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The Medical Fund



# Introduction

The University of Glasgow has an outstanding reputation for the quality of education it provides and as a major centre for world-class research into the diseases and conditions that affect many of us and our loved ones.

## What is the Medical Fund?



Over 5000 donors have supported medical projects at Glasgow, helping to build research centres for leukaemia and cardiovascular disease and the Wolfson Medical School Building. The Medical Fund was established to build on this support and help fund the development of medical education and research at the University.

Through the Medical Fund you can not only support an area of illness that interests you, but also invest in the University's contribution to medical breakthroughs. All donations go towards furthering our understanding of disease, helping to improve diagnosis, producing more effective treatments and supporting disease prevention. Your donation will also help to attract the brightest students and the best staff to Glasgow.

## What can you support?

Opportunities for support are:

- Cancer *including brain, breast, and leukaemia*
- Heart Disease
- Immune, Infectious, and Inflammatory Diseases *including arthritis, asthma and multiple sclerosis*
- Paediatrics and Maternal Health
- Mental Health *including depression, anxiety, sleep problems and brain injuries*
- Diseases of the Nervous System *including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and autism*
- Kidney Disease
- Diabetes
- Public Health and General Practice
- Dentistry
- Medical Education
- General Medical Fund
- Nursing and Health Care
- Scholarships

For more information on the any of the themes please contact us.



# How to give

## Regular giving

You can choose to give your gift monthly, annually or quarterly if you prefer. Many of our supporters find giving by standing order an affordable and convenient way to make a difference. A regular gift provides the University with a flow of income on which it can depend. See the gift table on page 6 for more information.

## Online giving

Donors can give a gift online at [www.gla.ac.uk/givingtoglasgow/givenow](http://www.gla.ac.uk/givingtoglasgow/givenow)

## Bequests

Perhaps you would prefer to support the University with a bequest? This method of giving is favoured by many alumni and friends who want to make a difference after their death. A gift of this kind also helps to reduce your inheritance liability.

## Gift Aid

If you are a current UK tax-payer, you may wish to consider making your donation, whether on a single or a regular gift basis, under the Gift Aid Scheme. This ensures that at no additional costs to you, the University can claim back tax which you would have paid on your gift, thereby enhancing the value of your donation.

“As well as supporting my preferred research area I particularly liked the fact that I could name my gift and leave a lasting legacy”

## Other methods of giving

You can support the University through payroll giving or by donating stocks and shares. Please contact us for more information.

## Giving from Canada

Canadian residents will be provided with a receipt for their tax records from the University. Cheques should be made payable to the ‘University of Glasgow’.

## Giving from the US

US taxpayers can give tax-deductible gifts to the American Alumni of Glasgow University (AAGU), an independent charitable corporation organised in the United States that has been recognised by the Internal Revenue Service as a section 501(c)(3) charitable organisation. All donations to AAGU are deductible as charitable contributions to the full extent permitted by law. Please post your donations to:

Melvyn Pond, President, AAGU  
198 W River St  
Milford, CT 06460-3468

## Donor recognition

Any gift, no matter what size, will help towards crucial progress in medical research and education. Gifts of £250 and above can be celebrated in perpetuity. Donors will be recognised in our publications and on our Online Benefactor Wall, a web-based version of the traditional donor wall. Major gifts of £10,000 or more are invaluable for supporting academic chairs, providing scholarships or improving equipment and facilities.

## Gift Table

“I named the gift in memory of my nan who died last year”

Gifts of £250 and above can be named in perpetuity

Pace Setting Gifts	For gifts of £250,000 and over		
Major Gifts	For gifts of £10,000 and over		
Gifted Bricks	Gift total	Monthly Gift <small>over 4 years</small>	Annual Gift <small>over 4 years</small>
Noted Gift	£250	£5.21	£62.50
Bronze Gift	£500	£10.42	£125
Silver Gift	£1,000	£20.83	£250
Gold Gift	£2,000	£41.67	£500
Platinum Gift	£5,000	£104.14	£1,250

## Donor stories

“I wanted to increase awareness and raise money to help find a cure for this awful disease”

Mrs Joan Stevenson donated to **Mental Health** after her sister suffered from depression for many years: “My husband Gordon, a graduate of the University, and I decided that some positive action was necessary. If the University’s research can alleviate the suffering of others in Glasgow, Scotland or the world by improving diagnoses then what happened in my family will not have been in vain.”

“Mental health is a fast growing concern amongst all ages in our society. It should be addressed sooner rather than later especially with regard to communication. We donors can make it happen.”

Douglas McLaren supported **Diseases of the Nervous System** by abseiling from the University tower: “Last year my dad was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and by taking part in the abseil I wanted to increase awareness and raise money to help find a cure for this awful disease.”

Rev Alastair Cherry donated to **Heart Disease** “My wife, Fiona, died as a result of a heart attack. It was a shock for all the family and my donation is to help so that others may not have to go through the trauma we went through.”

## What do we use the funds for?

Since its inception the Medical Fund has been able to disburse over £2 million to various University projects.

These are two examples of projects the Medical Fund has been able to support.

“We hope to translate this research into meaningful patient treatments”

Sam Cameron, Clinical & Vocational Skills Technician: “The **Medical Education** Fund has helped provide a very valuable resource for medical students to practice examination techniques using training models that they can use outwith normal teaching time. This resource allows the students to practise until they feel confident and safe for patients as they can make mistakes and no one suffers or is embarrassed.”

Mhairi MacRae, Professor of Neuroscience: “with funding from the Medical Fund we have been able to set up a research collaboration between neuroscientists, immunologists, neuroradiologists and physicists to investigate stem cells and the role they play in stroke recovery. We hope to translate this research into meaningful patient treatments and the money from the **Diseases of the Nervous System** Fund will help us to achieve this aim.”

**Professor John Coggins, Vice-Principal for the Faculties of Biomedical and Life Science, Clinical Medicine and Veterinary Medicine commented:**

“The Medical Fund is invaluable in helping to fund both clinical and non-clinical science, and the purchase of essential equipment. The Fund helps us work across the different Biomedical faculties and divisions and supports vital research into the diseases that can affect us all.”