

# You have a gift for *changing the world*

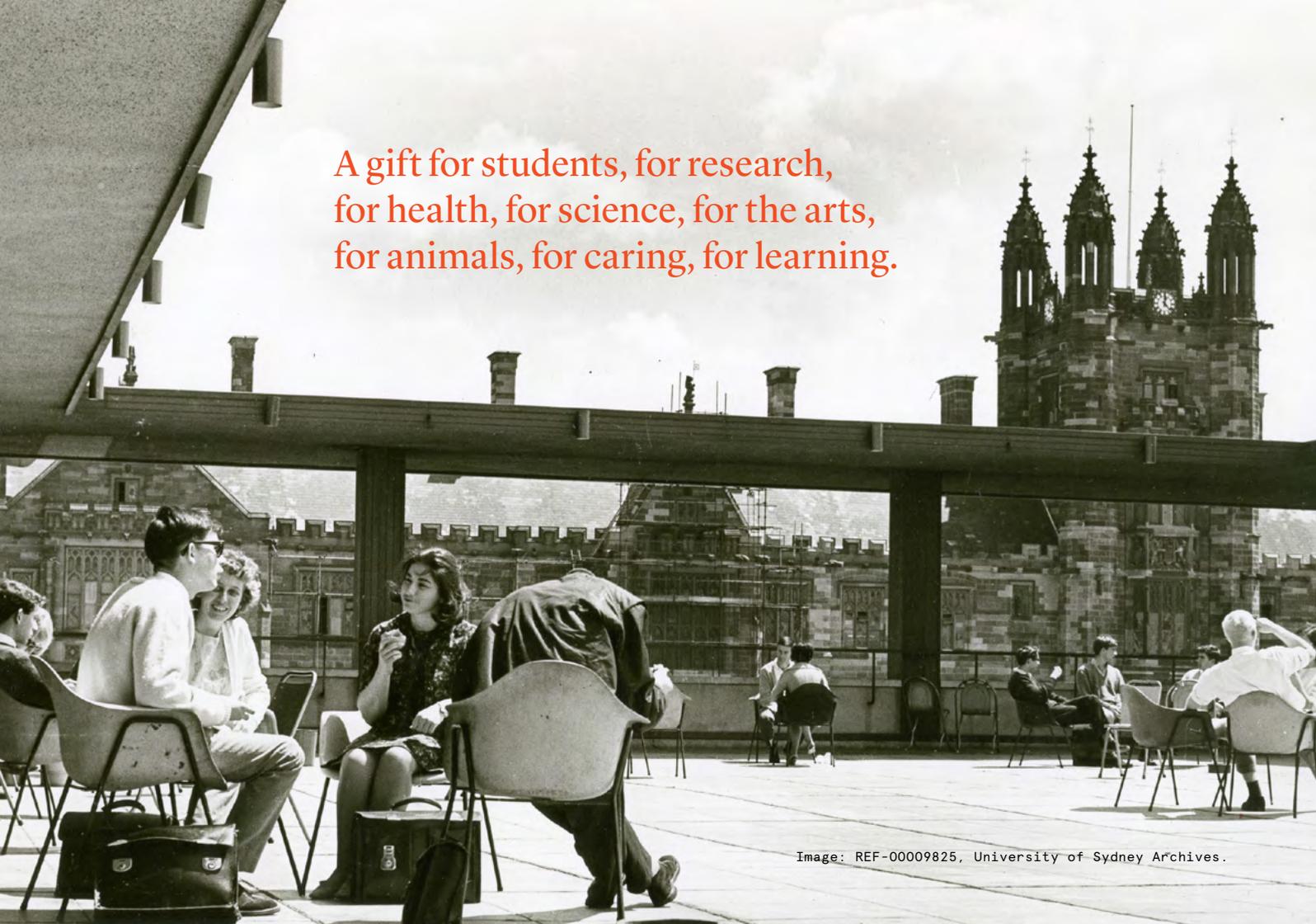


THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY

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



A gift for students, for research,  
for health, for science, for the arts,  
for animals, for caring, for learning.



# A message from the Chancellor

For more than 175 years, the University of Sydney has inspired life-changing moments of insight and innovation.

Since our earliest days, we have been dedicated to enhancing the lives of the communities we serve.

Today, our commitment to research and education continues to shape a brighter future, fostering innovation that will benefit communities today and the generations which follow.

By including a gift in your Will, you can make a lasting difference in the advancement of knowledge and discovery.

Your legacy can take any direction - it could help us to build state-of-the-art facilities where students and researchers can

collaborate and innovate; it could contribute towards the financial support needed to attract and retain the brightest minds, ensuring that we can continue to push the boundaries of knowledge; it could be a coinvestment in cutting-edge research that can lead to breakthroughs in various fields, from medical advancements to sustainable technologies; or it could support a student to further their education when they would not otherwise have access to the opportunity.

We thank you for considering how your legacy can positively impact future generations. Your support is not just a gift to us, but a gift to humankind.



**David Thodey AO, FTSE**  
Chancellor

*David Thodey*





# Your lasting *legacy*

Leaving a gift in your Will is a powerful way to help shape the future you believe in.

At the University of Sydney, we're focused on creating lasting impact where it matters:

- Opening doors to all students of great potential, no matter their background
- Advancing medical research to improve health outcomes
- Sparking ideas to drive positive change
- Protecting our planet through sustainable food and environmental innovation.

The following pages highlight just some of the many ways your legacy can create impact.

By including the University in your Will, you can become part of building a better world for generations to come.



# Unleashed potential

A gift in your Will can open doors for students who might otherwise miss out on a university education.

For many talented students, the biggest barrier to university isn't ability - it's access. Scholarships open doors that might otherwise stay closed, giving more students from all backgrounds, regions and walks of life, the opportunity to thrive at the University.

Talent is everywhere. Opportunity is not. Your gift can help level the playing field.

One of the most impactful ways to help talented students is provide financial support. By leaving a gift in your Will to scholarships, you can give students the opportunity to achieve their dreams of attaining a university degree.

The impact goes beyond financial help. For many students, a scholarship is a message of belief - a reminder that someone sees their promise and wants them to succeed.

# Healthier futures

Your legacy can drive solutions to major health challenges – from cancer and dementia to mental illness.

Our researchers are working every day to deepen our understanding of disease, develop life-changing treatments, and prevent illness before it begins. Your bequest can fuel discoveries that improve – and save – lives.

Ellie à Beckett left the majority of her estate to support bowel cancer research, in honour of her beloved brother Martin. Her extraordinary gift funded four research fellowships and established a state-of-the-art laboratory.

*“She has enabled me to apply my expertise to a new, emerging area. This gift will keep on giving... The knowledge and ideas generated by the fellowship will be informing studies, and helping patients, long after the money has been spent.”*

**Dr Erin Shanahan**, à Beckett Fellow

A gift in your Will to health and medical research is a powerful way to honour someone you love – and help build a healthier future for everyone.





# Protecting animal health and welfare

A gift in your Will can help advance the health and welfare of animals - pets, wildlife, and livestock alike.

At the University, we're training the next generation of veterinary leaders and driving innovation in animal care, research, and conservation.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you can help:

- Fund research into animal health, welfare, and biosecurity
- Advance wildlife conservation
- Provide care for vulnerable animals through community outreach.

Your legacy can protect animals, support aspiring vets, and strengthen the profession for generations to come.

**“The training of veterinarians is critical to the health and wellbeing of people and animals in urban and rural communities, whether these animals are our domestic pets or livestock. I elected to leave a bequest to the University because their focus is on evidence based veterinary training to ensure world-class veterinary professionals.”**

**Debra Pinkerton** (BA '78 DipEd '79 MA '88)

# Inspire creativity

The arts, music and culture are hugely enriching foundations of any society.

The arts, music, and culture are essential to a thriving, thoughtful society. They spark creativity, challenge ideas, and connect us to one another and to our shared histories.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you can help the arts continue to flourish in Australia. Your legacy can nurture emerging artists and musicians, amplify diverse voices, and celebrate our rich Indigenous heritage.

You can also help grow and preserve the University's libraries, museums, and galleries – ensuring our remarkable collections continue to educate, inspire, and provoke wonder for generations to come.

**“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.”**

**Ryan Nguyen** Sydney Conservatorium of Music student  
Recipient of the Verna Florence Dinham Scholarship (established through a bequest)



# The Challis Bequest Society

Bequests have played a vital role in shaping the University of Sydney.

One of the earliest came from philanthropist John Henry Challis in 1880 – a legacy that continues to support research and teaching across disciplines to this day.

The Challis Bequest Society honours those who choose to include a gift in their Will to the University. It's our way of saying thank you and offering a deeper connection with the University community.

Members receive invitations to exclusive events, including our biennial luncheon in the Great Hall.

Benefits also include behind-the-scenes tours, updates on the impact of philanthropy, and opportunities to meet others who are passionate about creating a better future.

Membership is free, with no obligations – and many find it meaningful to be acknowledged and involved during their lifetime.

If you've included a gift in your Will, we'd love to welcome you as a member of the Challis Bequest Society.



# A story of love, loss and a lasting gift

Max and Nizza first connected with the University of Sydney through the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, where their beautiful cat Natasha was a patient.

“To have someone treating your pet who is very aware of the bond between you and your beloved companion animal, is special.”

The experience left a lasting mark on Max and Nizza. It's their hope that treatment for feline diseases can continue to improve, so future generations might not have to go through what they did. They truly believe in the power of research to deliver better outcomes for animals, and that the University of Sydney is at the forefront.

For this reason, they made the immensely kind decision to include a gift in their Will.

“We've had animals since we were married in 1971 and we can't imagine life without them. We know our future gift will allow more feline companions to benefit from the Sydney School of Veterinary Science's research, clinical support and care.”

**Max and Nizza Siano**



Above: Max and Nizza Siano enjoying the Challis Bequest Society Luncheon in the Great Hall.

# *Next steps* – making your mark on the future

Leaving a gift in your Will is a personal and considered decision. We're here to help you shape a legacy that reflects your values and vision for the future.

Whether you'd like to empower students, advance research or support a cause close to your heart, here's how to begin:



## **Contact us**

Our Planned Giving team is here for a confidential, no-pressure conversation. We'll help you explore meaningful ways to make an impact and provide useful resources. Email us at [planned.giving@sydney.edu.au](mailto:planned.giving@sydney.edu.au) or call us on +61 8627 8811.

## **Prepare or update your Will**

We always recommend consulting a legal professional to draft or update your Will, ensuring your gift is clearly and accurately reflected. If you'd like, we can provide suggested wording to help you get started.

## **Let us know**

If you choose to share your plans with us, we'd be honoured to thank you by welcoming you into the Challis Bequest Society and connecting you with the areas of the University that matter most to you. Your preferences will always be respected.

# Our Will wording makes it easy to get started

Here's some suggested Will wording to share with your solicitor. You can also put them directly in touch with our team to discuss specific Will wording.

## **Outright gift**

*I give [insert % of my residuary estate/insert dollar amount\*] to The University of Sydney ABN 15 211 513 464.*

## **Scholarships**

*I give [% of my residuary estate/insert dollar amount\*] to the University of Sydney ABN 15 211 513 464 ("University") to support one or more scholarships at the University. [Optional] It is my preference that the bequest support scholarships in the field of [insert general description of area to be supported eg medicine, history, science]. [Optional] Each scholarship is to be called [insert name of scholarship] or similar.*

## **Research gift**

*I give [insert % of my residuary estate/insert dollar amount\*] to The University of Sydney ABN 15 211 513 464 (University) to support research. [Optional] It is my preference that the bequest support research in the field of [insert general description of area to be supported eg pancreatic cancer, sustainability, dementia].*

## **\*Inflation clause**

*The gift to the University is to be adjusted for inflation according to the movement of the CPI (All Groups Consumer Price Index for Sydney) or its equivalent, between the date of this Will and the date of my death.*



## Additional provisions you may wish to include

### Qualifying wording

*If at any time the University considers that it is no longer possible or practical to carry out the purpose of the gift, the University may apply the gift to support a purpose that the University determines closely aligns to the original purpose.*

This provides flexibility if circumstances change over time, helping ensure your gift remains meaningful and impactful.

### Perpetual gift

*It is my preference that the gift is managed by the University on a perpetually endowed basis if the value of the gift allows.*

This clause expresses your wish for the gift to support future generations by preserving the capital and using only the income generated.

### Discharge by receipt clause

*I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer of the University of Sydney is a sufficient discharge to my executor.*

This clause helps simplify administration for your executor.

### Naming

If you would like to create a gift in memory of a loved one, please contact our team to discuss.

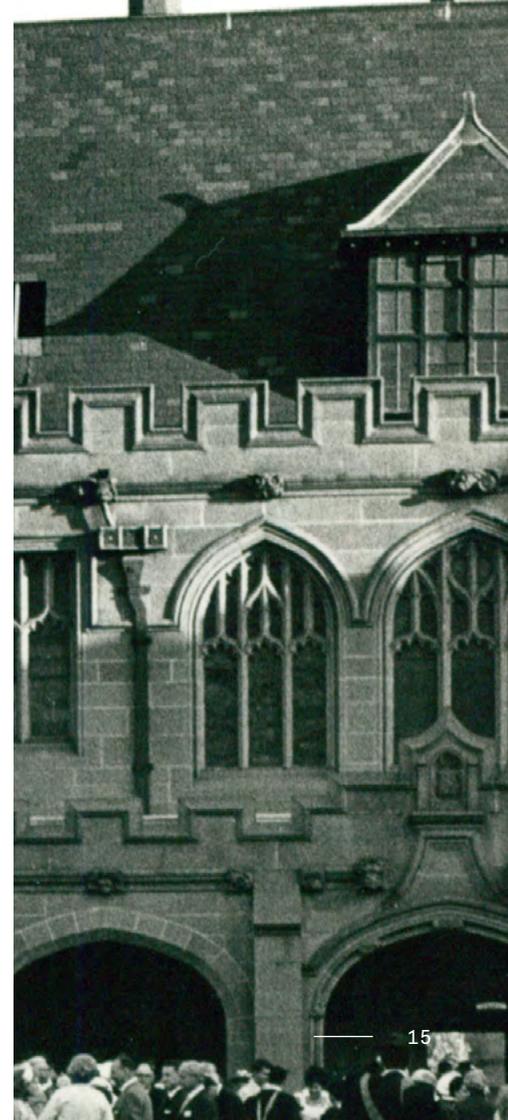
# The University's pledge to you

A gift in your Will is one of the most personal - and potentially transformative - contributions you can make. Whether you're exploring the idea or refining your plans, we welcome the opportunity to have a conversation or provide relevant information.

To offer clarity and confidence as you consider your legacy, we make this pledge.

## We will:

- Treat your information with the utmost confidentiality and care
- Respect your timing, preferences, and decisions at every stage
- Only acknowledge your plans with your express permission
- Recognise that your circumstances and intentions may evolve
- Honour that your loved ones come first
- Uphold your wishes and ensure your gift achieves meaningful impact.



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