

WHY LEAVE A LEGACY?



We are changing the world for the better. Discover the impact you could make by leaving a gift in your will to the University of Southampton.

Support tomorrow's students

Many of our supporters wish to ensure that today's bright students have the same opportunities that they enjoyed, regardless of their financial circumstances or background. Your gift could fund a bursary to attract applicants from lower-income backgrounds to study at Southampton, or provide a scholarship to allow the best minds of tomorrow to achieve their goals. Give the gift of education with a legacy that supports our students.

“At the beginning of my first year, I was worried that I would struggle to adapt to university compared to other students whose families had more experience of higher education. However, being selected as a scholarship recipient has massively improved my confidence and pushed me to become involved in all the different opportunities available to me at Southampton. I made the decision to leave the company I was working for, as the support made it possible for me to focus on university without the added pressure of supporting myself and compromising my grades by working such long hours. I am so grateful for this support, and I will continue to take full advantage of the scholarship, using it to create two more amazing years here in Southampton.”

Bryony Harnett
(LLB Law)

Launch tomorrow's research

From finding new ways to treat cancer to understanding how humans hear and process sound, the University is pushing the boundaries of knowledge. Its world-renowned interdisciplinary institutes specialise in fields as diverse as oceanography, photonics, and Jewish/non-Jewish relations, cementing the University at the forefront of innovation and scholarship. Contribute to future breakthroughs by leaving a gift in your will to fund research at Southampton.

“The University of Southampton has played a significant part in my life. I first came to study at Southampton in 1975, and valued the opportunities the University offered me – not only in terms of academia, but also in broadening my horizons. Since then, I have become involved as a donor, and have been privileged to hear about the exceptional work undertaken across the University. I have chosen to leave my legacy to fund tomorrow's research, knowing that my support will have a long-lasting impact on generations to come.”

David Rauch

(BA History & German, 1978)

Shape tomorrow's University

The University is constantly developing and evolving, and so too are the challenges we face as a society. What will always remain is Southampton's commitment to quality teaching, research excellence with global impact, and contributing to the life of our region. By leaving an unrestricted gift to Southampton, you can give us the flexibility to respond as these opportunities arise.

“In 1967, Miss Margaret Grassam Sims made a bequest to the University that transformed the musical landscape of Southampton. In response to strong local support for classical performance at the time, and to allow the University Concert Society to flourish beyond the bounds of the Nuffield Theatre, the University decided to build a concert hall. Turner Sims opened in 1974 with a programme of 20 concerts, and rapidly became a popular and well-used venue with a loyal and supportive audience. Today, Turner Sims is acknowledged as one of the finest music venues in the country, with a year-round programme of outstanding classical, jazz, world and folk music.”

Kevin Appleby

Turner Sims Concert Hall Manager



Scientists in the UK's first Centre for Cancer Immunology, fully funded through philanthropy.



Did you know that we have over 230,000 alumni in 180 countries around the world?

HOW TO RECORD YOUR WISHES

If you are planning to include a gift in your will towards the University of Southampton, we hope the suggested wording overleaf will be useful to you. This can be adapted to suit your particular wishes, and we always recommend that you consult with a legal adviser when drafting or amending your will.

Your legacy to the University of Southampton may take one of the following forms:

1. Residuary Bequest

A residuary bequest is a gift of all of, or a share of your estate – after allowing for expenses, pecuniary, and specific bequests.

Suggested wording:

“I give to the University of Southampton [HMRC Reference Number: X19140] (a percentage or share) of my residuary estate to be applied to the area of greatest need (or your preferred area) and I declare that the receipt of the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, or other authorised officer, for the time being of the University shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.”

2. Pecuniary Bequest

A pecuniary bequest is a gift of a fixed sum of money. If you wish, you may make the sum index-linked so that the value does not reduce with inflation.

Suggested wording:

“I give to the University of Southampton [HMRC Reference Number: X19140] the sum of (in figures and words) free from all taxes and duties, to be applied to the area of greatest need (or your preferred area) and I declare that the receipt of the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, or other authorised officer, for the time being of the University shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.”

3. Reversionary Bequest

A reversionary bequest is a gift of assets to a chosen beneficiary that takes account of the rights of the named person or persons to receive the benefit of those assets during his or her lifetime.

For example, this could enable you to leave your residuary estate to an organisation such as the University, but on condition that a spouse or friend could continue to receive the income of that estate (or continue to live in your house) until he or she died. The capital would then pass to the University on the death of that person.

Please get in touch with us if you'd like to discuss suggested wording for a reversionary bequest.

Our charitable status

The University of Southampton is an exempt charity under the terms of the Charities Act 2011. In accordance with the Act, the Office for Students (OfS) monitors our compliance with charity law.

Our correspondence address is:

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University Road, Southampton,
SO17 1BJ, United Kingdom**

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Leaving a gift in your will to the University of Southampton is an important decision. We want to make sure that you feel comfortable every step of the way, so here is our promise to you:

- We understand that those closest to you always come first.
- We respect your support of other causes.
- You don't have to tell us if you are leaving a gift, but if you do it will help us to plan for the future.
- We will use your support to shape the University's future, and not for short-term fixes.
- We will share stories with you of the important impact that gifts like yours make.
- If you wish us to, we will work with your executors to communicate the impact of your gift.
- We are always here to help and answer any questions you may have.
- You can choose how often we contact you and by what means.
- You can ask for a copy of our Privacy Notice at any time, or read it on our website: www.southampton.ac.uk/alumni-privacy

By making a gift in your will to the University of Southampton, you will become part of an ever-growing community of legacy donors. We would love to stay in touch with you, keep you informed of University news, and invite you to join us at special events to see first-hand the impact of generosity like yours.



Highfield Campus: then and now



Our first academic library, the Turner Sims Library, opened in 1935. We now have five libraries containing more than 3 million books, journals, and reports – plus over 50,000 e-books.



In 1952, we became the University of Southampton after Her Majesty The Queen granted us a royal charter.



The John Hansard Gallery opened on campus in 1979. Today, situated in the city's cultural quarter, it is one of the UK's leading contemporary art galleries - presenting art by outstanding artists from across the world, and playing a dynamic role in the cultural life of Southampton and the region.



Today, the University of Southampton is home to around 25,000 students across seven campuses. We are changing the world for the better and finding solutions to global challenges.

What will the University of Southampton look like in the future with your support?

TELL US YOUR PLANS

Please complete this form to help us plan for the future and communicate with you appropriately regarding your legacy pledge. This information is not legally binding, and we realise that your intentions may change. This will simply enable us to understand your current wishes and recognise your generosity.

1. Your legacy pledge

I have remembered the University of Southampton in my will with a:

- Share of _____ per cent of my residuary estate (*residuary bequest*)
- Cash bequest of £ _____ (*pecuniary bequest*)
- Gift to benefit my loved ones first before passing to Southampton (*reversionary bequest*)

The approximate value of the gift in today's terms:

£ _____

I would like my gift to support:

- The area of greatest need
- The following purpose:

2. Your details

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

County _____

Postcode _____

Country _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

- Please tick if you are a University of Southampton alumnus/alumna.
(If yes, please provide your year of graduation: _____)

3. Solicitor's details

We would be grateful if you could provide us with the details of your solicitor:

Company name _____

Contact name _____

Address _____

Town _____

County _____

Postcode _____

Country _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

4. Recognising your support

Please let us know if you wish your legacy gift to remain anonymous:

- I wish my legacy to remain anonymous during my lifetime
- I wish my legacy to remain anonymous always

Signed _____

Date _____



Thank you for your support.
Please complete all sections of this form and return to:
Legacy Manager, Office of Development and Alumni Relations, University of Southampton, University Road, Southampton, SO17 1BJ, United Kingdom