



Directing your gift

Every legacy gift makes a difference, and you are welcome to direct your gift to the area that matters most to you.

Popular choices include:

- **The Greatest Need Fund**
This flexible fund allows the University to support whatever is most important at the time your gift is received – whether that's student support, new research opportunities, or unexpected challenges.

Other areas for your consideration:

- **Student support**
- **Academic departments or research areas**
- **Attenborough Arts Centre and cultural programmes**

Please visit
le.ac.uk/giving/legacy-gifts
for more information.



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We're here to help

Your support helps continue that founding spirit of hope – opening doors, enabling discoveries, and creating life-changing opportunities for many generations to come.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a personal decision. If you would like to explore this further or simply ask a question, we're here to help – **no query is too big or too small and will be treated in total confidence.**

Thank you for considering being part of this journey. Your support, in any form, will make a lasting difference.

Please talk to us:

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Information for your solicitor

The University is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Charities Act 1993 and as such is a charity within the meaning of Paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2010.

HMRC charity reference: X23305/3

For the purposes of your Will, the beneficiary and formal address are:
University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH

Charitable status

Gifts to the University are exempt from inheritance tax and, in some cases, may reduce the tax payable on your estate. Your solicitor can advise you further.

Suggested Will wording

We are always happy to discuss wording with you or your solicitor. If you are willing to keep your gift flexible, you may wish to consider the **Greatest Need Fund**, which allows your legacy to have the widest possible impact.

Free Will writing service

UK-based alumni and members of staff may be eligible for a free will writing service through Dunham McCarthy. Please get in touch to find out more.

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**How to leave a gift in your Will
to the University of Leicester**



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2121: Founders of the Future

Driving a second century of change

The University of Leicester is embarking on the most significant philanthropic campaign since its founding. 2121: Founders of the Future is focused on one clear ambition: enabling the University's next 100 years.

Through this campaign, philanthropic support will help unlock transformative opportunities – from world-leading research and innovative teaching, to life-changing student scholarships, investment in our campus, and the creation of Professorial Chairs in emerging and unexplored fields of enquiry. Together, these investments will shape the discoveries, ideas and people that define Leicester's future contribution to society.

The financial realities facing universities have changed beyond recognition since Leicester was founded. In an era of increasing uncertainty and diminishing public funding, philanthropy – and particularly legacy giving – has become vital. Legacy gifts help ensure that financial barriers do not limit talent, curiosity or potential, and that the University can continue to offer outstanding education and research in the best possible environments.

A legacy gift to the University of Leicester is an extraordinary investment in the future. Like any meaningful investment, it reflects what matters most to you and brings the satisfaction of knowing your values will continue to make a difference.

We take great care to steward every legacy gift responsibly and in the spirit in which it is given. Your gift will be used for the purpose you intend, helping to create lasting impact long after your lifetime.



Even a modest gift – such as 1% of your estate – can have a powerful impact on future generations of students, researchers and innovators.

Why leave a gift in your Will to the University of Leicester?

Many people choose to leave a gift in their Will as a way of making a lasting impact – supporting future generations while reflecting what matters most to them.

A gift in your Will can:

- Help support the next generation of students, researchers and innovators
- Provide a meaningful way to remember or honour a loved one
- Bring personal fulfilment, knowing your values will live on
- Offer potential benefits to your estate, as gifts to charity are exempt from inheritance tax
- Ensure your wishes are clearly set out and carried out as you intend

The information below may help guide your thinking as you consider the type of gift that feels right for you.

Ways to leave a gift

A share of your estate

You can leave anything from 1% to 100% of your estate to the University. This is often referred to as a residuary gift and is one of the most popular options, as it avoids concerns about inflation and reflects the final value of your estate.

A fixed sum of money

Sometimes called a pecuniary gift, this allows you to specify an exact amount to leave to the University in your will.

Property or valuables

A specific gift enables you to leave assets such as property, land, stocks or shares to the University.

An endowed gift

Some people choose to leave an endowment, with the capital invested by the University to provide long-term support – for example, funding a scholarship in perpetuity.

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will.

We understand that family and loved ones always come first, and that writing a Will is a deeply personal way of ensuring the people and causes you care about are looked after.

Many of our supporters choose to remember the University of Leicester in their Will because education changed their life – and they want to help create opportunity for future generations.

A University built on generosity

Founded as a living memorial after the First World War, the University of Leicester was created through the generosity of local people who believed education could transform lives.

Our motto, Ut Vitam Habeant (“so that they may have life”), captures this enduring spirit.

We would be honoured to talk with you about a gift that feels right for you and reflects what matters most.

There is no obligation, and any conversation with us is informal, confidential and entirely led by you.

