Leaving a gift in your Will to UNSW Sydney
UNSW Sydney’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
You can make a difference

We are proud to be forging a bold and ambitious path towards a strong, influential future. We have been humbled by the trust and pride shown in this vision for the University’s future with the steady growth in gifts pledged in Wills among our alumni, volunteers, staff and community supporters.

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 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.

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, scholarship recipient Gabrielle Burge. Gabrielle is a recipient of a scholarship funded by a gift in Will.

“This scholarship has been immensely beneficial in allowing me to transition to university life with a massively reduced financial burden. This has given me the time and headspace to be involved in aspects of university life that I otherwise wouldn’t have been able to.”

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.
Once you have decided to leave a gift in your Will to UNSW Sydney we recommend that you consult your legal adviser. Gifts to the UNSW from a donor’s estate which are specified in their Will, are called a bequest. We are here to help tailor a gift that reflects your wishes and ensures the legacy you envision can become a reality.

When making a bequest to UNSW there are two types

**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 gift in Will 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 some suggested wording which you can discuss with your legal adviser.
About UNSW Sydney

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.

Andrew Wells AM
University Librarian
2001 - 2016

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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