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Philanthropy in action

Thanks to our generous donors, here is the impact made in 2021.



STUDENT SUPPORT & SCHOLARSHIP

\$7,907,676.99
Total funds to all student support


263
Number of students supported

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

\$4,488,247.73
Total donations to research


46
Number of projects supported

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An acknowledgement of all our donors for 2021 is found on our [giving website](#).



Thank you

The last few years have been challenging, yet we're proud to say the generous spirit of the UOW community remains alive and well. We're continually awed by your willingness to push through, aim higher, and light the way for others. It's times like this that we need to band together and that is what we have done.

Thank you to everyone who has taken this journey with us and who shares in our values. To our extraordinary global network of alumni, to those in the community who have recognised an area in need of progress, and to those that want to give once or ongoing. There are so many people to thank, all with their own unique story to tell. This report takes a valuable look at these stories and the stories of the people these donations help.

Your support for life-changing scholarships, innovative programs and world-class research continues to be as important as ever.

From us to you, thank you.

C. F. McLoughlin

Ms Christine McLoughlin AM
Chancellor

P. Davidson

Professor Patricia M. Davidson
Vice-Chancellor and President

Professor Patricia M. Davidson, Vice-Chancellor and President is pictured left and Ms Christine McLoughlin AM, Chancellor is pictured right

Vice-Chancellor overview

As we approach the University of Wollongong's 50th Anniversary, it is milestones like these that offer us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on where we've come from and where we're going. In the pages of this report, you will read about the incredible philanthropic work being done from the many different corners of our community. The University of Wollongong itself was founded on the generous donations of Illawarra locals. They had a vision of a brighter future for our region, and – because of their pioneering acumen – the realisation of this vision is very evident today.

As a philanthropic success story, we understand the importance of this work, from our nascent years to now. We believe in moving forward with determination, using the opportunities we're given to thrive, and paying forward opportunities that will help create a better world. As Vice-Chancellor of UOW, I am proud and honoured to uphold the legacy and values of this institution, as well as wholeheartedly embrace the many future opportunities that await us. In a world grappling with the climate change emergency and a public health crisis, I believe our planet and our health are two vital areas in which we must continue to invest.

I believe in education and research as transformative forces to make a difference in the world, and know that areas such as clean energy, health and Indigenous learning are where we should be placing our focus. As an anchor institution in the Illawarra and beyond, we need to understand and work closely with our communities to support and give back to them. Although we have many initiatives to support, I'd like to make note of a few here for you.

As we move forward, we need to look to the past for guidance. Through our [Centre of Excellence for Australian Biodiversity and Heritage](#), we will inspire our communities to learn more about Australia's extraordinary environmental history and Indigenous heritage, so they can be part of creating a better future. The University is committed to moving beyond a State of Reconciliation and towards a future that emphasises acknowledgement, learning, growth opportunities and genuine collaboration with our First Nations Australians. Our [Jindaola Program](#) and the [Woolyungah Indigenous Centre](#) are excellent examples of this commitment in action.



Finally, our USA Foundation, founded in 2013, is also an important element of our philanthropic activity. This initiative has allowed alumni based in the United States to support the University's key priorities, such as student equity, health and medical research, and addressing global concerns. I am grateful to those who have supported us through this foundation, as an alumna and as someone who spent eight years living and working in the US as Dean of the School of Nursing at Johns Hopkins University.

Although there is still much to do, I must also point to the fact that, as a university, we have achieved a lot in this space. In the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022, which are benchmarked against the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals, UOW currently ranks 70th among universities worldwide for social and economic impact. We're also producing Australia's best graduates¹, who enter the world and make real and lasting change in their areas of expertise. These are not just wins for the University, they're wins for an entire community, who all contribute to and benefit from the continued success and progress of our institution.

I thank you for taking the time to read this report, for offering your support, and for choosing to invest in a brighter future.

My best,

Trish



A message from our Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Patricia M. Davidson

1. The Australian Government's Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching Employer Satisfaction Survey 2021



Student support and scholarships

With the pandemic highlighting the vital role of frontline workers globally, support for the next generation of health, medical and allied professionals was a key consideration for many donors when deciding where to direct their philanthropic funds.

MEDICAL AND NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

The University was delighted to accept two significant and separate gifts to support medical students by reducing the barriers they face on their educational journey. **The Rhondda and Margaret Williams Scholarship** for rural students has a focus on enabling graduates to practice medicine in rural and regional communities. **The Ray and Peggy Allen Graduate Medicine Scholarship** identifies the critical time when medical students need support to continue and successfully graduate. Each of these scholarships, supported in recognition of family members, addresses real world barriers to succeeding in a medical degree.

Another highlight was the establishment of our first internationally funded nursing scholarship, joining prestigious institutions in the United States as part of the wider scholarship program. **The Pamela Jane Nye Working Nurse Scholarship** will support our nursing students and simultaneously build their international networks. **The Quota International Scholarship for Speech and Hearing** was also established. Support

for Graduate School of Medicine students continued with new scholarships for medical placements in the far South Coast. **The Bega Valley Medical Student Scholarship** was created to support the future of rural and regional medical practice, ensuring students gain significant experience in a rural or remote setting.

STEM SCHOLARSHIPS

With a proud tradition of excellence and international achievement in engineering, maths, technology and science, our alumni supported a range of student scholarship initiatives to attract and assist a greater number of students into the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM) disciplines. A wide range of new scholarships were established complementing existing donor-funded programs. New support included the **Tibra Foundation Scholarships** for key rural and regional areas to attract students to study STEM programs at the undergraduate level. **The De Dominicis Foundation Opportunity scholarship in STEM**, the **Richard Michael Scholarship in Engineering**, and the suite of **Motion Asia Pacific scholarships** all support several key disciplines. **The Sir William Tyree Foundation, Westpac Scholars Trust, Adelaide Brighton, Edmiston Jones and The Holt Estate** continue their generous support for the engineers, mathematicians, and scientists of the future.

34,554

Total number of UOW students

\$7,907,676.99

Total philanthropic funds supporting students

263

Number of students supported

INDIGENOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Indigenous student support continues to be a priority area with a range of scholarships dedicated to access, participation and completion. Our committed donors towards Indigenous student scholarships include **The Southern Highlands Foundation, CSIRO**, and the **Walter and Eliza Hall Trust**, along with a range of deeply committed, highly valued individual donors.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Support for student enrichment is diverse, as demonstrated by generous philanthropists of UOW. **The Stevenson family** extended their giving in social work and impact by helping to establish the first PhD scholarship in social work. A total of \$50,000 from a realised bequest from **Honorary Fellow Elisabeth (Liz) Hilton** will be contributed to the [Jack Goldring Scholarship Fund](#) to support a student who combines academic excellence with a demonstrated commitment to social justice. **Westpac Scholars Trust** extended additional opportunities to students through their **Asian Exchange Program**, an outstanding opportunity for students to engage and immerse through their studies and experiences in Asia.

The George Alexander Foundation, and **Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation** continue their generous support to develop the next generation of leaders. These large-scale scholarship programs provide significant support and opportunity to a diverse range of students with recipients drawn from across the country to undertake their studies at UOW. In addition to financial support, students benefit from a range of enrichment opportunities supporting their educational journey and future societal contribution.

Many of the University's community donors continue their unwavering support for scholarships in a range of areas including the **Southern Highlands Community Foundation, Rotary, Bulli Sea Lions, Zonta, Lions and Quota Club**. Our partnership with **Liverpool City Council** continues to deliver impact to the communities surrounding our South Western Sydney campus, with support directed towards students who are overcoming educational disadvantage to become leaders in the local region. Community support provides vital students scholarship, prizes and support.

TRANSFORMING FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS

More than 140 alumni and staff contributed to the **Transforming Futures Scholarship Program** in 2021. Regular giving provides sustainable support to create opportunity scholarships. Three named Transforming Futures scholarships are now in place, with the launch of the **William Dor Transforming Futures** in 2021. An additional opportunity focused scholarship program has been secured for future generations through a confirmed bequest to the University, with emphasis on supporting disadvantaged students who wish to study Nursing or Visual Communications. We thank our many committed donors for their collective impact on the lives of students who face significant barriers to accessing a university education.



Zara Button

Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics (Honours)

CSIRO Indigenous Scholarship

Awarded: 2021



Receiving the CSIRO scholarship has had a positive impact on my life and studies. Apart from the money, the greatest impact receiving this scholarship has had is the encouragement it gave me. It greatly encourages me that my hard work is seen and appreciated, and I take this as more motivation to keep up my high standard of work and exceed expectations. Many of my family members have faced hard lives as Indigenous people and not had the opportunity to finish school, let alone attend university. I greatly appreciate the generosity from the donors, and I aim to finish my degree with high marks and pay forward this generosity to young Indigenous kids who are also struggling.



Eden Walters

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)

Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

Awarded: 2021



Through my engineering course and the Westpac Young Technologist Scholar programme, I aim to be at the forefront of creating change. New technologies are constantly emerging in the world around us to help the fight against climate change. I hope to not only be working towards the design and creation of these new technologies but to advocate for their impact and the change young people can achieve through social movements, politics, teaching – anything I can get involved in.



Tiarna Williams

Bachelor International Studies –
Bachelor of International Laws

Transforming Futures Scholarship

Awarded: 2021



My transition to university and my law degree was a lot less stressful due to the financial support I received in my first year. I can't express in words how grateful I am for this opportunity. I was able to purchase multiple law textbooks that were critical to understanding course content and achieving high marks in my assessments as I head towards my goal of working in the humanitarian aid field. I cannot thank those who have supported me enough for their assistance and believing in me.

Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship

INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF FUTURE LEADERS

Eleven extraordinary first year UOW students from the Illawarra-Shoalhaven and Eden-Monaro regions were successful in receiving the inaugural Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship – an innovative new program which is the initiative of current Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Patricia M. Davidson.

These prestigious scholarships, valued at \$30,000 per year for the duration of the student's undergraduate degree, seek to identify and nurture passionate young leaders from the Illawarra and surrounding regions and aim to retain our local talent.

From 150 applications, each of the 11 successful scholars went through a rigorous and competitive application process comprising a video submission and interview. The students were required to demonstrate their experience as a natural leader or role model at their school or within their community, showcase academic excellence and achievement throughout high school, share their big ideas and goals and desire to collaborate with others, have a passion for inspiring greatness in others and show initiative to implement positive change in their community.

Throughout their degree, the scholars will undertake a series of leadership training seminars, starting with the Jindaola Indigenous culture program. They will also receive academic and industry mentorship, and attend networking, leadership, and global study opportunities to develop their skills as future leaders in their chosen industry, with a global perspective.

Professor Davidson chaired the interview selection panels, comprising of community and UOW leaders, and says she was deeply encouraged to meet so many talented and determined young people keen to make their mark on the world.

"It was an honour to meet these inspiring young scholars and I was genuinely impressed by the diverse talent, drive and passion on display amongst these individuals as they set out to achieve great things.

"I will watch their academic journey here at UOW with a great deal of interest to see where their paths lead and how they impact their peers and our local communities," said Professor Davidson.

The inaugural cohort of scholars will become ambassadors for next year's Vice-Chancellor Leadership Scholars, reaching out to high school students to share their own experience of the program and encourage talented students with leadership ambition to apply.





2022 VICE-CHANCELLOR LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

ILLAWARRA REGION

Layla Tarhan	Bachelor of International Studies – Bachelor of Laws
Arthur White	Bachelor of Arts – Bachelor of Laws
Lauren Ashcroft	Bachelor of Medical Biotechnology (Honours) (Dean’s Scholar)
Ella Young	Bachelor of Medical Biotechnology (Honours)
Pyper Marshall	Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health
Jaida Way	Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health
Alexander Stevenson	Bachelor of Communication and Media – Bachelor of Science
Madeleine McPherson	Bachelor of Social Science

EDEN-MONARO REGION

Kataya McCormack	Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics – Bachelor of Laws
Emily Hinder	Bachelor of Science – Bachelor of Laws
Felicity Dowd	Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of Communication and Media



Research and innovation

Recognising UOW's commitment to world-class research with international scholars at the top of their fields, donors continue to support the University's ground-breaking research. From mental health to sustainability and disease-related research, this year's donations have supported a diverse range of studies. Thanks to philanthropic support, UOW research will lead to new discoveries and treatments that change the lives of people living in Australia and around the world.

SURGICAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING

The Mollie and Neville Makin Fund was established through a generous bequest from alumna Mollie Makin. The realised bequest has been directed to support surgical research and training within the Graduate School of Medicine. Mollie was a tireless volunteer and advocate for the University, and this lasting generous bequest will be applied to the future development of surgical skills and research. Bequests provide significant support, and we are deeply grateful to our current bequestors for their vision and commitment.

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE RESEARCH

Illawarra based community members, staff and alumni continue to support Professor Justin Yerbury AM and his team to progress their research and make breakthroughs in Motor Neurone Disease (MND). In

November 2021, UOW launched an appeal, targeting donors of MND research, and reported back on the impact of their generosity with updates on projects, such as the acquisition of genetically modified worms for experiments and the ongoing drug testing program.

MOLECULAR HORIZONS RESEARCH

Molecular Horizons is a UOW centre for molecular and life sciences. The team within Molecular Horizons, led by Distinguished Professor Antoine van Oijen, has been undertaking a range of research relating to antimicrobial resistance (AMR). A study recently published in *The Lancet* revealed AMR is a leading cause of death globally, higher than HIV/AIDs or Malaria. Antimicrobial resistance occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines, making infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death. Donors have supported in a range of ways enabling the team to make considerable progress on one of the most significant health issues faced globally. **The Michael Tynan Challenge** raises funds to support a range of research programs within Molecular Horizons, including scholarship support for a talented group of honours students who aim to tackle the world's biggest health challenges. Individual donors continue to provide support to this ground-breaking research which benefits all the community.

\$4,488,247.73

Total donations to support research and innovation

46

Number of projects supported



Philanthropy is more than just generating alternative sources of funding. It is a beautiful mechanism of engagement with the community through the creation of long-lasting and fulfilling partnerships. It allows donors and researchers to travel together on a journey that leads to outcomes that benefit the community through both research and training, and it helps us tremendously in understanding the needs of the community. Our institute Molecular Horizons has become stronger through the establishment of training and research programs that would not have existed if it weren't for strong philanthropic support.

Distinguished Professor Antoine van Oijen
Director, Molecular Horizons

MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

Mental health research, including Recovery Camp and dementia research, continues to attract passionate donors who are committed to making a difference. Donors make gifts at all levels, where every dollar helps progress research outcomes. UOW is taking steps to improve the lives of those living with dementia and mental health disorders. In addition to its existing Living Well, Longer challenge, the University is part of an international collaboration made up of universities and dementia organisations, who last year launched Forward with Dementia, an innovative program to improve the diagnostic experience, post-diagnosis support and connections for people with dementia and their carers. Mental health research and support continues with UOW's [Recovery Camp](#) program, which focuses on strengths not illness. People with a lived experience of mental illness are invited to participate in a five-day therapeutic recovery camp in the Australian bush. Since the program's inception in 2013, hundreds of university students have gained thousands of hours of clinical mental health professional experience placement.

CANCER RESEARCH

Cancer research and donors find common ground in progressing a range of research addressing the impact of cancer. Most recently, UOW researchers have received generous grants to help fund research into the next generation of radiotherapy for cancer, developing treatments for brain cancer, working to reduce morbidity in head and neck cancer and the continued search for a treatment for pancreatic cancer. These researchers are making great strides forward as they continue to develop and apply innovative technology in the fight to treat the deadly disease.



SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability and the alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals were another area donors focused on. From scholarships at the undergraduate level, through to research, UOW's leading work in this field has inspired philanthropic support. A significant student and research project, *Bushfire research and sustainable housing* has progressed with generous support. The Black Summer Bushfires of 2019/2020 continue to seek research and input to recover and renew, with a range of donors supporting research projects.

The University's commitment to sustainability is evidenced in our Shoalhaven campus last year announcing it will use 100 per cent renewable energy, sourced from a solar farm in Nowra. UOW Bega campus, along with the Graduate School of Medicine accommodation in Nowra, is also on track to be powered by the same Shoalhaven solar farm. Professor Tim McCarthy, Chair of the UOW Sustainable Futures Committee, said it was important that the University showed it was possible to run a large organisation using carbon-neutral power sources.

"The solar farm is a community-based initiative to create the largest solar farm in our region. Keeping our energy dollars in the region gives us satisfaction and having it at the doorstep of our Shoalhaven campus is perfect alignment," said Professor McCarthy.

SUPPORT FOR OUR RESEARCH

UOW is thankful for the trust and foundations who have generously supported research at UOW in 2021. They include the **Australian Museum Trust, Equity Trustee Charitable Foundation, The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies, Conservation and Wildlife Research Trust, Victoria University of Wellington Trust, The Leakey Foundation, Nuffield Foundation, Nippon Foundation**, and the **Alcohol and Drug Foundation**. The University has also received support for health and medical research by **The Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Medical Advances Without Animals Trust, Rebecca L Cooper Medical Research Foundation, Coal Services Health & Safety Trust, AIOH Foundation, Pancare Foundation**, and the **Shake It Up Foundation**.

OUR RESEARCHERS

UOW is home to many researchers who are in the top one per cent in their fields, making remarkable breakthroughs to support our communities. Eight UOW researchers were named on the 2021 Clarivate Highly Cited researchers list for making significant contributions to global research. They include Distinguished Professor Shi Xue Dou, who appeared twice in the fields of Chemistry and Materials Science, Distinguished Professor Zaiping Guo, Professor Shujun Zhang, Professor Jung Ho Kim, Professor Jun Chen, Distinguished Professor Yoshio Bando, Distinguished Professor Hua Kun Liu, and Senior Professor Anthony Okely.

Two UOW researchers and their teams were awarded the most prestigious science prize in Australia in 2021. The *NSW Environment, Energy and Science Eureka Prize* was awarded to the NSW Bushfire Hub Team, led by Associate Professor Owen Price. Along with fellow UOW researchers Dr Hamish Clarke and Dr Katharine Haynes, and colleagues from three Australian universities, Associate Professor Price was awarded for extensive research into the Black Summer bushfires. Dr Dana M. Bergstrom, from UOW and the Australian Antarctic Division, won the *Eureka Prize for Leadership in Innovation and Science* for championing evidence-based science in biodiversity, biosecurity and the impacts of climate change.

SUPPORT FOR EARLY START

Support for the early years and the impact on the future through Early Start was supported by the **CAGES Foundation, Ian Potter Foundation** and **Colman Education Foundation**. The CAGES Foundation has generously supported Indigenous children and their families living in regional and remote communities. Thanks to the multi-year support from the Ian Potter Foundation, Early Start has developed a model of service integration within early childhood settings that is tailored to regional and remote areas. Early Start's three-year partnership with the Coleman Education Foundation's *Our Place* initiative supports the education, health and development of children and families in disadvantaged communities.



The impact of philanthropic funds on UOW research cannot be underestimated. It opens up new opportunities for our research students and expands our ability to make discoveries much faster.

As an example, the Movement Disorder Foundation (MDF) generously funded my PhD student's research project and the scholarship will allow her to complete part of her studies at Brown University, USA. This has provided an incredible opportunity for a UOW student to work with the international leaders in the field and to experience research at an Ivy League college. I am so grateful to the MDF for their generosity and for helping to make my student's dream a reality.

Associate Professor Lezanne Ooi

Supervisor, Movement Disorder Foundation Medical Research Scholarship

Community, culture and sustainability



Jacky Redgate

Unfold - Food Shop and Knitting

2016

Chromogenic photograph

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Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Jacky Redgate, 2021

Community is at the heart of our university and through the last two years of adversity, we have continued to see unwavering support from those who believe in our mission. UOW traces its origins to a community fundraising campaign more than half a century ago that provided the foundations for a small technical-based institution to grow into the world-class institution it is today. In 2021, our home communities have continued to generously support a range of areas which enable us to thrive in our efforts to partner with community groups and drive impactful programs and initiatives.

As an institution founded on philanthropy, it is no surprise that UOW staff share a generous and compassionate spirit. In 2021, academic and professional staff continued to support causes close to their heart through the **UOW Cares program**, enabling support of a range of programs in a collective effort towards positive change in the world. Many of our staff choose to support UOW led programs such as the Early Start Discovery Space and the Transforming Futures Scholarship, where proceeds go directly to building aspirations and providing opportunities for those facing educational disadvantage.

Community members, alumni and staff further demonstrated their compassion towards students and community through the University's **Goodwill Hunting program**. This program is a student focussed initiative which relies on the generosity of donors to provide household items for students setting up their new homes. COVID-19 caused its cancellation in 2021, but donations continued, and Goodwill Hunting returned in February 2022, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the program.

We continue to share a deep appreciation of the importance of art and culture with our generous donors and communities. The UOW Art Collection has made a significant contribution to our institution and the local community since its establishment in 1985. As one meanders through our Wollongong campus, it is inevitable to encounter many notable artworks and sculptures which adorn our buildings and grounds. In 2021, our collection grew once again with a range of generous artworks gifted to the University to the value of approximately \$50,000 from the **Australian Cultural Gifts Program**.

UOW received a generous bequest from the estate of the late Elisabeth (Liz) Hilton. The University is an honoured beneficiary of this estate, establishing the **Liz Hilton Fellowship** to provide financial support to researchers undertaking work on or about collections housed in the UOW Archives. This gift celebrates the importance of preserving the rich history of the University and its staff and students, allowing researchers to explore and contextualise UOW's heritage and the broader Illawarra. Every second year, the alternate year to the Fellowship, up to \$12,000 will be set aside for conservation work of items from the Archives in need of preservation.

Jacky Redgate, one of Australia's most significant and well-regarded practicing artists, donated two of her artworks to UOW. The Art Collection now displays 16 of her artworks, spanning a career period between 1980 and 2016. The University has the largest public collection of Jacky's artworks in Australia.

June Bennett, a 1995 UOW alumni with a degree in Creative Arts (Sculpture), donated her small granite sculpture entitled 'Wings' to the University. June is an Illawarra-based artist who has been sculpting since the 1960s. 'Wings' was made in 2000 and its shape indicates the notion of flight which has become a Wollongong motif in artwork.

In 2021, UOW received its sixth donation from **John Morrissey** to the UOW Art Collection. This donation of seven artworks includes two ceramic vessels created by UOW Honorary Fellow and master ceramicist, Les Blakebrough AM. Also included is a large and significant piece by the infamous Australian grunge artist Adam Cullen, along with the painting 'Bush Sanctuary' by Nancy Borlase. With this donation, the Art Collection now holds nine works by Borlase, with the majority having been donated by John Morrissey who recognised Borlases' work as having social and historical interest to students, researchers and the wider Wollongong community with its industrial heritage. The painting 'Alien Stupa' by the popular artist Tim Johnson is a good example of this artist's painting style, exploring spiritual connections between cultures. Johnson's work, along with the bright dynamic painting by Ron Adams 'Shenanigans', will prove popular for campus display with students and staff. The painting 'Headies Looking North' by Ashley Frost pairs with another landscape by Frost that John Morrissey donated previously to the Art Collection. These landscapes of the Illawarra complement other representations of our unique local landscape and are works that help to define our sense of place for the UOW community and visitors alike.



Jacky Redgate

Unfold - Mirrors, doll, coaster and spoon set, toy sewing machine
2016

Chromogenic photograph

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Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Jacky Redgate, 2021



Born of Steel giving fund



Born of Steel – campaign video

Generous donations have been received from UOW alumni and supporters of the University following the launch of the fund in June 2021 – Born of Steel.

Built on philanthropy, UOW is paying tribute to its founding donors for their foresight and willingness to invest in education with the [Born of Steel Fund](#) – an unrestricted fund allowing the University to allocate resources to areas of greatest need.

A multi-channel appeal was delivered to UOW alumni and the Illawarra community via email, direct mail, social media and student calling.

Gifts made by our donor community for this fund will be used to support students from all backgrounds to thrive and fulfil their potential, power world-changing research that is embedded in communities and kick-start innovation that benefits people locally, nationally and internationally.

With our steel city origins, UOW is built on industry, strength of character and a distinctive work ethic. Born of Steel is a recognition of the region's rich heritage, and the role philanthropy has played in helping UOW to grow into the world-class institution it is today.

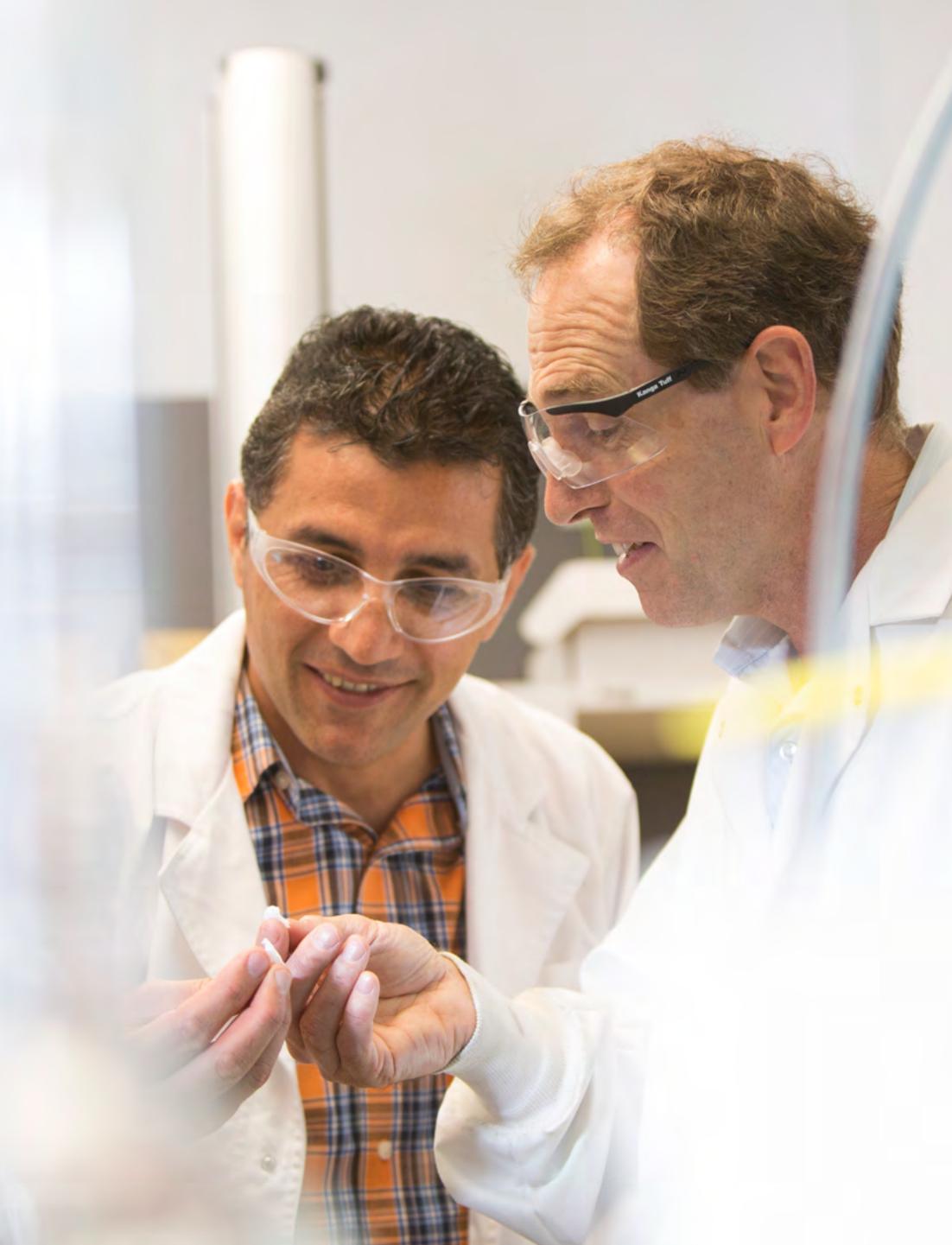
Monique Harper-Richardson, Director of Advancement at UOW, says the Born of Steel Fund represents a unifying idea about giving to a vision and applying the funds to where they are needed most.

“Whether it’s critical areas of research or student support, universities need to tackle some of the biggest issues we are facing globally, as well as educating the next generation.

“Many supporters of this institution know about what it means to really get behind an idea and to support a vision – I think that’s what being born of steel is about.

“I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to our donors for your gifts to this fund and for sharing the vision of our founding donors who believed in giving to an idea,” said Ms Harper-Richardson.

If you would like to make a gift to the Born of Steel Fund, search '[UOW giving Born of Steel](#)'.



Make a gift or bequest

There are several ways you can choose to donate to UOW.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Leaving a gift in your Will is often the most significant gift a person ever makes. Whatever you want to achieve – supporting higher education or research, supporting your department or faculty – your bequest is an opportunity to shape a positive future.

MAKE A MAJOR GIFT

Major gifts provide a permanent endowment, or direct funds, for a major project or specific area.

REGULAR GIVING

Through regular giving the University raises funds for student scholarships. For many in our region, higher education is still not a realistic aspiration. You can help us to greatly increase the financial aid given to those aspiring to learn, excel and transform their lives.

POSTAL GIFTS

You can mail your gift to us via our [donation form](#).

If you would like to discuss, in confidence, any aspect of leaving a gift in your Will or leaving a gift to the University, please contact us on:

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