Giving to Glasgow
MAKING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL
A gift in your Will can change the world

The University of Glasgow and our inspiring people have been changing the world for more than 560 years making countless contributions to our knowledge and understanding of the world around us.

James Watt gave power to the industrial revolution. Adam Smith laid the foundations of modern economics. Ian Donald showed us the first ultrasound image of a foetus. Jocelyn Bell Burnell discovered radio pulsars.

Today, our inspiring people continue to change the world for the better. We can’t do this without your help. By remembering the University in your Will, you can advance our world-class research, learning and teaching for the benefit of generations to come. Your support will fund world-changing discoveries and enable Glasgow to be a place where the best students, regardless of background, are inspired to become tomorrow’s world-changers.

Gifts in Wills provide almost one third of philanthropic income to the University each year, playing a vital part in changing lives far into the future. This remarkable tradition of support from alumni and friends has never been more valued than it is today.

‘With your support we will create a better home for world-class learning and discovery, a place where the big ideas of tomorrow are taking shape today and a place where the best students, regardless of background, are inspired to become tomorrow’s world-changers.’

Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli FRSE AcSS
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Your legacy to Glasgow

Every gift in every Will makes a difference. Gifts with no restrictions help the University to make a difference where the need is greatest, and the University will direct these gifts to projects where help is urgently needed.

You can also specify how your gift should be used by the University for the benefit of future generations:

World-changing campus
The major development of our Gilmorehill campus will be the most dramatic evolution of the University since our relocation to the West End in 1870. Our plans to develop the Gilmorehill campus and the adjacent former Western Infirmary site will create world-class teaching, learning and research facilities for students and staff.

Gifts to support the campus development will also support the ongoing need to upgrade and maintain the historic fabric of the campus.

Ground-breaking research
Since our foundation in 1451, the University has constantly worked to push the boundaries of knowledge with a commitment to making a positive impact on the world. Our research is addressing the world’s greatest challenges, such as eliminating rabies; harnessing precision medicine to develop new diagnostics and treatments for chronic diseases; tackling global inequalities and transforming nano and quantum science into revolutionary technologies. Gifts to research will create a better world and fitter society.

Life-changing scholarships
The provision of a world-class education for all students with ability and motivation is at the heart of the University’s mission. The University is dedicated to attracting the best and brightest students to study at Glasgow and providing the best experience for them while they are here - time which can shape students’ lives long after graduation. We firmly believe in ensuring equal access to the life-changing opportunities higher education provides regardless of background or financial circumstances, and gifts to our Scholarships Fund make this possible.

Animal care and veterinary medicine
The University’s Vet School is pre-eminent in teaching, research and the attention and expertise that is given to the animals entrusted to its care.

Gifts to the Vet Fund help the University to remain at the forefront of veterinary medicine and provide one of the best veterinary teaching and research environments in the world. You will be supporting new generations of vets and the animals in their care and contribute greatly to pioneering future standards in animal treatment and welfare.

The Chancellor’s Fund
The Chancellor’s Fund supports innovative, exciting projects that have an impact across the University and wider community. These student-centred initiatives promote academic excellence, celebrate student talent, and enable our students to have a rich and rewarding university experience. Gifts to the Chancellor’s Fund also support the University’s physical and cultural heritage.

Colleges, Research Institutes and Schools
It is also possible to support a specific area of your choice – perhaps the subject you or a loved one graduated in or your former department. The University of Glasgow consists of four colleges providing world-class education and research in areas of excellence – the College of Arts, College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences, College of Science & Engineering and the College of Social Sciences.
The impact of your gift

Gifts in Wills enrich all aspects of the University, enabling those who benefit to do exceptional things. Every gift makes a difference. For future students your gift could be key to removing financial barriers to success or supporting new opportunities and challenges. Other gifts may have impact in perpetuity; creating a legacy allowing research and teaching to flourish.

‘Having this extra allowance relieves a lot of worry regarding money at a time when my studies are paramount. My third year of university has been very exciting especially as the prospect of being a teacher draws nearer. Dr Currie’s generosity has made my ongoing university experience a much more positive and less stressful experience.’

Drew Catacol Talent Scholarship recipient, established by Dr William Currie

‘The cost of competing at different levels can be high and my sports bursary has allowed me to concentrate on my studies while training as a track sprint cyclist and competing for the Scottish and British Cycling under-23 teams.’

Jonathan Sports Bursary recipient through the Chancellor’s Fund, supported by Professor Delphine Parrott

‘Professor Douglas MacDowell was a scholar of great distinction and worldwide reputation. We are immensely grateful for his gift, which endowed the Chair of Greek at the University. His generosity provided the opportunity to enhance the role of Classics within the University and beyond, and to develop its research, impact and teaching agenda for the future.’

Professor Jan Stenger MacDowell Chair of Greek

‘My desire to investigate cancer development and progression began when my brother was successfully treated when a baby. I hope to establish an in vitro model to investigate how leukaemic stem cells evade treatment and identify new avenues for targeted therapy, improving patient treatment and outcomes in the future.’

Kudzai PhD scholarship recipient, supported by the Helen Higgins bequest to replace the use of animals in research

‘It is exciting that as part of the campus development, the Joseph Black building will receive modern world-class facilities sympathetic to this historic building thanks to gifts from Chemistry alumni like Iain Horn and Lillian Martin. I’m really looking forward to working in our new lab, with others in the School of Chemistry, industrial partners and international collaborators.’

Minming Chemistry PhD student, Professor Pete Skabara’s research team
Leaving a gift in your Will

When the time is right for you, and you have made provisions for those closest to you, leaving a gift in your Will to Glasgow will ensure that your hopes and wishes will live on in an established and innovative organisation.

Make or review your Will
Making a Will is one of the most important things you can do. Having a Will makes it much easier for your family or friends to sort out your affairs and ensures that your estate will be shared according to your wishes. Your Will should be reviewed regularly and updated if your circumstances change e.g. marriage or civil partnership, divorce or the birth of children or grandchildren.

How do I make a Will?
Making a Will is often a simple and inexpensive process costing between £100 and £300. As a legal document, it’s important to get the wording right so we recommend you consult a solicitor or professional Will writer. They can also advise on the most tax-efficient ways to administer your estate. If you need help finding a solicitor, the Law Society of Scotland or Law Society can help. You can also contact us for suggestions of Glasgow based solicitors.

Decide what you would like to support
We are happy to answer your questions about gifts in Wills in general and would be delighted to provide further information on any area you wish to support and advise on the wording for your gift.

Decide what type of gift you wish to make
A percentage or share of your estate
For example you could leave a 1/5 share or 10% of your total wealth. This is known as a residuary gift.

A lump sum
For example you might wish to give a fixed sum of money like £1,000, £5,000 or £10,000. This is known as a pecuniary gift.

A valuable item
For example you can gift property, antiques or shares to the University. This is known as a specific gift.

Other assets
You can also make the University the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, company benefit or pension fund.

Variation of Will
Many families choose to make a variation of Will from their share of the estate, perhaps to make a gift in memory of their loved one or to reduce tax liability.

Contact your solicitor
Should you choose to support the University in your Will, your solicitor will need our details to make sure we receive your gift; ‘The University of Glasgow, charity number SC004401, Development & Alumni Office, External Relations, 2-3 The Square, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ’

This applies to gifts from the UK and most other countries. If you live in the USA or Canada, further information about making a planned gift is enclosed with this brochure.

Complete a codicil
You can add the University to your existing Will using a codicil and giving it to your solicitor. We have included a codicil with this brochure should you wish to make use of it.

Write a letter of wishes
While not legally binding, this can be a convenient way to express your wishes to your executors and your solicitor can advise further.

If your current Will mentions the University Court or the University of Glasgow Trust there is no need to change it – it will still reach us without problem.

Choose how you would like your gift named
All gifts in Wills are recognised in perpetuity in a way tailored to each gift which may include our alumni publications or naming an area of a building or scholarship. We would be happy to record any preferences you may have.
Looking after your legacy

All gifts in Wills to the University of Glasgow are very much appreciated. If you are thinking of supporting us in this way, thank you.

• We will look after all gifts with sensitivity and understanding
• We will use your gift carefully and cost-effectively so that it has the greatest impact for the purposes you intended
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• If you wish you can specify how your gift should be used by the University for the benefit of future generations
• All your gift supports the University; our fundraising budget is a core cost
• When we receive notice of a gift in a Will, we work closely with the solicitor and executors to ensure that it is directed in keeping with any specific wishes and that suitable recognition, if desired, is agreed

Recognising your generosity

You don’t need to inform us you have left a gift in your Will, but we would be delighted to have the opportunity to say thank you should you wish to let us know. Any information you give to us will be treated in complete confidence.

Our 1451 Society recognises the special commitment of alumni and friends who have chosen to support the University through a planned gift in their Will. Should you wish to be part of this we would be delighted for you to join us at our special events and will ensure you are kept in touch with the latest University developments.

‘As graduates of the University, it gives us great pleasure to know that our gift will create opportunities for research, learning and teaching. We are content to let the University decide how the gifts in our wills should be spent and are very glad that the 1451 Society has been established as a focal point for legacy giving.’

Andrew Primrose LLB (1964) and Jane Garvie MA (1977) LLB (1979)

CONTACT US

If you are considering leaving a gift to the University in your Will, our Development Officer for Legacies, Mrs Barrie Bryson, would be delighted to talk to you about your wishes and intentions. She can be contacted on +44 (0)141 330 6886 or at barrie.bryson@glasgow.ac.uk