

# Gifts in Wills

A legacy for a better world





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## Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Kaurna, Boandik, and Barngarla First Nations Peoples and their Elders past and present, who are the Traditional Owners of the lands that are home to our campuses across Adelaide and South Australia.

# Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to Adelaide University

An education is one of the most powerful gifts you can bestow.

Gifts in Wills provide vital support to our students through scholarships, enable our researchers to address the world's greatest problems, and provide the finest facilities and equipment for learning and discovery.

A gift in your Will – of any size – can honour your life's work, pay tribute to a loved one, invest in an area you are passionate about, or leave a legacy to support future generations.

## Let your passion define your legacy

A gift in your Will to Adelaide University is a meaningful way to make an impact and support future generations.

Driven by curiosity, Adelaide University delivers world-class education, research and innovations to transform our world. It is a place where people and communities unite to create a better tomorrow.

Founded on more than 180 years of collective experience and achievement, we are a global powerhouse of research excellence. A member of the prestigious and research-intensive Group of Eight universities, our breakthroughs move seamlessly from intellectual pursuit to practical solutions, with real benefits for people, industry, and the economy.

Through our degrees, which are contemporary, accessible and future-focused, we are empowering students to transform themselves and the world.



## What is important to you?

- **Student support or scholarships** to help deserving students achieve their potential through education
- **Research** that tackles society's greatest challenges
- **Community** programs and facilities to strengthen social connection and expand learning opportunities

We know this is a carefully considered decision. We will work closely with you to learn about your passions to ensure your legacy gift has impact and is directed to your preferred area of support.

# Support students

**At Adelaide University, we believe education should be accessible to all, regardless of personal or financial circumstance.**



However, many students face significant challenges – financial hardship, geographic disadvantage, disability, or unexpected life events – that can prevent them from undertaking or completing their studies.

A gift in your Will to support student scholarships or hardship funds can help reduce or remove these barriers. Your generosity will provide direct support for students' living and study expenses, offer vital assistance during times of crisis, and create expanded opportunities for students from underrepresented communities, including those from regional and remote areas and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

**You can support our students by leaving a gift to:**

- Create a scholarship or grant in your name
- Transforming Futures Scholarship to support disadvantaged students of high academic merit
- Gavin Wanganeen Scholarship to support Indigenous students
- Student Emergency Fund
- Student Accommodation/ Placement Support Funds
- Refugee Scholarship Fund

**Help students overcome barriers to education**

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*Growing up in rural South Australia, I am driven to work in healthcare in rural and regional communities. It is an honour to have received a scholarship, and I am extremely grateful for the donors who made this possible. The expense of relocating and living away from home was challenging and the scholarship has allowed me to fully immerse myself in university life, dedicating more time to my studies and eliminating the stress of financial burdens.”*

**Agnes Doyle**

Bachelor of Medical Studies student  
Augustus Short Scholarship recipient



## Ensure everyone has the opportunity to pursue an education

Walter Duncan (Professor of History & Political Science, 1951-1965), with wife Dorothy, established the Walter and Dorothy Duncan Trust in 1987. The trust provides financial assistance for students who do not have sufficient funds to further their studies.

Receiving a scholarship in 1926, Walter went on to dedicate his life to adult education. Walter's legacy lives on today through the endowed fund, supporting more than fifty students with grants each year.

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*A grant from the Walter and Dorothy Duncan Trust helped me to purchase a laptop, which has been essential to my studies and is something I would not have been able to afford on my own. I am very grateful for the assistance which has alleviated financial pressures and allowed me to focus on the important things.”*

### Brittany Smith

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) graduate  
Walter and Dorothy Duncan Trust grant recipient



## Establish a legacy that supports generations to come

Jeff Kasparian and his wife Mary Staunton are supporting students now through a named grant and in the future with a bequest.

Jeff is a true believer in the power of education and knows the challenges some experience accessing this opportunity. Living in regional South Australia, Jeff faced the financial barriers associated with moving to the city to study.

In addition to his bequest, Jeff is also creating immediate impact through the Jeff Kasparian Regional Relocation Grant, supporting students from regional areas to relocate for study.

Jeff and Mary's wonderful generosity is allowing them to experience the true value of their gift during their lifetime, as well as have peace of mind knowing that this will continue well into the future.

*“Looking back, I know how much I would have appreciated and benefitted from receiving a scholarship or grant. Through leaving a bequest, you will be helping so many individuals through education. My advice is to think deeply, think about your priorities, think about the impact you want to have, and then act on it.”*



# Support research



*Teaching Laboratory in Bradley Building*

**At Adelaide University, we believe delivering world-class, collaborative research is key to addressing global challenges and transforming our economy.**

## **Your legacy can advance groundbreaking research**

With your help, our researchers can progress their critical work and help find the solutions that will have real world impact and bring about positive change.

Our experts are collaborating on a range of issues, including:

- Cancer research
- Virus and vaccine research
- Climate change, environmental issues, and sustainability
- Mental health
- Parkinson's Disease
- Stroke research
- Heart rhythm disorders
- Chronic pain research
- Food and agricultural research
- Animal welfare and diseases
- Child protection
- Waste management
- Treatment of older people and ageing well
- Reproductive and early childhood health



# Animal welfare

**Our teaching enables the next generation of vets develop practical skills while providing specialised healthcare to pets, wildlife, and livestock through the Veterinary Health Centres.**

Alongside diagnosis and care, research is advancing new ways to understand and treat animal disease, ensuring the University remains at the forefront of veterinary science. The Vet Emergency Fund strengthens this mission by supporting lifesaving treatment for injured wildlife, surrendered pets and rescue animals.

Let your legacy care for animals, large and small, by helping deliver compassionate care and vital learning experiences.

The Davies Livestock Research Centre, funded in part through a bequest from John Stanley Davies, delivers cutting-edge science to improve and ensure the sustainability of the livestock sector.

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*Since 2018, I have been a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow with the JS Davies Bequest. Through this research and industry-linked position, I have had the privilege to work alongside some of South Australia's leading livestock production scientists to improve production outcomes as well as animal health and welfare.”*

**Dr Alyce Lowe**

Bachelor of Science (Honours)  
majoring in Animal Science, 2012



# Medical Research

**A gift in your Will can be tailored to support an area that you care deeply about, and fund vital research and treatments for generations to come.**

## Support better health outcomes

As a world leader in health education, the research conducted at Adelaide University is cutting edge, providing new insights into human biology and delivering real impact to our community.

At Adelaide University, our researchers are dedicated to improving health, wellbeing, and everyday life — from preventing disease and easing suffering, to understanding human behaviour and helping people make healthier choices.

Their work spans discovery, clinical care, and applied research, tackling challenges such as cancer, stroke and heart disease, chronic pain, and mental health, while also exploring how human behaviour influences health, learning, and social outcomes.

By leaving a legacy gift to health and medical research, you are supporting evidence-based solutions that drive better treatments, healthier communities, and innovative work by researchers and students.



*Dr Diana Cox and her father, Professor Lloyd Cox AM*

## Lloyd Cox Research Fund

Dr Diana Cox (MBBS 1974) passed away in 2020, leaving a legacy to establish the Lloyd Cox Research Fund at the Robinson Research Institute in honour of her father, Professor Lloyd Cox AM. Professor Cox was a highly respected leader in reproductive health and medicine at the University and founded Australia's first frozen sperm bank.

The Robinson Research Institute undertakes cutting-edge research to improve fertility and pregnancy outcomes, as well as fostering early childhood health in Australia and across the globe.

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*It was important to Diana to support the Robinson Research Institute because of the valuable work that it does, continuing the legacy of her father and her own interest in women's health.”*

### Max Klubal

Diana Cox's husband

## Kathleen Bodnar's legacy

Kathleen Bodnar was just 51 years old when she lost her battle with breast cancer.

She had a keen interest in research that had been undertaken in alternative and complementary therapies which prompted her gift. As a result of Kathleen's legacy gift, the University was able to purchase much needed research equipment – an ultrasound machine to improve diagnostic capabilities.



*Kathleen Bodnar*



Dr Jacqueline Noll

### Veronika Sacco Clinical Cancer Research Fellowship

Veronika Sacco left a generous gift in her Will to support a clinical cancer research fellowship at the University. Dr Jacqueline Noll is the current recipient of the Veronika Sacco Clinical Cancer Research Fellowship in the Myeloma Research Laboratory.

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*I have been both privileged and honoured to be supported by the Veronika Sacco Bequest. As a cancer researcher, I have a passion for discovery and hope that my work will, in some way, add to our knowledge and understanding about cancer and contribute to the development of better treatments, and even cures, in the future. The generous support of this bequest has enabled me to follow my passion and greatly supported my research endeavours.”*

#### Dr Jacqueline Noll

Bachelor of Health Science (Honours) 2007;  
PhD, Medical Science, 2011

Veronika Sacco Clinical Cancer Research Fellowship recipient

## Global Challenges

**Whether tackling South Australia’s most pressing environmental or other global challenges, Adelaide University is developing ingenious solutions that resonate locally and across the world.**

By uniting experts across disciplines, we move breakthroughs beyond the lab and into communities where they can make a real difference, advancing society and securing a sustainable tomorrow for future generations.

### Bob Croser Woodland Recovery Project

Robert Croser left a significant legacy gift to establish the Bob Croser Woodland Recovery Project. The project identifies optimal locations and planting designs to support bird populations in the Mount Lofty Ranges. Bob was a former taxi driver and affectionately known as “the best cabbie in Adelaide”. His legacy is dedicated to environmental stewardship while supporting the preservation and recovery of vital Australian ecosystems for future generations.



Bob Croser

# Support community

At Adelaide University, we believe investing in community programs and facilities is key to creating opportunity and strengthening social outcomes.



*MOD., a futuristic museum of discovery*

Your gift can be invested in community-focused programs, creative and innovative educational spaces, and cutting-edge facilities.

We understand how meaningful it is to support something you are truly passionate about. By supporting one of our community programs, you are helping extend the University's impact- fostering inclusion, opportunity, and positive change for people across South Australia and beyond.

## **Your legacy gift could:**

- Support the purchase of world-class library resources that empower students and researchers.
- Foster world-class music education through the Elder Conservatorium of Music and School of Performing Arts.
- Enable Children's University to support students aged 5-17 years from low socio-economic backgrounds and vulnerable communities.
- Provide essential dental services to vulnerable and marginalised South Australians who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Protect native flora and fauna or help preserve the Waite Arboretum and Urrbrae House Historic Precinct.
- Inspire upcoming generations by supporting MOD.  
- Australia's leading future-focused museum - at the intersection of science, art, and innovation.
- Empower Adelaide University athletes by supporting scholarships, programs, and facilities that build healthy, active, and resilient students.

# Libraries

**University libraries are central to the student experience, offering helpful resources that enable learning, discovery and success.**

Together with our loyal donors, the University and library invest in collections that meet the evolving needs of our community, ensuring students, researchers and staff have access to the most relevant and current global resources.

## **A legacy of knowledge and discovery**

Edward Warner Benham, 1891 (LLB), worked as a lawyer in South Australia and lectured in Law from 1910 – 1938. Since his passing in 1948, Edward's bequest has enabled the purchase of more than 6,000 books and resources for the Barr Smith Library and supported generations of students through scholarships.



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*The EW Benham Honours Scholarship allowed me to work less strenuous hours at my cafe job, meaning I could focus on my thesis, complete an internship, and volunteer in industries that were of interest to me. Working close to full time while completing Honours is a reality for many students, and I was very grateful to have some of that burden eased by the scholarship.”*

**Nadina Paine**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)  
majoring in English, 2018

EW Benham Honours Scholarship recipient

# Community Outreach Dental Program

**Provide essential dental services to vulnerable and marginalised South Australians who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.**



## Elder Conservatorium of Music and School of Performing Arts

**The Elder Conservatorium of Music and School of Performing Arts is Australia's first tertiary music school and was founded through a bequest from Sir Thomas Elder.**

It has grown into a leading 21st-century home for music and performing arts education, nurturing creative leaders since 1898.

Your legacy gift could support the next generation of musicians and performing artists to inspire generations to come.



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*Receiving the award was a massive help; giving me the time I needed to dedicate to my studies and music practice, pay for music lessons from some jazz greats in New York, and purchase recording equipment so I could submit material for university remotely.”*

**Morgan Fletcher**

Bachelor of Music (Jazz Performance) (Honours), 2020  
John 'Slick' Osborn Scholarship recipient



## Children's University

**Help provide educational experiences for children and young teenagers from vulnerable communities.**

## Sports clubs

**Empower Adelaide University athletes by supporting scholarships, programs, and facilities that build healthy, active, and resilient students.**



# Hawke Centre

Support the delivery of public events devoted to generating ideas and solutions to achieve cohesive, sustainable societies.



# Samstag Museum

Help shape the visual arts and positively impact the cultural life of South Australia.

# Waite Historic Precinct

Located on the Waite Campus, the Waite Historic Precinct sits on land bequeathed by Peter Waite.

It incorporates the internationally renowned Waite Arboretum, Waite Conservation Reserve and the Urrbrae House Historic Precinct.



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*The Waite Arboretum is a legacy of Peter Waite. It is an experimental rain-fed collection of trees informing better species selection for our urban forest, a valuable resource for research and teaching and, in keeping with Waite's intentions, a tranquil greenspace for the enjoyment of the public.*

*It was my privilege and great joy to be Curator of the Arboretum for 31 years. My bequest will provide support for this wonderful asset to science and community well-being.”*

**Dr Jennifer Gardner OAM**

PhD (Science), 1987

# Wording for your Will

**A gift in your Will can be a percentage of your estate, a fixed amount, or specific assets such as shares.**



We recommend you seek independent legal advice when writing your Will, though we are happy to provide suggested wording of your legacy gift to Adelaide University.

A general legacy gift enables the University to direct your gift to an area of greatest need, while a specific gift will be applied to your preferred area.

As Adelaide University does not deduct any administration or management fees, when you give to an area of your choice, you have full confidence that your gift is directed to your preferred area of support.

## **To make a general legacy gift**

*"I give to Adelaide University (ABN: 41 202 953 738) (the sum of \$....., or .....% of my estate) to be used in such manner as the University determines and I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer of the University shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustee, who shall not be bound to see the application of the gift."*

## **To make a specific legacy gift**

*"I give to Adelaide University (ABN: 41 202 953 738) (the sum of \$..... or .....% of my estate) and I express the wish, without creating a trust or legally binding obligation, that this gift be used for (state your preferred use for the gift), and I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer of the University shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustee, who shall not be bound to see the application of the gift."*

If you wish to support a specific area within the University, please contact us to ensure that we understand your intentions and your wishes can be fulfilled.



# Acknowledging your generosity

## Adelaide University Jacaranda Circle

The Jacaranda Circle gratefully acknowledges those who choose to include a gift to Adelaide University in their Will. By letting us know your intention, we can recognise your generosity and express our thanks through special events and activities.



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*I have greatly enjoyed my association with the Gifts in Wills program. It has given me the opportunity to meet others united in supporting Adelaide University, through a diverse program of events and activities showcasing the work of this fine institution.”*

**Marilyn Seidel**

Bachelor of Arts graduate, 1986



## Get in touch

**To find out more about how you can remember Adelaide University in your Will, please contact us for a confidential discussion about your wishes.**

If you have already included a gift in your Will to Adelaide University, please let us know so we can acknowledge your support and discuss your intentions.

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