



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY

# YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR CHANGING THE WORLD

Your guide to shaping a better  
future through a gift in your Will.



**A GIFT FOR SCIENCE, FOR HEALTH, FOR RESEARCH,  
FOR CARING, FOR LEARNING, FOR HELPING OTHERS,  
FOR THE ARTS, FOR BUSINESS...**





## From moments that changed your life to a life-changing future for others

For over 170 years, the University of Sydney has been home to life-changing moments of learning and transformation. I'm sure you experienced some of these yourself as a student or member of our community.

These are the moments when students discover who they are, who they want to be, and the world they want to help create.

Today, you have the opportunity to create life-changing moments for future generations.

Since the University was established in 1850, forward-thinking people like you have made the significant decision to leave gifts in their Wills for science, health, research, arts and other important areas of learning.

Every gift makes a lasting impact. Even a gift of 1% of your estate has the capacity to make a powerful impact in these important areas. So thank you for taking the time to consider how a gift in your Will could change the lives of many others for generations to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Belinda Hutchinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot above the 'i' in "Hutchinson".

**Belinda Hutchinson AC (BEC '76)**

Chancellor

# YOUR GIFT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD FOR GENERATIONS TO COME



Leaving a gift in your Will is one of the most fulfilling ways to invest in a future world as you dream it to be. Any sized gift counts – even 1% of your estate could reach well into the future.

***Here are just some ways you can help:***

## Research

A fundamental part of university life, research sits at the core of a better future – just think how your generosity can lead to exciting new research breakthroughs.

## The arts

Young musicians, writers and artists often struggle to fund the advancement of their craft. Your gift could help a young artist forge a career and impact the world through their art.





## Science and medicine

World-leading research into deadly diseases happens every day at the University. Your gift can fund research that can save lives and advance our knowledge of science and medicine.

## Supporting students

Since 1850, the University has promoted diversity and inclusion – and a gift in your Will could fulfil the dream of a young student who wants to study at the University.

# Shaping a better future

We're committed to ensuring that your vision for a better world can be realised just as you would like it to be. Through a gift in your Will, you can create a powerful legacy in your honour or in memory of a loved one.

**Thank you for  
considering  
a generous gift  
in your Will.**



Elwin à Beckett (pictured here in 1956) left the bulk of her estate to the University to advance research into bowel cancer, in honour of her much-loved brother Martin, who died from the disease, in 1986.

# GIFTS TO CHANGE SOMEONE'S WORLD

## Giving longer lives for those with bowel cancer

Dr Erin Shanahan is undertaking breakthrough research to improve outcomes for people impacted by bowel cancer.

***“We think that if you’re eating less beneficial foods, the gut microbiome can start to produce products that***

***can damage the lining of the intestine or affect the cells that line the intestine, and that can start to drive those cells down the pathway towards cancer.”***

Her work is made possible by a gift left in the Will of Elwin à Beckett who passed away in 2013.

## Helping students reach for the sky and beyond

Liam Heidt always wanted to design spacecraft, but growing up in Western Australia meant options were limited for further study. Without the support he received from the late William Robson Sinclair’s bequest, he’d never have been

able to move interstate and follow his dream.

***“The scholarship has meant I’ve been able to continue my goals.***

*“Since graduating from the University of Sydney in 2018, I’ve gone on to complete a master’s degree in aerospace engineering from the California Institute of Technology and have since commenced my PhD here too,”* says Liam.

### **Enabling musicians to flourish**

A generous gift in the Will of the late Verna Florence Dinham is helping young

musicians at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

2018 recipient, Ryan Nguyen, explains:

***“It’s offered me a platform to springboard myself towards a higher standard as a pianist.***

*“A direct result of the scholarship was that I was able to participate in various masterclasses, alongside New York concert pianists Lisa Moore and Inge Rosar.*

*“It is with my deepest thanks that I express my appreciation to the late Verna Dinham.”*



Sydney Conservatorium of Music student, Ryan Nguyen, is studying piano performance.



## A LEGACY “LIKE RIPPLES IN A POOL”

When Mr John Homersham (BA '77) and Ms Helen Dunn decided to leave gifts in their Wills, their vision was to make a difference far into the future – like ‘ripples in a pool’ expanding over time.

Helen’s gift will support her deep passions for animal welfare and the environment:

*“I’m very impressed with the work that the University does on a voluntary basis with the animal pop-up clinics.*

*“I’m also very deeply concerned about our environment, specifically the reef, our waterways, and the sustainability of resources that are being overexploited. I am totally buoyed by the work*

*that the Sydney Institute of Marine Science is doing.”*

John’s deciding where he would like his part of the gift to go, but the main theme is making a long-lasting impact for students:

*“My legacy is very important to me. It means that after I’m gone, the money I’ve made while I’ve been on the earth, is used constructively, it will be used for research and be used for scholarships and it will be used as a contribution to the future.”*

As Challis Bequest Society members, John and Helen also enjoy attending University of Sydney events and meeting other like-minded people.



# A GIFT BEATING THE CYCLES OF UNDER- PRIVILEGE

Marion Flynn (BA '81) was denied the opportunity of a university education as a young woman.

The subject of what she calls a dysfunctional upbringing, she wants to leave a gift in her Will that can create a better world for disadvantaged young people.

*“My education was so important to me. I had a desire to go to university even when I was 14.”*

Later in life, Marion completed her Higher School Certificate and enrolled at the University of Sydney. It made such an impression on her that she stayed, joining the English Department for 12 years.

Marion truly appreciates the power that high-quality education has to change lives and lift people out of disadvantage.

Through her volunteer work at a local crisis centre she says, *“I have met a lot of people who come from the same background I came from –*

*and they have nothing. So I thought these people really need a bit of a lift.*

***“I chose to support the University of Sydney because, having worked here for so many years, I know the money won’t get frittered away.”***



# LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TAKES JUST A FEW CONVERSATIONS

Whether you're passionate about medical breakthroughs, helping transform disadvantaged communities, the environment and sustainability – or anything else – your gift can be life-changing.

Getting started takes very little time and is a simple process:

1. Talk to someone trusted, or a member of our Planned Giving team, about your vision and ideas for the future.
2. After your conversation, we can provide suggested wording for your Will. We encourage broadly purposed gifts to 'future-proof' your legacy for the coming years.
3. We recommend you speak to your solicitor to ensure that the contents of your Will accurately reflect your intentions.
4. If you do make this wonderful decision, we would love to say thank you and acknowledge your generosity.

Our friendly Planned Giving team warmly welcome you to share your story and vision for the future. Thank you.

# THE CHALLIS BEQUEST SOCIETY

Those who make the generous decision to leave a gift in their Will to the University of Sydney receive an exclusive invitation to the Challis Bequest Society as a way of expressing our gratitude. While not obligatory – some donors prefer to maintain privacy concerning their intentions – membership is, for many, an integral part of their ongoing connection to the University.

Our members are passionate about shaping the future. Each member has a different dream for a better world – whether it's in medical outcomes, the arts, or in supporting disadvantaged students.

When you join, you'll meet an incredibly diverse and passionate group of people, and you'll hear a wide range of perspectives about life, study, and the things that matter most. Membership comes with a range of benefits, including:

- **Invitations to society-only events and luncheons**
- **Behind the scenes tours**
- **Updates on the latest discoveries.**



# THE UNIVERSITY'S PLEDGE TO YOU

- We understand that your loved ones come first
- Your gift will align to your area of interest
- We understand you may change your mind at any time
- Your ongoing involvement is always welcome
- With your approval, the University will recognise and acknowledge your support
- We thank you deeply for your passion for changing future lives.

**We look forward to hearing from you and learning more about the moments that changed your life.**

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