UQ Bequest Program

What will your legacy be?
Message from the Chancellor

A bequest to The University of Queensland is an enduring gift.

Whether you choose to support scholarships, research in the Arts or Sciences, or research infrastructure, you are leaving future generations the chance of a better life.

Bequests play a vital role in what is the University’s most fundamental purpose: to provide a well-rounded liberal education. Education provides people with the intellectual and ethical bearings to rise to the new and complex challenges that face society, and to contribute to national and global conversations about our future.

I remain humbled, excited and amazed by the achievements and aspirations of UQ’s students. With your support, we can continue to attract brilliant teachers and researchers who can expand our knowledge and prepare and empower our students for a rapidly changing world.

Many generations before us worked hard to create a better world. Now some of us have the opportunity to build on that legacy.

A bequest to the University could result in any number of things – a life-changing scholarship for a talented but disadvantaged young student, a cure for dementia, better ways to protect our natural environment, or a sustainable source of energy.

No matter how big or small the bequest, the generosity of people such as you will help eradicate inequities and build a better future for communities around the world.

Thank you for being an agent in creating change with The University of Queensland.

Mr Peter N Varghese AO
CHANCELLOR
THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
Making a gift from your estate

Making a bequest is simple. When you next update or prepare your will you can choose to include a gift to support a cause that is important to you.

When you partner with UQ for your bequest gift, you can make an environmental, health, or social impact by leveraging UQ’s world class resources, research and teaching. Your impact can change the lives of students who, without assistance, might not be able to attend or thrive at university.

Colin and Maggie Miflin
“For us it is really about continuing the cycle and giving back to a place we benefited from so greatly; a place that has become such a big part of our lives.

“My wife Maggie and I first met at UQ and we have been together now for more than 50 years. Over the years we’ve been involved with the University, it has provided us with exposure to culture, learning and opportunities that have helped shape who we are today.

“As a retired engineer and a retired social worker, we want our legacy to be something both useful and enriching. Something that has the power to impact both students and the wider community through research, cultural or social development.”

Colin Miflin, Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering) ’67
Maggie Miflin, Bachelor of Social Studies ’68
Support your passion

Driving discovery and impact

Our community faces challenges such as cancer, dementia and climate change. UQ uses its research strengths to break down the barriers to discovery and drive impact.

Empowering student success

Enabling students of all backgrounds to have access to a world-class education is at the heart of everything UQ does. For more than 100 years we have worked with our donors to ensure that students have access to scholarships, bursaries and other opportunities that empower them to attend and succeed at university.

Glenys Abrahams
Member of the UQ Bequest Society
Bachelor of Music ‘81

“I personally benefited from the advances in science and cancer research that happened before I was diagnosed. Giving back is important to me and I give back with hope for the future, hope that others in years to come will benefit from the research that I am sponsoring. My experiences not only taught me the significance of medical research but the importance of the arts, such as music, which enrich our lives, so now I believe in leaving the world as a better and more beautiful place for future generations.”

Marie Dawson
Member of the UQ Bequest Society

“My inspiration for giving came from my son’s time at UQ; he received a lot of support and award-recognition for his achievements and really benefited from his time at the University. I wanted to give back in a way that would benefit other children, so they could have the same opportunities.

“Not all of us are born with the same advantages and this should not affect our ability to attend university and succeed.”
Transforming teaching and learning

UQ is committed to attracting and retaining the brightest academics and researchers who will educate and inspire our students. By engaging more academic leaders at the forefront of their fields, UQ will be able to create a tailored educational experience for students.

Sarah Bradley
Industry Placement Bursary Recipient
Bachelor of Arts (Art History) '16,
Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) '16

“Your donation can make a world of difference to students.

“Bursaries enabled by bequests are important because they help people who may not be able to afford time off work to gain experience in their field and having that little bit of support can be really valuable.

“I feel so grateful to the donors of my bursary for giving me the chance to make a contribution to a profession that continually excites and challenges me.”
Making a gift in your will

A gift from your estate is a simple and effective way to provide for the people and causes you care about. A bequest can be cash, a share bundle, real estate or a work of art. You can leave a percentage of your entire estate, a set amount, or what remains after all other gifts have been distributed.

Please consult your legal advisor before drafting a new will or updating an existing one. Your financial and legal advisors can ensure your wishes are carried out in the way you intend.

Will wording for a charitable bequest to The University of Queensland

For a gift for the general purposes of the University: “I give (my whole estate) or (specific percentage of my estate) or (specific assets) or (the residue of my estate) or (the sum of $______) to The University of Queensland for its general purposes. I declare that the receipt of The University of Queensland shall be sufficient discharge to my executor/trustees.”

For a gift for a specific purpose at the University: “I give (my whole estate) or (specific percentage of my estate) or (specific assets) or (the residue of my estate) or (the sum of $______) to The University of Queensland for its general purposes. I express the wish but without creating any binding trust that if practicable this gift be applied towards (state purposes as widely as possible). I declare that the receipt of The University of Queensland shall be sufficient discharge to my executor/trustees.”

For a gift for directed purpose at the University: “I give (my whole estate) or (specific percentage of my estate) or (specific assets) or (the residue of my estate) or (the sum of $______) to The University of Queensland for (state purposes as widely as possible). I declare that the receipt of The University of Queensland shall be sufficient discharge to my executor/trustees.”

For more information please contact the University’s Bequest Manager on +61 7 3346 3904 or email bequest@uq.edu.au

Disclaimer: This is not legal advice. We recommend you contact your legal and financial advisors.

The University of Queensland’s ABN: 63 942 912 684
The University of Queensland appreciates the chance to thank you and recognise your future gift during your lifetime.

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