

2025

Giving with purpose



 **2490**

Number of individual donors

Alumni living across

151 
countries**\$16,312,648**

Funds received from trusts and foundations

**\$5,386,432**

Graduate philanthropic funds received

**\$6,518,603**

Endowed philanthropic funds received

**\$28,594,759**

Total philanthropic funds received,
including trusts and foundations

 **102**

Number of staff donors

 **17**

Youngest donor

 **101**

Oldest donor

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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.

Vice Chancellor

Welcome

Adelaide University is proudly a new institution, but we are rooted in the rich histories of our two foundation universities, which provide a wonderful platform for us to stand on as we look to the future.

The generosity of our donor community will be vital to that future. As a new university on a global stage, we have an extraordinary opportunity before us, and it is you, our donors, who will allow us to fully grasp that.

I thank you for the support you have shown our foundation universities, and I thank you for the belief you have in our shared vision for Adelaide University.

That vision includes a commitment to making university education available for everyone, no matter their background or circumstances in life.

Your giving will create opportunities for people who could not otherwise imagine attending our university, or who otherwise would simply not be able to thrive here. We also aspire to be recognised globally for research and innovation that genuinely serves the good of society, and your support will see us realise those aspirations.



Professor Nicola Phillips

You give one of the greatest gifts that can be shared: knowledge. You open minds, expand horizons, enrich lives. The impact of that gift ripples right through society – in the students who go on to help so many with what they have learned, and through the discoveries that provide solutions to our most pressing challenges.

We have seen the power of that gift through our foundation universities, and now, by bringing those two institutions together, we have the scale for that impact to be truly remarkable. The breadth of our new university community will mean the benefits of your generosity are amplified and extended, not just within our state or nation, but around the world.

Together, we have a very bright future. Our new university has been created to serve our society for decades and centuries to come, to shape a healthier, more prosperous and more vibrant life for everyone in South Australia and our nation. That is Adelaide University's tireless commitment, and it is you who allows us to make it real.

Professor Nicola Phillips

Vice Chancellor and President
Adelaide University

Deputy Vice Chancellor - International and External Engagement and Chief Advancement Officer

Thank you

Last year was an extraordinary and historic year – the final chapter for our two proud founding institutions, the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia.

It was a year of strength, achievement and momentum. Together, our communities continued to thrive, while also laying the foundations for the opening of Adelaide University. Throughout this pivotal year, your generosity ensured that progress did not pause – it accelerated.

We are pleased to share with you our first Giving with purpose report, showcasing key outcomes and achievements from across our founding institutions in what was a landmark year. We are also delighted to share some exciting new initiatives we are working on at Adelaide University.

Thanks to the extraordinary support of our donors and partners, the total combined philanthropic income received in 2025 was \$28.6 million from 2490 donors, including \$16.3 million from trusts and foundations. This generosity enabled significant investment in research, the awarding of donor-funded scholarships that provide invaluable financial support to students and open doors to new opportunities, and the delivery of important community programs spanning sports, outreach and education opportunities for underprivileged communities.

Special donor events across both institutions celebrated the relationships that have long underpinned our success. Our Advancement teams continued to nurture lifelong connections – linking generosity with impact, and stories with strategy – ensuring that every gift was an expression of giving with purpose.

In 2025, we were also proud to launch the Adelaide University Jacaranda Circle, honouring the remarkable bequest donors whose legacy commitments will shape our shared future.

Through new state legislation, provision has been made to honour and transfer all gifts to the new University, ensuring the enduring impact of your philanthropy.



Professor Jessica Gallagher



Liz Hawkins

Your generosity has played a significant role in bringing us to this moment and helped lay the foundation for this next chapter.

You are our valued partners on this journey and we look forward to sharing our combined impact with you as we step into this new era together.

Professor Jessica Gallagher

Deputy Vice Chancellor -
International and External
Engagement

Liz Hawkins

Chief Advancement Officer

Transforming Futures Scholarship

A future doctor, driven by purpose



Emma

Emma, a proud Warumunga woman, has known since she was 14 that she wanted to become a doctor. Now in her fifth year of a Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine at Adelaide University, she is on the cusp of realising that dream and being the first in her family to graduate from university.

Emma's journey toward medicine began unexpectedly in 2018, when she sustained a basketball injury and was airlifted by CareFlight to Adelaide from her home in Darwin. Hospitalised for a week and requiring surgery, it was her first close look at the healthcare system. "Having had a pre-existing interest in science and the human body, this time in hospital with the doctors inspired my interest in medicine. Since that time, all of my plans became focused around my goal to become a doctor," Emma said.

"Without people like you, people like me cannot achieve our dreams," Emma said.

However, moving away from home to study at university would not have been possible without the support of the University of Adelaide's Augustus Short Scholarship. "By easing the financial burden of living away from home, the scholarship allowed me to begin university straight after school, which is what I had been working towards," she said.

"Throughout my degree, placements have also often required full-time hours, and without this scholarship, supporting myself during these demanding periods would have been impossible."

Having completed placements at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Whyalla Hospital and now the Women's and Children's Hospital, Emma is deeply grateful.

About the Transforming Futures Scholarship

The Transforming Futures Scholarship is the coming together of two invaluable and similar scholarship offerings from the antecedent institutions – the University of Adelaide Augustus Short Scholarship and the University of South Australia General Scholarship Fund.

These scholarships ensure education remains accessible for outstanding students of high academic merit, regardless of barriers they face such as being from rural or remote areas, challenging financial circumstances, or other forms of disadvantage.

The Transforming Futures Scholarships are one of the most influential ways you can support our students, helping them overcome the obstacles that might otherwise prevent them from achieving their study and career aspirations.



Tagor

Student Emergency Fund

Caring for students in crisis

When a car accident left PhD candidate Tagor unable to work, a Student Emergency Fund grant provided the vital financial support he needed to focus on his recovery and continue his studies.

“During one of the most challenging periods of my life, the Student Emergency Fund ensured I could meet essential living costs while recovering from my injuries, which had left me unable to work,” Tagor said.

“Without the support, I would have faced serious financial hardship that could have delayed my research progress and impacted my ability to continue my PhD.”

Focused on robotics and intelligent systems – particularly fruit detection and localisation for robotic harvesting – Tagor hopes his research will drive innovation, improve productivity and enhance safety across both agriculture and robotics.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, students like Tagor can receive help when they need it most – safeguarding their wellbeing, their education, and their future potential.

“I sincerely thank all donors who support the Student Emergency Fund. Your generosity truly makes a meaningful difference to students facing unexpected hardship.”

“During my recovery, this support enabled me to continue my studies and ease significant financial stress, and I am truly grateful for your kindness and encouragement,” Tagor said.

About the Student Emergency Fund

In response to the financial challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, both the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide established student support funds in 2020 to provide rapid financial assistance to students experiencing hardship.

The Adelaide University Student Emergency Fund is the coming together of these two invaluable and similar grant offerings provided by the foundation universities.

Your generosity ensures that unexpected crises – such as sudden job loss, medical emergencies, or family hardship – don’t stand in the way of a student’s education or their ability to succeed.

Gavin Wanganeen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

Carrying culture into care

As a child, Ngarrindjeri/Bunganditj woman Jordan would instinctively find herself helping others. It wasn't something she learned, but rather something that gave her purpose and fulfilment.

Growing up, Jordan spent significant time supporting unwell family members and accompanying them through frequent hospital visits, where she witnessed firsthand the difference compassionate care can make. "I remember being in awe of how doctors cared for my family," Jordan said. "Some left a lasting impression through their empathy and care, while others showed me just how much humanity matters in effective medicine. Those experiences opened my eyes to the possibility that I could one day make a meaningful difference."

Supported by the Gavin Wanganeen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship, Jordan was able to focus fully on her studies without the added pressure of part-time employment.

"The scholarship significantly alleviated financial stress, allowing me to immerse myself in my studies and purchase crucial learning tools," she said.

In October 2025, Jordan graduated with a Bachelor of Medical Science, completing a degree that is her stepping stone toward a career in medicine.

In her current role at the Department of Rural Health, she supports the development of culturally appropriate education for students working with Aboriginal communities.

As she takes her next steps forward, Jordan hopes to pursue a career in medicine focused on improving access, trust and health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. "As a doctor, I hope to make healthcare more accessible to mob and reduce the barriers and fears that vulnerable people often experience," she said.

"I want to contribute meaningfully to the health and wellbeing of my community and make a tangible difference in people's lives."

About the Gavin Wanganeen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

Established in 2005 at UniSA, the Gavin Wanganeen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship will continue at Adelaide University.

This scholarship helps to reduce financial burden, and empowers them to create stronger foundations for success and reach their higher education aspirations. Funds from the University of Adelaide Indigenous Support Fund will be added to this scheme to support more Aboriginal students in need.

Gavin Wanganeen has agreed to continue his patronage of this scholarship at Adelaide University.

"When I see the impact – Aboriginal students taking hold of their future and achieving their goals – I feel so proud, and I am truly moved by the generosity of people who have backed this project." Gavin Wanganeen, scholarship patron.



Jordan and her partner Nick

Cancer Research

Aspiring cancer researcher becomes our youngest donor

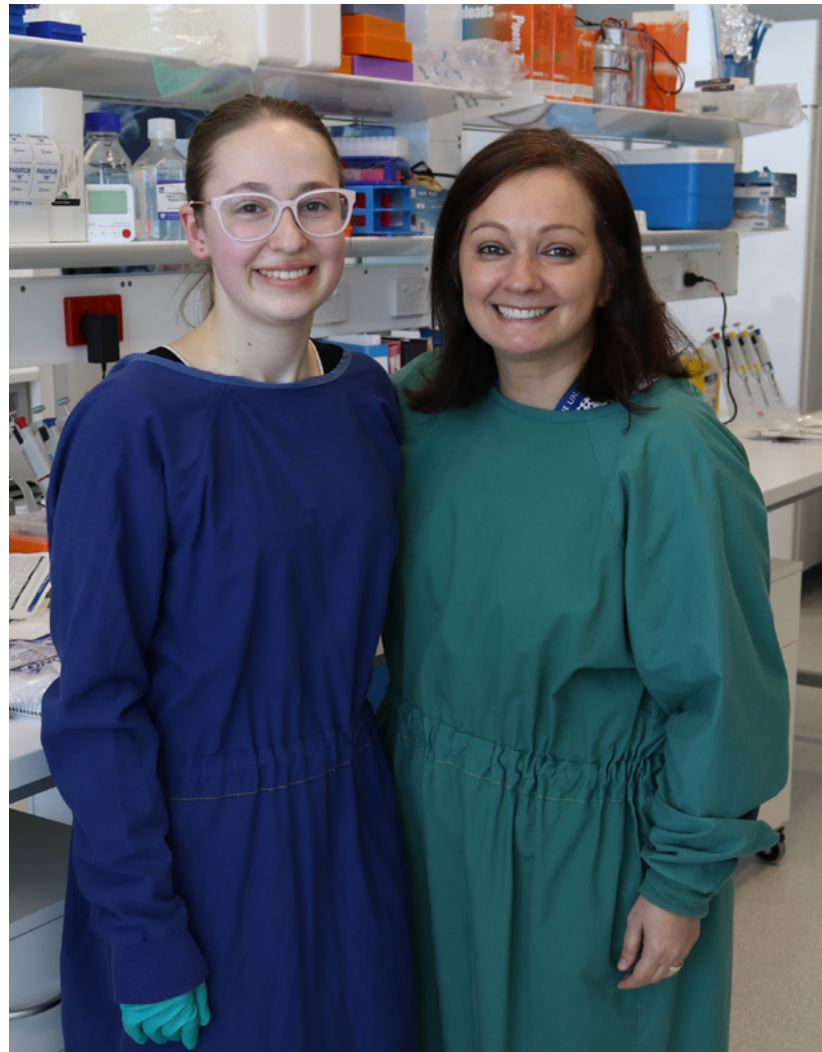
Zoe is not only a future researcher, she is also Adelaide University's youngest regular donor. In her final year of high school Zoe committed to making an ongoing monthly donation to the South Australian immunoGENomics Cancer Institute (SAiGENCI).

Having now finished school, Zoe joined the inaugural cohort studying a Bachelor of Laboratory Medicine (Honours) at Adelaide University in 2026, with ambitions to pursue a career in cancer research. When making choices about her future career path, a simple but powerful goal led her towards a research career. "I want to help people," said Zoe.

"I linked my career choice to helping the community ... so, still doing the things that I love, but also wanting to help others ... that's why I'm interested in cancer research."

Zoe has enjoyed the chance to attend tours of SAiGENCI's world-class laboratory and speak with the dedicated researchers working there. While she's still several years away from realising her ambition to make an impact in medical research by joining a team like theirs, Zoe has found a different way to ensure vital cancer research continues. By becoming a donor, she contributes to essential progress in immunotherapies and genomics while she continues to study towards her career in the lab. As an aspiring researcher, she is motivated by wise words from her mother, who helped her develop a positive approach to problem-solving. "My mum said to me, 'there's always a solution to a problem. Otherwise, it wouldn't be called a problem!'" she said.

As Zoe begins her studies at Adelaide University, she plans to harness this positive mindset and develop the technical skills required to work as a laboratory scientist, while continuing to contribute as one of our youngest philanthropists.



Zoe and Associate Professor Antonella Papa

Dr Richard Oertel Scholarship

Reaching for the stars



Cherie

Reaching for the stars began early for Cherie, her interest in STEM ignited after watching a documentary on space and astrophysics at school.

Originally from Loxton in South Australia's Riverland region, today she is studying a Bachelor of Science (Advanced), majoring in theoretical and experimental physics. For Cherie, the Dr Richard Oertel Scholarship has played a crucial role in transforming her childhood fascination into a future in astrophysics.

"The Dr Richard Oertel Scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies, rather than needing a part-time job," Cherie said. "It's now possible for me to fully focus on the advanced science classes, which have been an amazing opportunity."

The scholarship has allowed me to work with researchers in the field of astrophysics, shaping my career path in research."

In honour of her late husband, Bronwyn Ellis established The Dr Richard Oertel Scholarship at the University of Adelaide to support financially disadvantaged undergraduate students in the fields of science, mathematical sciences and computer sciences. Ms Ellis also founded the Richard Oertel Memorial Mathematics Grant at the University of South Australia, where Dr Oertel lectured in mathematics at Whyalla Campus (and previously in IT and mathematics at The Levels/Mawson Lakes Campus).

"Establishing the Scholarship and Grant felt like a meaningful way to support students at the University of Adelaide and UniSA," Ms Ellis shared.

"Using some of the resources left by my husband for the worthwhile purpose of allowing others to pursue a love of learning similar to his felt right — particularly as I am a graduate of both universities myself."

Thanks to Ms Ellis's generosity, Cherie is excited and hopeful about her future career in astrophysics research.

"I would like to pursue science communication, or teaching later in my career, where I can share my knowledge and support a future generation of physicists."

Charlie's Rainbow

Continuing the courageous fight

Charlie Stevens was only 17 months old when he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML). After a heroic fight, Charlie passed away aged just three. In the wake of this devastation, his mother Kelly Stevens knew she didn't want another family to go through the same heart breaking experience.

With a strong belief that the only way to improve outcomes for children with similar conditions to Charlie's is through research, Kelly established Charlie's Rainbow. She launched a series of initiatives fundraising for paediatric cancer research at UniSA, working with Professor Richard D'Andrea and his team at the Centre for Cancer Biology (CCB).

In just over four years, Charlie's Rainbow has raised more than \$300,000.

These funds have directly helped Richard's team focus on childhood AML research.



Professor Richard D'Andrea and Kelly Stevens



Charlie Stevens

Charlie's Rainbow's has helped secure additional grants of more than \$700,000, accelerating vital research.

Reflecting on the impact of Charlie's Rainbow, Professor D'Andrea said "My research group is so appreciative of the fundraising effort by Kelly and her Charlie's Rainbow supporters. The amount of funding that they have raised is significant and provides essential support for our research efforts. Continuity of funding is a real challenge for medical research groups, especially those working on childhood cancers that are relatively rare, so the Charlie's Rainbow funding supports the extremely talented researchers in my group who have chosen to work on childhood AML and are building careers in this field."

Each year, Kelly leads Charlie's Rainbow's Move Challenge, a fundraiser that invites participants to take on a personal fitness goal to help raise crucial funds. Rallying friends, families and supporters to honour Charlie's legacy, Kelly is determined to make a difference not just for Charlie, but for all children who have lost their lives to AML and those still fighting.

"I share Charlie's story over and over because it matters," said Kelly. "No family should ever have to go through what we have, and no child should have to grow up without their sibling."

"Thank you for standing with us these past four and a half years. Your support turns grief into action and love into progress."



Rural Outreach Tour participants

Originally founded by Professor Lorimer Moseley AO from UniSA Allied Health and Human Performance, Pain Revolution is a not-for-profit movement dedicated to improving the lives of regional and rural Australians living with chronic pain. The initiative equips people with the knowledge, skills and local health-professional support they need to prevent, understand and better manage pain. To achieve this, Pain Revolution trains local health professionals and delivers accessible, evidence-based education throughout the community.

In August 2025, Pain Revolution hit the road for their seventh Rural Outreach Tour. With a peloton of 22 health professionals, researchers and community champions, the group cycled 720 km over eight days from Bundaberg to Caloundra. The team stopped in communities along the way to host free public events, deliver evidence-based pain education, and connect face-to-face with more than 320 community members.

The impact extended well beyond the ride. Together, they raised \$88,052, enabling additional scholarships for their Local Pain Educator program.

Donations in 2025 enabled Pain Revolution to design a new program specifically for communities in which health care is difficult to access. Co-designed with Aboriginal Peer Workers and Carefinders, the Community Pain Champions program will train 40 rural Australians to deliver community-level

Pain Revolution

From pain to possibility



Rural Outreach Tour participants

education and offer support for the one in five community members challenged by chronic pain. It is a world first and stands to bring scientific, evidence-based support to areas commonly underserved and forgotten.

Professor Moseley AO shared that the organisation relies heavily on a generous donor base, which includes those with lived experience of chronic pain and recovery, carers, health professionals, researchers, people who have lost loved ones and industry leaders who know the immense burden chronic pain brings.

“Chronic pain attracts a tiny amount of philanthropic and government support. This makes our donors so important – many are doing it tough themselves yet find room for a donation because they can see the immense need and the immense benefit. We’re deeply grateful for their support,” Professor Moseley said.



SpineLabs Adelaide team members Dr Nashwa Najib, Dr Ryan Quarrington and Dr Ryan Dorrian

Evolution Surgical

Innovating spinal health research

A \$2 million donation from Evolution Surgical is helping Adelaide University tackle some of the most common and disabling spinal conditions, from lower back pain to scoliosis and degenerative cervical myelopathy – the leading non-traumatic spinal cord injury in older adults.

“Spinal disorders are one of the leading causes of disability worldwide,” said Jack Lancaster, CEO of Evolution Surgical. “This gift is about building capability, not just funding projects. We want to enable clinician-led research that tackles real problems faced by patients every day and moves discoveries out of the lab and into clinical practice. By supporting spinal research at its foundation level, we’re investing in better evidence, better technologies, and ultimately better outcomes for patients here in Australia and globally.”

Professor Ashish Diwan, Chair of Spinal Surgery at Adelaide University, emphasised the direct impact on individuals. “Back pain and spinal disorders affect millions, often limiting people’s ability to work and enjoy life. Simple injuries can deteriorate into chronic disability, loss of income, mental health challenges, and reduced independence,” he said. “This donation allows us to focus on the paralysing spine in older adults, deforming spines in adolescents and women, and the silent burden of painful spines that impact people every day. Our research spans basic science, clinical trials, and registries – all aimed at improving prevention, treatment, and recovery.”

Through this support, Professor Diwan’s team is developing new approaches to repair damaged spinal discs and generate better evidence to guide clinical care.

“As an Australian spine company, we believe it’s vital that leading research is developed locally, for conditions affecting people in our communities,” Mr Lancaster said.

“Supporting Adelaide University strengthens local expertise, develops future leaders, and positions Australia as a global contributor to spine innovation.”

This partnership illustrates how philanthropy can transform research into real-world impact, improve lives, support clinicians, and drive Australia’s leadership in medical technology.

Jeff Kasparian Regional Relocation Grant

Relocation grant makes dream possible



Dylan and Jeff Kasparian

In the regional South Australian town of Port Broughton, Dylan discovered his passion for computing early. With limited options for activities beyond local sports, he gravitated toward computers, and a curiosity for cybersecurity and networking.

"I first became interested in the field of cybersecurity because I like the creative challenges that it presents to my mind. I would say it's a kind of family tradition to mess around with computers. My grandpa used to work with assembly language in his job, and my eldest brother studied a Bachelor of Computer Science and now works as a front-end web developer," said Dylan.

Relocating from a regional town to study a Bachelor of Information Technology at UniSA was a significant step, and one made possible through the Jeff Kasparian Regional Relocation Grant. The grant has helped Dylan cover his rent, making it possible for him to live in Adelaide and engage in face-to-face learning and direct collaboration with

peers and tutors. It has also given him the chance to pursue other passions, including practising Wing Chun martial arts.

Since moving to Adelaide, Dylan has grown both socially and professionally. The grant has enabled him to connect with like-minded students and build his confidence.

"It's shaped me into a leader who gets things done. Communication and leadership are very important for my career goals going into cybersecurity."

When asked about how he hopes to make a difference through his future career, Dylan shared,

"I've always thought that it was my job to make the world a bit better than yesterday. I hope to make people feel secure in their lives and not have to worry about their world, whether digital or not."

Adelaide to Outback GP

Major gift to bolster Australia's healthcare



Bachelor of Medical Studies students, Allegra and Jacob

Premier medical training program, Adelaide to Outback GP (AOGP) has made a significant investment to support training the next generation of general practitioners (GPs) at Adelaide University, including providing the rights to the AI-enhanced general practice training software, OmniPatient.

Adelaide to Outback GP outgoing Chair, Dr Peter Joyner OAM, said that AOGP has been committed to high-quality general practice training for more than 20 years.

“General practice has the broadest scope of medicine of any discipline and when done well, is fantastic,” Dr Joyner said.

“In 2020 AOGP saw that continuity of care was missing in a lot of educational apps and programs and spent more than three years developing OmniPatient to support high-quality general practice training.”

“When we decided to wind up AOGP, the Board saw this donation to the University as an investment into the furtherment of quality general practice training for future doctors, and a way of giving back to the University, which had been an active partner throughout the life of AOGP,” he said.

Professor Josephine Thomas, Dean of Medicine and Head of School at Adelaide University, explains that continuity of care is central to quality healthcare, and general practice offers a unique, long-term therapeutic relationship for patients, carers and families.

“A GP will often be with a patient from before diagnosis, through specialist evaluation, procedures, and then ongoing follow-up. That relationship builds trust and understanding, and is important for helping patients ask questions and truly understand and partner in their care,” Professor Thomas said.

“Thanks to AOGP’s generosity, our students will be able to develop their skills using the OmniPatient platform, allowing them to explore and interact with authentic GP scenarios in a safe, low-risk environment.

“Students will have the option to practice at a time that suits them and as often as they need, which bolsters their ability to rehearse general practice learning.”

By investing in GP training, AOGP is helping ensure healthier communities and stronger continuity of care for the future.

Susan Seymour Student Grant

A legacy in action

From a young age, Yasmin has been drawn to helping others, finding her passion in health and science. Now in her second year of a double degree in Pharmaceutical Science and Pharmacy, Yasmin is moving confidently towards her goal of becoming a registered pharmacist.

Yasmin's first year of university was both demanding and rewarding. With significant support from the Susan Seymour Student Grant, the financial pressure of essential expenses such as textbooks, laboratory equipment and travel was eased, allowing her to focus on her studies.

"When I first found out that I was the grant recipient, I felt an overwhelming sense of relief and gratitude. Starting university is a big transition and knowing that I had the support made me feel both encouraged and reassured that I could begin the journey with confidence," Yasmin said.

Established in memory of one of UniSA's long-serving staff members, the Susan Seymour Student Grant was created by her sons, Liam and Jaylen, and her wider family. Susan was known for her generosity, compassion and love for UniSA, where she was deeply devoted to the University community and its students for more than 30 years. Inspired by Susan's commitment to social justice, the grant continues her legacy by supporting students in financial need.

"We are so happy to see the grant positively impacting each recipient's life, helping them to realise their dreams, and Susan would be too. This grant is a wonderful way to treasure her memory and honour her legacy. We hope that in the years to come, we will have the chance to support and meet many more recipients," said Kathryn, Susan's sister.

Many current staff members also give to the grant consistently, with one donor explaining that

"Giving to this grant keeps the momentum of Susan's passion: that everyone deserves a chance to improve their opportunities through education."

For Yasmin, the support has been deeply inspiring. "Receiving this grant has been a source of motivation. It reminds me that others believe in my potential and want to see me succeed. That encouragement has been invaluable during times when university felt overwhelming. I am truly grateful for the opportunities the Seymour family's generosity has given me, and I am determined to make the most of my education so that one day I can give back to others in the same way," Yasmin said.



Susan Seymour



Nick Shaw

Doyle and Ligertwood Chair

Advancing justice through the Doyle and Ligertwood Chair

Universities prosper on the leadership and vision of those who shape their teaching and research. At Adelaide University, endowed academic Chairs represent a long-term investment in expertise, leadership, and societal progress. They enable the University to remain at the forefront of fields that matter deeply to our communities and society as a whole.

The Doyle and Ligertwood Chair in Evidence and Procedure represents a landmark opportunity for Adelaide University to strengthen its leadership in an area that underpins the fairness and integrity of the justice system. By honouring two scholars, The Honourable Dr John Doyle AC KC and Emeritus Fellow Andrew Ligertwood, whose contributions have shaped legal education and influenced generations of practitioners, the Chair will

significantly enhance the School of Law's capacity to lead research, teaching, and innovation in evidence and procedure.

Fulbright Scholar Nick Shaw (LL M 1997), deeply influenced by both Doyle and Ligertwood during his time at the Law School, has made a major gift to help bring this vision to life.

“John and Andrew both gave a lot of time not just to me, but to generations of students and young lawyers,” Nick said.

“Given that evidence and procedure are areas where John and Andrew had taught at the University of Adelaide Law School, it is fitting to honour them, and support the Adelaide University School of Law and research in this area,” he said.

Momentum for the appeal has been supported by important alumni engagement activities. In 2025, the University brought together law graduates across New York, London, and Australia, strengthening global connections and inspiring philanthropic support. The USA event, hosted by American Australian Association President Steven Marshall AO, played a particularly significant role in raising awareness of the Chair's importance and long-term impact.

Funding for the Doyle and Ligertwood Chair will be invested in the University's Endowment Fund, a permanent, self-sustaining source of support where gifts are preserved in perpetuity. The investment income generated each year will directly advance the Chair's purpose, ensuring meaningful impact for generations to come.



Antony Simpson (row three from the bottom, third from the left) and the Engineering Society Students 1957-1958

Antony Simpson Scholarship

Empowering future engineers

For Antony Simpson (B E (Mech) 1965), engineering has always been driven by curiosity and the freedom to explore new ideas – values reflected in the endowed Antony Simpson Scholarship in Engineering (Mechanical), established through his donation in 2025.

Created in honour of William ‘Devon’ Doble, a distinguished Machine Design lecturer at the University of Adelaide from 1955 to 1982, the scholarship is designed to support and empower future engineering students.

“Devon was a true inspiration in my life,” Antony said. “During my final year at university I designed a combustion engine. Devon arranged for the workshop to build the prototype and, to my surprise, it worked. With his encouragement, I secured a provisional patent,” Antony said.

Antony credits his willingness to explore new ideas to the encouragement he received early in life.

“My mother (Elizabeth Simpson, M Sc 1930) was a great influence on me,” he said. “She was extraordinarily good at letting me take risks, and that freedom to explore stayed with me.”

“I want other students to have the opportunities I had, including access to top quality lecturers who can guide them in new and interesting directions,” Antony said.

“I hope it inspires them to innovate, share their ideas, and make meaningful contributions to the world.”

This focus on encouragement and mentorship is echoed by Associate Professor Rey Chin from the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, who says scholarships play a vital role in enabling students to focus on what matters most in their degree.

“Scholarships allow students to focus on learning, engagement, and growth without competing pressures,” Associate Professor Chin said. “They also help students connect with peers and experienced academics, which is critical to the development of engineers and their industry networks. Engineering thrives on innovation, and when students are supported, they are better positioned to develop ideas that have real-world impact – and have the confidence to pursue them.”

Gifts in Wills

Life-changing support

For Dr Terry Farquharson, practicing medicine has been only one element of a distinguished medical career. With decades of experience in Sport and Exercise Medicine, Terry has helped shape the health of athletes and patients alike. Now, his impact as a donor and mentor reaches far beyond his own patient lists – his support is ensuring that the next generation of doctors and pharmacists can attend university.



Madineh and Dr Terry Farquharson

As a graduate from both of Adelaide University's founding institutions, Terry holds a Bachelor of Pharmacy (1968), a Master of Applied Science (Pharmacy) (1975), a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (1977), and is a Fellow of the Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians. A former scholarship student himself, he also deeply understands the transformative power of education.

"I believe education is the greatest gift that you can give," Terry said.



Dr Terry Farquharson and Kaviya

In 2017, he established a medical scholarship at the University of Adelaide and in 2020 a pharmacy and pharmaceutical science scholarship at the University of South Australia. Two years later, he expanded his vision with the PhD Top Up Scholarship at UniSA. His scholarships transferred to Adelaide University in 2026.

A dedicated educator as well as a generous donor, Terry's impact is more than financial – he is a Senior Clinical Lecturer in the College of Health and has acted as a mentor to students of medicine and pharmacy at both founding institutions over the years, offering invaluable advice and career guidance.

So far, 24 students have benefited directly from Terry's scholarships, while 30 more have received encouragement prizes.

Thanks to his bequest intention, his legacy will endure, ensuring that future generations of health professionals will continue to be supported, mentored, and inspired.

Terry's diligent philanthropy and dedication to mentoring is evidence of his belief in the potential of students, the importance of research, and the enduring impact of scholarship support. Scholarship donors such as Terry invest not only in students, but in a healthier, brighter future for all.

Dr Terry Farquharson has supported many students at the founding universities through scholarships, and his bequest intention will ensure that his impact continues to shape future generations.

A new home for knowledge



Uncle David Rathman, Uncle Frank Wanganeen, UniSA Chancellor the Hon John Hill, UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor David Lloyd, Wood Foundation representative, Professor Tina Brodie and Distinguished Professor Marnie Hughes Warrington at the groundbreaking ceremony.

The creation of the Aboriginal Knowledges Centre (AKC)/Yaitya Ngutu Wardli is underway following a groundbreaking ceremony in the courtyard of the Lewis O'Brien/Yarlupurka Building at City West.

Members of UniSA's Purkarninthe, Uncle David Rathman and Uncle Frank Wanganeen joined Chancellor the Hon John Hill, Vice Chancellor Professor David Lloyd, Wood Foundation representative, Professor Tina Brodie and Distinguished Professor Marnie Hughes Warrington, in turning the first sod in November 2025.

"When the Centre opens it will be for Adelaide University, representing an exciting opportunity for the future, however celebrating this moment was important for the University of South Australia and all who have contributed over many years to bring the Centre to life," said Professor Tina Brodie, Pro Vice Chancellor, Indigenous Education.

Made possible thanks to a significant gift from the Wood Foundation, University funding, and the generous support of individual donors, the AKC is due for completion in late 2026.

Redevelopment of the ground floor and courtyard will create spaces that provide a supportive, welcoming environment for Aboriginal students, staff and community members.



An artist's impression of Yaitya Ngutu Wardli, indicating the space on the building's facade that will become the canvas for a commissioned Aboriginal artwork.

The Centre will be anchored in Country through a rich design that authentically expresses First Nations' cultures. Aboriginal ideas and perspectives have been embedded in the project through extensive consultation with Aboriginal students, staff and Elders.

"This meaningful initiative aligns closely with the foundation's mission and holds special significance to the Wood Family. It is especially close to my heart, and I hope it inspires others," said the Wood Foundation representative.

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An endowed fund is a gift that keeps giving. Endowments harness capital growth to provide ongoing support for scholarships, research and prizes, year after year and generation after generation. The University's endowment fund grows over time, allowing a percentage to be distributed annually while preserving the capital value for the future.



Endowed scholarship in action

Take Daniel, Bachelor of Music (Classical Performance) student and recipient of the Kamala Khurana Music Scholarship. Thanks to this endowed scholarship, Daniel was able to purchase a new clarinet, giving him confidence in his audition for the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. "With my previous instrument I don't think I would have been able to perform to the best of my ability. Now that I've been able to purchase this new one, I go into the audition feeling much more confident about what I can achieve," said Daniel.

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