH

Recognised as one of Australia’s leading research universities, the University of Adelaide consistently delivers world-class research across all faculties.

Our research regularly informs decisions made on a local and global scale, with eight Research Institutes at the University tackling national priorities in health, food, environment and energy resources, cyber security and beyond, impacting the lives of millions of people globally.

Your legacy can advance groundbreaking research

A gift in your Will can be tailored to support an area that you care deeply about, and fund vital research and treatments for generations to come.

“I am profoundly grateful to the University of Adelaide for providing a stimulating environment for intellectual exploration and activism on environmental issues. Global warming was a faint spectre back in my student days, but climate change has since moved front-and-centre in terms of a liveable planet. I can’t think of many better ways to repay the University - whilst also assisting in the vital development of technologies that will have real, immediate and enduring benefits - than by leaving a bequest in support of its pre-eminent Centre for Energy Technology.”

Phil Shannon BA (Hons) 1976

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES

As a world leader in health education, the research conducted at the University of Adelaide is cutting edge, providing new insights into human biology and delivering real impact to our community.

Health-related research has vastly improved the lives of our community and contributed to the greater well-being of our society.

Across the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, our research activities cover all aspects of health and well-being from conception to ageing.

A gift in your Will can fund health and medical research, research into a specific disease or condition, and support innovation, researchers and students.

Diana Cox passed away in 2020, leaving a bequest in support of the Lloyd Cox Research Fund.

“It was important to Diana to support the Robinson Research Institute because of the valuable work that it does, continuing the legacy of her father and her own interest in women’s health.”

Max Klubal, Diana’s husband.

You can contribute to better health outcomes

William T. Southcott (BTech 1964) left a generous gift in his Will to support advanced Medical Research in Nuclear Medicine. Professor Karen Jones, a William T. Southcott Research Fellow, was the first nuclear medicine technologist to be awarded a PhD in Australia.

“I am honoured to be the inaugural recipient of the William T Southcott Fellowship in Nuclear Medicine. His generous legacy supports my career and advances my area of research which utilises sophisticated nuclear medicine techniques to evaluate the role of the gut in the blood glucose and blood pressure responses to food.”

Professor Karen Jones Dip App Sc (Nuclear Medicine), PhD

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Walter Duncan (Professor of History & Political Science, 1951-1965), with wife Dorothy, established the Walter and Dorothy Duncan Trust in 1987. The trust provides financial assistance for students who do not have sufficient funds to further their studies.

Everyone should have the opportunity to pursue an education. Receiving a scholarship in 1926, Walter went on to dedicate his life to adult education. Walter's legacy lives on today through the endowed fund, supporting more than fifty students with grants each year.

“A grant from the Walter Dorothy Duncan Trust helped me to purchase a laptop, which has been essential to my studies and is something I would not have been able to afford on my own. I am very grateful for the assistance which has alleviated financial pressures and allowed me to focus on the important things.”

Brittany Smith, Bachelor of Psychology (honours) (2020)

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Walter Duncan, circa 1930

Left: Catherine Sloper, 2018 recipient of the Augustus Short Scholarship
Below: Brittany Smith, 2019 recipient of the Walter Dorothy Duncan Trust grant, with her son

A gift in your Will to support scholarships can have an enormous impact on students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds, rural and regional areas, or those facing other barriers impacting access to higher education.

The University’s Augustus Short Scholarship, named in honour of our first Vice-Chancellor, was established in recognition of Augustus Short’s commitment to making tertiary education accessible to all students of academic merit. Augustus Short Scholarships ensure students with outstanding talent who are experiencing financial hardship have the opportunity to attend university, to pursue their dreams and provide a valuable contribution to our community.

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The Elder Conservatorium was the first tertiary music school in the country, established through a bequest from Sir Thomas Elder. The Conservatorium has grown in prestige, size and scope to become a truly Australian, 21st century music training institution.

The musical legacy of John ‘Slick’ Osborn, original drummer for Adelaide’s ‘The Penny Rockets’, lives on today through his bequest to the University of Adelaide.

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Morgan Fletcher 2020 recipient of the John ‘Slick’ Osborn Scholarship

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Nadina Paine, 2018 recipient of the EW Benham Honours Scholarship

BARR SMITH LIBRARY

The Barr Smith Library holds a special place in the hearts of everyone who has spent time at the University of Adelaide, and plays an invaluable role in ensuring the University maintains its position as South Australia’s premier research-intensive University.

Each year, together with our loyal donors, the University and library invest in collections that meet the evolving needs of our community, ensuring students, researchers and staff have access to the most relevant and current global resources.

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The Hughes Society acknowledges and thanks the generous donors who have included a gift in their Will to the University.

The Hughes Society brings together like-minded people to offer the opportunity to meet academics, researchers and students who have benefited from gifts.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN BE A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR ESTATE, A FIXED AMOUNT, OR ITEMS SUCH AS SHARES.

We recommend that you seek independent legal advice. The following wording may be utilised.

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.

If you wish to support a specific area within the University, please contact us to ensure that we understand your intentions and your wishes can be fulfilled.

Thank you for your consideration.