



**UNSW**  
SYDNEY



**Your vision.  
Your gift in your will.**

# Your support is embedded in our success

Leaving a gift to UNSW in your will means supporting the people and ideas who can deliver the changes you believe in and the world you want to see.

The UNSW community is profoundly grateful to all those who choose to support our collective mission to build a safer, fairer and more prosperous world for all. The decision to leave a gift in your will makes it possible for students to go after their dreams, for teams of researchers to break through knowledge barriers, and for new thinking and new ideas to deliver real-world benefits to the people that need them most.

Whatever the size of your gift, you can decide whether to direct it towards a specific purpose, or to support the work of the University more generally.

“I think the secret to living is giving. I’ve practised that all my life, personally and professionally. Focusing on the needs of others has a way of motivating you to do more than you thought was possible.”

Lee Tonitto, UNSW BCom (1981) and AGSM @ UNSW Business School MBA (2000)



## Backing research



UNSW researchers are driven to spark conversations, develop solutions, and lead action to address the most pressing challenges of our time, locally and globally. Directing your gift in your will to an area of research means you will be lending your support to a community that is actively engaged in building a safer, fairer and more prosperous world.

A Sydney-man diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) turned the tragedy of his own diagnosis into hope for future generations with a gift in his will to Australia’s only MSA lab, led by UNSW’s Dr Michael Janitz. His gift will support ongoing research into the detection and treatment of the rare neurodegenerative disease.

## Providing a scholarship



We aim to give our students every opportunity to learn, grow and pursue their passions. We are also deeply committed to removing the barriers that have historically prevented some students from accessing a university education. When you support a scholarship, you are making a monumental difference in the life of a student, not just by addressing their financial needs but by demonstrating you believe in their potential to succeed.

“These young people will never really know my uncle and aunt, but they continue to be providers for these students, their families and the nation. The truth is, they’re using the rewards of their lifetimes in the service of others to grow a better world.”

Donors' niece

## Funding a program



Turning knowledge into action has always been a priority for UNSW. By leaving a gift in your will to one of UNSW’s many programs, you help to ensure the knowledge generated within the University has a real-world impact among those who stand to benefit from it the most.

A beloved community GP made a generous gift to help the Kirby Institute train local doctors to diagnose and treat hepatitis C. His gift has made hepatitis C treatment more accessible, particularly in rural and regional communities, and taken pressure off an overburdened hospital system.

## Contributing to a centre



To meet the challenges of the 21st century, it is critical that we work together across disciplines, across borders, and across a network of allies in research, government and industry. Choosing to invest in the powerful partnerships led by the University means supporting the work of a world-leading community of changemakers.

In honour of her much-loved husband, a Sydney woman has left a gift to support the launch of the National Comprehensive Dementia Centre (NCDC). Led by the UNSW Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing (CHeBA), the NCDC will provide people with dementia and their loved ones with streamlined access to timely diagnosis, clinical care, and ongoing treatment and support.

## Supporting the areas of greatest need



As a university, we aim to improve lives through research, education and a collective commitment to a just society. Within these broad aims, however, the areas of need shift and change over time. When you choose to provide a gift of general support, you will be ensuring the University has the funds it needs to quickly and effectively address needs as they arise.

“I am very supportive of the University, what it is doing and the way it is going, and that’s why I have chosen to give money in my will.”

David Barnsdall OAM, UNSW BCom (1961)



# Making the legal and financial arrangements

Having decided you want to leave a gift in your will, it is important that you get the appropriate legal and financial advice. Your lawyer will help you update your will, making sure your loved ones are looked after according to your wishes and that your gift to UNSW is clearly and accurately expressed. They will also explain the different ways the value of a gift can be described, for example:

- A specific gift is a specific sum of money or a particular gift of property or shares.
- A residual gift is the amount that remains in your estate after all other gifts and costs have been distributed.
- The residual of your estate can be given to someone in whole or shared as a percentage among a number of different beneficiaries.

It is important to note that these options may have different tax impacts, depending on your situation. Your lawyer or financial adviser will be able to explain these to you.

## Your next steps

Your interest in supporting the University through a gift in your will is evidence of your generosity, your values and your vision for the future. It speaks of your enduring commitment to the people and ideas that matter most to you and your willingness to make sure they get the support they need for many years to come.

We have shared some essential information with you in these pages, and you can find more details on the UNSW website at [www.alumni.giving.unsw.edu.au/giving/how-give/leaving-gift-your-will](http://www.alumni.giving.unsw.edu.au/giving/how-give/leaving-gift-your-will). We believe your gift can, and should, represent you and your vision and encourage you to get in touch with us so we can help you plan for a gift that matches your hopes for the future.

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**“In simple terms, it is a good feeling.”**

**Guy Boncardo, UNSW BE (1976) and UNSW MEngSc (1979)**