

Dear solicitor...

We hope that the information included here is sufficient to help you advise your client about the wording in their will. However if you require any further information, please get in touch.

Legal name

The University's legal name is 'The University of Leicester'.

Charitable status

The University of Leicester is an exempt charity – it has the same rights as any registered charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The Inland Revenue claim number is X23305/3, which can be used in place of a registered charity number.

Suggested wording

Should your client wish to direct their gift to an area other than our Greatest Need Fund, please advise them to speak to us as we want to ensure that we are able to fulfil their wishes.

"I give the University of Leicester (X23305/3), University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH <xx% of my estate> or <specific amount> to be applied to <Greatest Need/chosen area>. The receipt of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer of the University shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors."

Further information

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A GUIDE TO

Leaving a gift in your will





Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet and for considering a gift in your will.

I graduated with my first degree from the University of Leicester, and since then have been privileged to spend much of my working life in various research, teaching and other roles at the University. Having experienced first hand the amazing impact of philanthropy on our students and research, I know that your gift will make a lasting difference.

I'm here to help, so please do contact me if you have any questions.

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Did you know...? The site for the University was donated by Thomas Fielding Johnson as a living memorial for all local people who made sacrifices during the First World War. Ut vitam habeant – 'so that they may have life'.

"Legacy gifts allow us to build a stronger, more vibrant future for the students of tomorrow"

Legacies make a difference

Large or small, your gift matters, changes lives, and is greatly valued by the University community.

A gift to our Greatest Need Fund will support the University's top priority at the time the gift is received, and is a popular option. You can, of course, support a particular area that you are passionate about, such as Student Support, an academic area of interest, medical research, or our Attenborough Arts Centre. We want to ensure that we can fulfil your wishes, so please contact us if you wish to support a specific area.

Giving part of your estate to charity through a legacy can be very tax effective, reducing any inheritance tax liabilities. We recommend that you seek legal advice in order to maximise the gifts you leave for your loved ones and the causes you wish to support.

Professional legal advice

Making plans for a legacy gift is an important decision and there are many factors to consider. We always recommend that you take professional legal advice when drafting or updating your will, adding a codicil (a supplement or minor change to your existing will), or writing a letter of intent (guidance for the people dealing with your estate, also known as a letter of wishes).

If you have an address in the UK, we can offer you a free will through the National Free Wills Network. The Network will put you in touch with a solicitor who can help you make or amend a simple will at no cost.

Types of legacy gifts

The two most popular ways to leave a gift in your will are:

A pecuniary gift: a specified amount that can be linked to inflation so that it retains its value over time.

A residuary gift: a percentage of the value remaining in an estate once all pecuniary legacies, debts and fees have been met. A gift of as little as 1% of your estate can be an affordable way to support talented students or pioneering research at Leicester.

Alternatives include:

A lifetime gift: a gift that provides for your loved ones during their lifetime (e.g. the right to live in your property and/or to benefit from income that your assets produce) – also known as a 'reversionary gift'. On their death, the property or underlying assets are donated to the University.

Assets: a gift of assets such as property, stocks, shares, library collections, artefacts or other valuables.

Endowed gifts: Depending on the size and intention of your gift, you may wish for it to be endowed with the capital of the bequest invested by the University to produce an annual income, for instance to fund a student scholarship.

For information about the National Free Wills Network or leaving an endowed gift, please get in touch.

If you decide to leave a gift in your will to the University of Leicester...

Please tear off this slip and hand it to your solicitor because it contains information that they will need. They will discuss your wishes with you and will ensure that your will is valid and that your wishes can be fulfilled.

Our promise to you

We understand that your loved ones come first.

– Please take your time to make a decision. You won't be put under any pressure.

– Your privacy will be respected. We would love the opportunity to say thank you and to keep you updated on our plans for the future so we will ask if you are willing to share your decision with us, but you are free to decline.

– You can change your mind about leaving a gift to the University of Leicester at any time.

– Your gift will be used carefully and cost effectively to have the greatest impact for the purposes you intended.

– Your gift will be handled sensitively and respectfully.

– We'll always act with integrity.

