

Remembering the University of Aberdeen

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL



Looking Forward
Giving Back



UNIVERSITY
OF ABERDEEN
DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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GIFTS IN WILLS HAVE PLAYED A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN'S DEVELOPMENT. THEY HAVE FORMED AN ENDURING FOUNDATION WHICH HAS ENABLED US TO CREATE ONE OF THE WORLD'S FINEST INSTITUTIONS BY GROWING A MULTICULTURAL STUDENT COMMUNITY, ADVANCING OUR RESEARCH AND ENHANCING OUR CAMPUS.

The University has a proud and unbroken 520-year history as a dedicated provider of the very best education and a pioneering creator of ground-breaking discoveries. Our vision for the future is to transform the world with greater knowledge and learning for the next 500 years by continuing to develop students and staff who have the potential to change the world, by striving to fight and treat diseases and by meeting global challenges.

You are our way ahead. With your help we can work towards the best possible future for all our communities and for generations to come.

Please consider leaving a gift in your will to the University of Aberdeen Development Trust and help us achieve our vision for the future.



A gift in your will can reflect your personal interests

WE ALL HAVE VALUES AND PASSIONS IN WHICH WE STRONGLY BELIEVE. YOU CAN HELP US ACHIEVE OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE BY SUPPORTING A PARTICULAR AREA OR BY GIVING TO THE AREA OF GREATEST NEED WHICH WILL SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE.

The University of Aberdeen Development Trust's three key priorities - patronage of our students, progress of our innovation, preservation of our heritage – are designed to support the University's vision and passion for:

EDUCATION

For over 500 years we have helped students achieve their aspirations and produced world-leading experts. Help us to provide a stimulating education for generations of students to come and prepare them for a life of success.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

The University was founded on the principle that it would be “... *open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others.*” Help us support brilliant students from around the world who require financial assistance to attend university or complete their studies.

RESEARCHING AND ADDRESSING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Globally-important research covering many disciplines emanates from our outstanding infrastructure and

builds on our legacy of innovation. However, innovation needs inspiration and that means your continued support for world-class facilities.

SOCIETY, ARTS AND CULTURE

At Aberdeen we provide the very best social and cultural activities which broaden experiences and enable students to participate fully in university life. Support is vital to open their horizons with superb facilities and well-managed activities.

HERITAGE AND REMEMBRANCE

We are proud guardians of our splendid cultural heritage. Your support is needed to preserve, enrich and share this valuable inheritance for the benefit of students, staff and the wider community of north Scotland for years to come.

Share our passions and help to shape our future.

Make a difference with a gift in your will

WHATEVER YOUR PASSION, A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN MAKE A LASTING AND
FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE.

MARY'S STORY

Originally from South Uist, Dr Mary Duncan graduated from the University in 1953 with a degree in Medicine. Mary was passionate about enabling students to have the same opportunities she had experienced and during her lifetime established the Jim Duncan Scholarship to support students in financial need. By remembering the University in her will, Mary ensured that the Jim Duncan Scholarship could be awarded in perpetuity and would support students for generations.

DANNY'S STORY

Danny Serb from Romania receives a scholarship to study Politics & International Relations at the University. Danny said:

“Receiving a scholarship means more than you can imagine. Without it I would simply not have been able to afford to study here. It was always my mother’s dream to go to university, however, this was not possible due to times of poverty and suppression in Romania. My scholarship has made the dreams of two generations come true. Thank you.”

MARGARET'S STORY

When Margaret Percival lost one of her brothers following his battle with kidney disease she became passionate about making a difference to medical research in this area and generously made a gift in her will to support vasculitis and renal research at the University. Dr Neil Basu, who leads the team of scientists carrying out innovative research into vasculitis, explained:

“These major disorders of the immune system commonly destroy multiple vital organs such as the kidney. Thanks to supporters, we are not only developing methods to evaluate cutting-edge therapies to help future sufferers, but our research is equally focused on improving the prognosis and quality of life of current surviving patients.”

A gift in your will is one of the best ways you can give for the future

THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN'S FUTURE SUCCESS IS HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON GIFTS IN WILLS. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO HELP US FULFIL OUR VISION AND TO HELP US DEVELOP EVERYTHING ON WHICH THE UNIVERSITY EMBARKS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME WHILE WE ALSO LOOK BACK ON A FASCINATING HISTORY.

We are extremely grateful for every gift we receive and we would be delighted to discuss the gift you would like to leave to ensure that your passions and interests are fully understood. This will ensure that your gift will benefit the University in the way you wish.

You are not obliged to tell us about your gift but we would encourage you to let us know so that we can keep in touch. In honour of one of our earliest benefactors we have established the Thomas Reid Circle, membership of which is exclusively open to individuals who have pledged a gift in their will. If you choose to let us know we will recognise your significant commitment with an invitation to become a member of the Thomas Reid Circle through which we will organise special events and communications.

Throughout its proud history, the University has received the support of visionaries who have looked to its future. Please look forward, give back and help shape the future of one of Scotland's greatest pioneering institutions by leaving a gift in your will.

Thank you.

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about leaving a gift in your will to the University of Aberdeen Development Trust or about a gift you have already pledged please contact Liz Bowie, Director of Development, on +44 (0)1224 274198 or email e.bowie@abdn.ac.uk.



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Adding to your existing will

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE A WILL AND WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE OR AMEND IT TO INCLUDE THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, PLEASE FILL IN THIS CODICIL FORM AND TAKE IT TO YOUR SOLICITOR.

I (full name) _____

of (full address) _____

_____ postcode: _____

declare this to be the (first, second etc) _____

codicil to my will dated (insert the date of your will in words)

In addition to the legacies given by me in my said will, I bequeath
free of tax (the sum of/percentage share of my residuary estate/
specific item, in words and figures) _____

absolutely to the University of Aberdeen Development Trust (SC002938)
to support (the areas of greatest need or chosen area to support)

I declare that the receipt of the registrar or other duly authorised
officers shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors.

In all other respects I confirm my will and any other codicils to it.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this

(date in words): _____

Signed: _____

by the said (your full name): _____

Witnessed by:

One witness is needed in Scotland and two witnesses are needed
in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Please make sure your
witnesses are not beneficiaries under your will or codicil, their wives,
husbands or executors of your will.

FIRST WITNESS

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Occupation: _____

SECOND WITNESS

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Occupation: _____

Sharing your intentions

IF YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO SUPPORT US WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL THEN WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO KNOW SO WE CAN SAY THANK YOU.

By sharing your wishes and intentions you will receive the opportunity to join the Thomas Reid Circle. As a member we will keep you updated on recent developments at the University of Aberdeen and the difference gifts similar to yours are making.

Yes, I have chosen to support the University of Aberdeen with a gift in my will.

Full Name: _____

Are you a graduate of the University of Aberdeen?

Yes No

Degree and subject of study: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

My gift is:

a share of my estate

a cash gift

a gift that provides for my loved ones first

a specific item

other (please specify)

If you are able to and would like to share the value of your gift, please indicate the approximate value:

I would/would not like my gift to be acknowledged in the University's reciprocation book. I would like the acknowledgement to appear as:

I would/would not like to join the Thomas Reid Circle.

Thank you for choosing to support the University of Aberdeen Development Trust. Every gift in every will makes a significant difference and we are extremely grateful for your support.

Please return this form in the FREEPOST envelope provided.

Thank you.

Leaving a gift in your will

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT TRUST WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL. EVERY GIFT IN EVERY WILL MAKES A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR MAKING SUCH A SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT.

The University of Aberdeen Development Trust is a charity registered in Scotland, no SC002938, established to raise funds for the benefit of the University of Aberdeen. As we are a registered charity your gift will be tax exempt and could mean any tax paid on your estate is reduced. We do, however, recommend that you seek professional advice from a solicitor when arranging or amending your will.

WHAT KIND OF GIFT CAN I LEAVE IN MY WILL?

There are various ways you may want to consider supporting the University with 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. This is a good way to make sure your gift won't be affected by inflation. The value of the gift will change in line with the value of your estate so you are less likely to have to change your will in the future.

A cash gift

Known as a pecuniary legacy this is a gift of a fixed sum of money. Inflation can reduce the value over time, however, you can arrange for the fixed amount to increase in line with inflation.

A specific item

If you have valuable possessions such as property, antiques or stocks and shares then you can leave these to the University as a gift in kind.

A gift that provides for your loved ones first

This gift is known as a reversionary legacy and 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.

SUGGESTED WORDING FOR YOUR WILL

If you have chosen to support the University with a gift in your will you may find the following suggested wording useful.

Leaving a share of your estate or residuary legacy

“I give to the University of Aberdeen Development Trust all (or a percentage or share) of my residuary estate to be applied to the area of greatest need (or your chosen area to support) of the said University and I declare that the receipt of the registrar or other duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors. If the University of Aberdeen Development Trust (SC002938) ceases to exist, my gift should go directly to the University of Aberdeen (SC013683).”

A cash gift or pecuniary legacy

“I give free of tax the sum of (insert amount in figures and words) _____ to the University of Aberdeen Development Trust (SC002938) to be used for the area of greatest need (or your chosen area to support) and I declare that the receipt of the registrar or other duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors. If the University of Aberdeen Development Trust (SC002938) ceases to exist, my gift should go directly to the University of Aberdeen (SC013683).”

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A specific item

“I give free of tax (insert item or items) _____ to the University of Aberdeen Development Trust (SC002938) to be used for the area of greatest need (or your chosen area to support) and I declare that the receipt of the registrar or other duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors. If the University of Aberdeen Development Trust (SC002938) ceases to exist, my gift should go directly to the University of Aberdeen (SC013683).”

A gift that provides for your loved ones first

Please speak to your solicitor or legal advisor for wording to leave a gift that provides for your loved ones first.

If you are considering remembering the University in your will then we strongly recommend that you seek professional advice from a solicitor when arranging or amending your will. We cannot offer legal advice but please do get in touch if you would like to discuss ways to remember us in your will.

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