Giving to Glasgow
Making a gift in your will to the University of Glasgow
‘The decision to make the University a beneficiary of our wills was one of the easiest we have ever made. It is a world-class institution of learning and research and has provided our society with brilliant people in every field of study. The gifts in our wills are a personal ‘thank you’ for the education we received. We are committed to assuring that the University can continue to grow for the benefit of future generations.’

Gordon V Stevenson (BSc 1967) and Joan Stevenson (Dip Ed 1966 Jordanhill College of Education)
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In 1870 the University of Glasgow relocated from the High Street to Gilmorehill in the west end of the city. The university buildings at Gilmorehill, including the Gilbert Scott Building and our iconic tower, have provided a legacy that we enjoy to this day. These facilities have helped to support the last 150 years of knowledge creation and scientific advancement and were made possible by a philanthropic campaign and the generosity of a generation looking to the future.

Many of these facilities were supported by generous gifts in wills. For example, the Randolph Staircase and Hall were named after the marine engineer Charles Randolph (1809-78), who gifted £60,000 in his will to complete construction of what became the Bute Hall. A century later, one of the University’s most generous benefactors, Sir Daniel Macaulay Stevenson, gave gifts in his will to further international understanding among young people. The Stevenson citizenship lectures and physical education building are named in his honour.

This remarkable tradition of gifts in wills not only continues to flourish but has never been more valued than it is today. Over the next five years the University will be undertaking its most significant development in over a century. This once in a lifetime opportunity to redevelop our Gilmorehill campus will allow us to bring together the best minds of today and tomorrow, and enable a future of world-class education and research with global impact. Gifts in wills from alumni and friends will play a vital part in changing lives far into the future.
‘Thanks to the Mitchell family’s generous gift, I am able to undertake valuable research at a world-class institution. Without their donation, my work, which will advance our understanding of economically valuable minerals, would not be possible.’

Emma Fairley, Angus Mitchell (PhD 1964) Bursary recipient
The benefits of leaving a gift to the University of Glasgow in your will

Over the last five centuries and more, the University of Glasgow has helped foster the talents of some of the world’s greatest thinkers, innovators and leaders. Lord Kelvin, Adam Smith, John Logie Baird, James Watt and David Livingstone are just a handful of world-changers who drew their inspiration from their time here in Glasgow. And that list of people grows longer every day.

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

• 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.

• You can name your gift in a personal way, to honour another person or in memory of a loved one. All gifts are recognised in perpetuity.

• If you are a US taxpayer, gifts to American Alumni of Glasgow University (AAGU), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, are 100% deductible from your taxable estate.

• If you live in Canada the gift in your will should be directed to the ‘University of Glasgow’ to receive tax relief under the Canadian tax structure.

• The University of Glasgow (SC004401) and the University of Glasgow Trust (SC008303) are registered Scottish charities. By giving a gift to us, you can help to reduce your inheritance tax liability as any bequest to a charity is deducted from the value of the estate before inheritance tax liability is calculated. A reduced rate of inheritance tax of 36% is applied to estates where at least 10% is given to charity.
Your lasting legacy

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 Trust 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
Our acquisition of the site of the Western Infirmary offers a unique opportunity to redevelop our Gilmorehill campus to support world-changing learning and innovation for centuries to come. As well as space for new facilities to support ground-breaking research, the redevelopment will include the state of the art teaching facilities our students need as well as providing an environment that is open and accessible to the wider community.

Gifts to support the campus redevelopment 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 what’s possible. From pioneering research in the fight against cancer and the spread of diseases affecting animals and humans across the developed and developing world, to innovative research into photosynthesis to advance the development of clean energy and quantum technologies, you can help support projects that will change the world tomorrow.

Life-changing scholarships
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. With a world-class education, ground-breaking research opportunities and lifelong friendships, time spent at the University of Glasgow can shape students’ lives long after graduation. We firmly believe these opportunities should be available to all talented students, regardless of background or financial circumstances, and our Scholarships Fund helps to make this possible.

Animal care and veterinary medicine
Glasgow Vet School is world-renowned for its excellence in teaching, research and the attention and expertise that is given to the animals entrusted to its care.

Gifts towards 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.

Medicine and health
Our medical research teams excel in research into diseases and conditions that affect many of us and our loved ones. Our life-changing research is tackling some of the greatest health challenges of the 21st century including cancer, heart disease, arthritis, Alzheimer’s disease and Parkinson’s disease.

Through the Medical Fund you can support research into an area of illness that interests you and help our researchers to continue their vital work in developing more effective treatments for the future. It is also possible to support the ongoing education of our future doctors.

The Chancellor’s Fund
If you wish to support developments across the whole University, the Chancellor’s Fund distributes grants to support a variety of exciting projects improving the lives of our students. These student-centred initiatives promote academic excellence, celebrate student talent, and enable our students to have a rich and rewarding university experience.
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 in areas of excellence – the College of Arts, College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences, College of Science & Engineering and the College of Social Sciences.

If you wish to discuss an area of personal interest please contact Mrs Barrie Bryson
+44 (0)141 330 6886 or at Barrie.Bryson@glasgow.ac.uk.
‘The University and its School of Humanities meant a lot to my parents, particularly to Mum who was a member of staff for many years as well as a student. They made a gift to students in the College of Arts which set up the Edmond and Adeline Clark travel scholarship. I am delighted that their names will live on in perpetuity whilst providing future generations with the opportunity to enhance their degree by travelling to universities around the world.’

Moira Clark, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clark
Recognising your generosity

Gifts of all sizes will be gratefully received. We are fortunate to receive some very significant gifts in wills; however, we also receive many modest gifts, which are just as valuable. A small gift may have just as great an impact, alleviating financial difficulties or funding a place at a conference to change the direction of a student’s life.

We have established the 1451 Society to recognise the special commitment of alumni and friends who have chosen to support the University through a planned gift in their will. Your commitment will be recognised by invitations to special events and communications to thank you for your support and ensure you are kept in touch with the latest University developments.

Naming your gift
We operate a giving scheme where all donations are recognised in perpetuity in our alumni publications and online Benefactor Wall which is a web-based version of the traditional donor wall. Larger gifts can be named in a personal way and this may include an area of a building such as a laboratory or seminar room, a scholarship or fellowship.

We now also have a unique opportunity to recognise the support of gifts in wills from alumni and friends on the redeveloped campus and would be delighted to discuss this with you.

How we look after your gift
When we receive notice of a gift made 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. We also keep any family in touch as appropriate such as through reports from students who have received scholarships funded from the bequest, visits and events on campus.
Leaving a gift in your will

All gifts to the University of Glasgow are very much appreciated. Providing for your loved ones after your death will be one of the most important things for you to consider when making your will. However, it is possible to make provisions for those closest to you as well as benefiting the University. Whether you decide on a percentage of your estate after your family has been taken care of; a cash gift or a specific item, we would like to thank you.

There are several ways you may wish to consider leaving a gift in your will:

A share of your estate
Known as a residuary legacy, this is a percentage of what remains after all other gifts and expenses have been made. A gift of just 1% of your estate is an affordable way to help invest in the future of research and teaching excellence at the University.

A cash gift
Known as a pecuniary legacy, this is a gift of a fixed sum of money.

A gift that provides for your loved ones first
This gift known as a conditional legacy will provide for your loved ones first and then benefit the University. The gift will only come to the University after your loved ones have been taken care of and have subsequently passed away. Your solicitor can help with this.

A specific item
You can gift property, antiques or stocks and shares to the University as a gift in kind. You can also make the University the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, company benefit or pension fund that you no longer need the cover for.
What to do next

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

We are happy to answer your questions about gifts in wills in general but would also strongly recommend that you seek professional advice from a solicitor who can advise you on the best way to record your intentions and the most tax-efficient way to administer your will.

If you already have a will in place, you can add the University to your existing will using a codicil and giving it to your solicitor. A codicil provides the opportunity to make alterations to your existing will and will be read in conjunction with your existing will. We have included a codicil with this brochure should you wish to make use of it.

All gifts in your will should be directed in the first instance to the ‘University of Glasgow Trust’, charity number SC008303.

If you do wish to let us know you have left a gift in your will, we would be delighted to have the opportunity to say thank you but will respect your choice and privacy. This will enable us to keep you informed about new developments at Glasgow and will also help us to plan for the future. Any information you give to us will be treated in confidence and does not involve you in any binding commitment.