Leaving a gift in your Will to UNSW Australia

Never Stand Still

... is making an impact
UNSW Australia’s vision is to seize opportunities to keep improving the ways we educate our students. We strive to relentlessly perform higher quality research with a commitment to applying our work in ways that will have a positive impact on Australians’ and other people’s lives around the globe.

UNSW is a place where talented men and women from all backgrounds can achieve their highest potential.

Gifts in Wills from our alumni, friends and supporters are vital for supporting this vision.

I cherished my time at UNSW as a student and am proud of the quality of education and research that the University continues to provide. Having watched my family study here, I believe a quality education must be available for future generations and have included UNSW in my Will. I invite you to join me in the Scientia Circle. You will become a UNSW supporter who I call a trend-setter, showing foresight in knowing the importance of a quality education for all generations.

Whatever you contribute, no matter how small or large, together we will advance teaching, research and learning at UNSW. These are ‘win-win’ gifts as generous benefactors will continue to make a future impact by leaving a lasting legacy.

David Gonski AC
Chancellor and Chair UNSW Foundation
Join us in realising UNSW Australia’s

AMBITIONS AND FUTURE

I witness, on a daily basis, the extraordinary power of education and research to transform so many lives and invite you to consider sharing in this heart-warming experience. As a member of our UNSW community, I know you understand intuitively what it means to make a difference.

Every single bequest gift, no matter how modest, represents trust and pride in our vision for the future. We appreciate that any decision to leave a bequest to UNSW in your Will is deeply personal.

Bequests help provide scholarships for high performing students who could otherwise not afford a university education. But, there are always more young people with the talent, diligence and potential that educational opportunity could foster and who deserve support.

Our wide ranging research programs, too, are in constant need of more funds because the quest for new knowledge is as vast as our imaginations. Every time we contribute to a new drug that saves lives, solve an environmental problem or take another step towards realising a quantum computer, or a bionic eye, we touch millions of lives.

If you consider supporting UNSW’s future, our staff at UNSW Foundation can answer your questions or talk through the opportunities for support.

Professor Ian Jacobs
President and Vice-Chancellor
Changing the world with new knowledge and research

UNSW's world-class research teams are addressing some major issues facing society including closing the gap in Indigenous health, and improving treatments while moving closer to finding cures for cancer and other diseases. But we want to be able to do even more. Whatever faculty, school or program you choose and whatever the amount, your gift will contribute to ongoing research breakthroughs and improvements in the lives of every Australian.
Creating an inspirational teaching, learning and research environment

We are creating a greener, more vibrant campus that can respond to the diverse needs of rural, metropolitan and international students and staff. Our students must be prepared for jobs and roles that do not yet exist. With rapid technological advances, the University will be devising and implementing new approaches to teaching and research. Gifts in Wills enable us to continue to improve the way we educate our students and conduct our research.

Supporting students through scholarships

Scholarships encourage and reward the most talented young people, regardless of their social or cultural background, to help them reach their full potential. We have already seen many otherwise disadvantaged students soar at UNSW. Take for example Laura Jeffress. Laura is a recipient of a scholarship funded by a bequest. “It allows me to focus on chemistry and research opportunities that I can participate in. There is no pressure to balance study with employment. Most exciting is the prospect that our research could possibly turn into something that makes life better or easier.”
Once you have decided to leave a gift in your Will to UNSW Australia we recommend that you consult your legal adviser.

To help you prepare, we have answered some frequently asked questions in the enclosed insert.

We are here to help tailor a gift that reflects your wishes and ensures the legacy you envision can become a reality.

UNSW Foundation staff are available to assist you. Call: +61 2 9385 3202 or email bequests@unsw.edu.au

UNSW AUSTRALIA IN YOUR WILL

Specific or Residuary Bequest

Before naming UNSW as a beneficiary in your Will please ensure you have secured the future of your family and loved ones. Then you need to decide whether your gift to UNSW will be a specific bequest or a residuary bequest.

A specific bequest is a gift in your Will of a specified amount of money or a particular item of value. Those items could include property, shares or works of art.

Alternatively, you could make a residuary bequest to UNSW which is a gift of the whole or a portion of whatever is left in your estate after all other gifts, taxes and costs have been paid or fulfilled.
General or Identified Purpose

A second consideration is how you would like UNSW to use your gift. This could be for general purposes or an identified purpose.

A bequest for general purposes allows UNSW to fulfil its highest priorities at the time your bequest arrives. Offering this flexibility is extremely helpful given UNSW’s needs and priorities change over time.

Alternatively, your bequest can be for an identified purpose. You can direct your bequest to support a particular faculty, school or program that is a part of UNSW. Your bequest can support the establishment of new learning facilities, specific research programs or the funding of teaching positions or scholarships within a particular faculty or school.

When you make a bequest for an identified purpose to UNSW, the University is legally obliged to only use the bequest for that specified purpose. As UNSW’s research priorities and teaching programs can change over time, we encourage you to consider providing some flexibility so that your legacy can continue to make the maximum future impact.

Suggested wording

It is important that the wording for a gift in your Will to UNSW clearly expresses your wishes. UNSW is not in a position to provide legal or financial advice when you are making your Will, however we have set out in the enclosed insert some suggested wording which you can discuss with your legal adviser.
At UNSW we develop leaders who shape the future.

We celebrate the diversity of backgrounds and cultures from which we attract students of the highest potential. We are proud to be a leading university of our Asia-Pacific region and a peer of the best global universities.

Established in 1949 with a unique focus on scientific, technological and professional disciplines, UNSW has a proud tradition of sustained innovation, focusing on areas critical to our future and offering an extensive range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research programs.

“UNSW has contributed significantly to my personal and professional development and it feels like the right thing to give back. I proudly acknowledge the University’s commitment to innovation which creates great research, a first-class student learning environment and teaching excellence. This must continue and by giving to the University in my Will, I know my contribution will ensure lasting benefits for future generations of students and staff at UNSW Australia.”

Andrew Wells,
Retired UNSW Librarian
“I decided to leave a gift in my Will to UNSW to honour my mother. She believed education must be accessible to everyone. I don’t have children, so why not give back to encourage and support others who may not otherwise have the opportunity to study at UNSW? This just seems obvious to me.”

Lynne Billard BSc’66 PhD’69, University Professor, University of Georgia
“It is important to support future generations and give back. When I have to leave a footprint on this earth it will be at the University of New South Wales.”

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