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A lasting legacy.



A message from our Vice-Chancellor

Thank you for taking the time to consider making a bequest to the University of Wollongong. A gift of any size can make an indelible mark, significantly supporting our students and enabling our greatest minds to progress research.

I've experienced firsthand the difference a gift in a will can make. Our ability to achieve significant life-changing outcomes can be accelerated, such as enhancing research capabilities into life-threatening diseases and supporting students through financial hardship.

The University is committed to receiving and stewarding your gift with great care, carrying out your wishes in consultation with your family. It is distributed in alignment with your values, an expression of you and the things you hold dear.

I'd encourage you to consider your family and loved ones first before making a bequest to UOW. Should you choose to make a gift, you would be joining a significant group of donors who have helped create a better future for our communities.

Thank you for your support.

Professor Patricia M. Davidson
Vice-Chancellor and President
University of Wollongong



About UOW

Less than 50 years ago, the University of Wollongong was founded on donations of local people who had a vision for a brighter future. From our humble beginnings, UOW has grown into international institution with a global vision.

Driven by a community hungry for higher learning, we trained engineers, metallurgists and industrial chemists during the post-war boom. Since that day, we have acted in partnership with our communities to address society's critical economic, environmental, social and health challenges. The University is fearless in taking a stand on these challenges, relentless in solving the biggest problems, committed to leading change by delivering real, meaningful impact, with a culture built on hard work, determination and perseverance.

We are made up of passionate educators and researchers, committed professional staff and a diverse student body who will become our future leaders - brave enough to push boundaries and leave their own legacy in the pursuit of a better world.



Recipient of the Winifred Smith Scholarship for Excellence in Nursing, Caitlyn Moore.

LET YOUR PASSION LIVE ON

If you have had a connection with UOW as a student, one of our alumni, as a staff member or through an interaction as a community member, you might like to leave a lasting legacy at the institution. We work with people who are committed to creating a better world, people who recognise the potential they have to make crucial transformations for society. We invite you to consider leaving a bequest to further enhance the work of the University.

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Your lasting legacy.

WHAT IS A BEQUEST?

A bequest, or planned gift, is simply that you include the University of Wollongong in your will. All gifts are important to the University. From the very beginning our founding donors were from all walks of life and their generosity made the University what it is today.

Your gift could include:

- A portion of your estate
- A sum of money
- Property
- Stocks and Shares
- Life insurance policies or a trust.

A BEQUEST TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG CONTINUES YOUR LEGACY

A gift in your will can complement the other areas of your life's work by contributing to projects or priorities that are important to you. A bequest to the University of Wollongong is a generous way to make a lasting impact and legacy on future generations.

When you support UOW, you are supporting our wider communities. This gift could enable students to pursue their educational dreams or provide opportunities for world-leading research to make a significant impact on society.

Once you have remembered those closest to you, there are several ways to support the work of the University of Wollongong by including a gift in your will.



WHAT GIFT CAN YOU GIVE?

Leaving a gift in your will is a very personal decision, and it would be our pleasure to discuss your preferences with you.

GENERAL PURPOSE (AN OPEN GIFT)

Many of our donors and supporters are committed to helping enable the next generation of students to study at university and attain their career ambitions. Scholarships provide the opportunity to recognise excellence and support those students who, due to financial circumstances, wouldn't otherwise be able to attend university. Your gift has the power to remove the barriers to higher education, foster excellence and support the next generation of leaders.

SPECIFIC BEQUEST AREA OF STUDY

We work hard to identify emerging issues and create innovative ways to address them, which often involves a wide range of academic disciplines working together. Your support through a gift to research, deepens our understanding of some of the world's most complex problems - from sustainability and the environment to health and medical research.

SPECIFIC BEQUEST RESEARCH

Facilities and equipment can propel research activities forward more quickly, resulting in better outcomes for society. You may consider supporting the development of research or teaching facilities.

SPECIFIC BEQUEST SCHOLARSHIP

Often our donors want to support the vision of the University and have their gift directed to the area of greatest need. The University of Wollongong has recently launched the Born of Steel Fund - an unrestricted fund which pays tribute to our founding donors, who gave to an idea of higher education. Your unrestricted gift can support the overall ideals and vision of the University.

Bequestor stories



IN HER NAME

MICHAEL CROWLEY

After losing his daughter Sharn McNeill to Motor Neurone Disease (MND), Michael Crowley chose to bequeath part of his estate to UOW to help continue the important research being undertaken to find a cure.

Sharn was a graduate of UOW with a Bachelor of Nursing degree. Following her diagnosis in 2013, she became an advocate to help find a cure for this degenerative disease. Through her busy speaking and fundraising engagements, she became the bright, beaming face of hope and determination right up until her death in July 2019.

The funds bequeathed by Mr Crowley will be used to establish a scholarship in Sharn's name to help support PhD students in neurodegenerative disease within Professor Justin Yerbury's MND research team.

"Although I support a number of organisations, I sought bequest information from UOW for a couple of reasons; Through my Rotary Club's relationship with UOW, I've witnessed the benefits derived by students and the community in supporting PhD research (and other types of) scholarships through UOW. Sharn also studied at UOW, and although it did not come to fruition due to the progression of her disease, she wanted to assist the Faculty of Nursing in helping students understand the perspectives of both being a nurse and those who are the recipients of their care.

"While not for everyone, I personally see bequests as a more meaningful contribution to a cause or organisation...it assists not only with cash flow (for all parties) but also research planning and hopefully beneficial results for those involved including the wider community.

"I'd like more people to think along these lines because our children and grandchildren will be better off if a portion of our estate is gifted towards an institution that is helping the wider community."

– Michael Crowley.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

CYNTHIA BREW

A passionate educator, Cynthia Brew knew that supporting others to achieve their goals has a ripple effect that helps to change the lives of many more.

Cynthia's career as a physical education teacher took her around Australia, from Newcastle to Bathurst, Sydney and Tasmania and her educational journey continued into retirement. In 1980, she completed a Research Master of Arts from UOW and continued her association with the University through her work with migrant families as a volunteer in the Adult Migrant English Service.

As a keen scholar, she decided to include three universities, including UOW, to which she had a connection, along with other organisations, as bequests in her will.

Thanks to her generosity, each year four students from UOW's Faculty of Social Sciences will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to support their studies and enable them to study in a different country and culture. Another four, \$1,000 cash prizes will be awarded each year to students who demonstrate how they have transferred their learning into activities that benefit the community.

"She was very generous in her bequests. She had a lot of empathy with children, especially those who were experiencing difficulties in their lives. She wanted to help people and was very community-minded which is why she wanted to be able to continue to make a difference."

- **Susan Dobinson, second cousin to Cynthia.**



1975 Society

If you have included the University of Wollongong in your will or are considering the opportunity to do so, you will be invited to join our 1975 Society, which has been established to recognise individuals who have committed to bequeathing a gift to the University. The 1975 Society aims to foster a sense of community and deepen our relationships with bequestors and their families, while celebrating their commitment to the institution and its broader communities.

Helpful wording

GENERAL PURPOSE (AN OPEN GIFT)

I give to the University of Wollongong (ABN 61 060 567 686) of Northfields Avenue, University of Wollongong NSW 2522 [the residue of my estate/ xx% of my estate/ the sum of \$xx/ my [insert asset(s)]] for the general purposes of the University of Wollongong. I direct that the receipt of the University of Wollongong shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Executor.

SPECIFIC BEQUEST AREA OF STUDY

I give to the University of Wollongong (ABN 61 060 567 686) of Northfields Avenue, University of Wollongong NSW 2522 [the residue of my estate/ xx% of my estate/ the sum of \$xx/ my [insert asset(s)]]. It is my wish that my gift be used for [insert specific field of study or purpose] and if that field of study or purpose is discontinued or not available for whatever reason, my gift be applied by the University of Wollongong in an allied field or for the general purposes of the University of Wollongong. I direct that the receipt of the University of Wollongong shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Executor.

SPECIFIC BEQUEST RESEARCH

I give to the University of Wollongong (ABN 61 060 567 686) of Northfields Avenue, University of Wollongong NSW 2522 [the residue of my estate/ xx% of my estate/ the sum of \$xx/ my [insert asset(s)]]. It is my wish that my gift be used for research in [insert specific field of study or purpose] or related field and if that field or area of research is discontinued or not available for whatever reason, my gift be applied by the University of Wollongong in an allied field or for the general purposes of the University of Wollongong. I direct that the receipt of the University of Wollongong shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Executor.

SPECIFIC BEQUEST SCHOLARSHIP

I give to the University of Wollongong (ABN 61 060 567 686) of Northfields Avenue, University of Wollongong NSW 2522 [the residue of my estate/ xx% of my estate/ the sum of \$xx/ my [insert asset(s)]]. It is my wish that my gift be used to provide [undergraduate/postgraduate] scholarships in/for [insert details of specific field of study or purpose] and if that field of study or purpose is discontinued or not available for whatever reason, my gift be applied by the University of Wollongong in an allied field or for the general purposes of the University of Wollongong. I direct that the receipt of the University of Wollongong shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Executor.

How do I include a gift in my will?

After considering the needs of those closest to you, you can include the University of Wollongong as a beneficiary of your estate, this can be the remaining assets of your estate. Alternatively, you can make a specific request that is a set amount of money, or a portion of your estate.

We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about your interests and passions, and where you might like to leave a bequest providing support and excellence.

For assistance on writing or amending your will we recommend that you consult a solicitor, a trustee or an accredited wills and estate specialist. We have provided some suggested wording that might be helpful when speaking to your advisors about a gift in your will.



Get in touch

If you would like to discuss the opportunity to make a bequest to the University of Wollongong, we would be happy to make a time to meet with you either in person, over the phone or via video link.

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